

Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 6th October 2025 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: S Woodford, S Hall, E Calnan, M Cheesley, R Rutherford, B Cooper (DC)

Members of the Public: 2

Cllr Woodford was elected Chair for the meeting.

Agenda

25/107. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Dunhill & Bew.

25/108. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

25/109. Ward Councillor Report: Cllr Cooper advised that he has reported the issues of potholes in Louse Lane and will chase the subject of the dropped kerb by the old bus stop at the School. He has not received an update on the safety fencing by the Church.

25/110. Open Forum: Mr Kerlogue raised the subject of the dropped kerb by the School. Dorset Highways have been repeatedly chased for an answer.

Mr Moss asked for an update regarding the potential 20 mph zone and the village gateways. The clerk provided an update on the gateways and potential cost. Cllr Cooper will discuss with Highways. The 20mph request is with the Chairman & Mr Rayner. Mr Moss also said that it is hoped to cut the grass at The Mead this week.

Cllr Woodford stated that the box outside the Hall is missing. Clerk to investigate a replacement. The committee room wall should be completed by the end of October.

Cllr Rutherford announced that the Apple Pressing at the Old Parlour raised £62.30 which will be added to the Community Benefit funds.

Items for Decision:

25/111. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 1st September 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Woodford. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

25/112. To discuss Planning Application P/HOU/2025/05574 3 Jasmine Cottages, High Street: Erect first floor rear extension with Juliet balcony and erect single storey rear extension: This application replaces a previous approved request which became invalid. No objection. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

25/113. Council's response to Small Parish Council Survey: The clerk had circulated the response and it was agreed to adopt this. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Hall.

25/114. Half Year Financial Results: The clerk displayed the budget v actual position which showed income at 73% of budget and expenditure at 35%. This is a healthy position although there are bills of around £4500 for repairs to pay shortly. The Reserves were also discussed.

25/115. To Approve Financial Statements for September and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement for September was displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Woodford. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Calnan.

25/116. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Signs at Home Plantation – Dorset Rangers have this in hand.

Old Priory Flat – all work completed.

Voluntary Registration of Deeds – to be commenced.

Gas supply – awaiting confirmation from VHMC to give notice of disconnection.

25/90. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm.