

Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 3rd November 2025 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: S Dunhill (Chair), S Hall, M Cheesley, K Bew, B Cooper (DC)

Members of the Public: None

Agenda

25/118. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Rutherford, Woodford, Calnan.

25/119. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

25/120. Ward Councillor Report: Cllr Cooper reported that detailed discussions are taking place on the finer details of the Housing/ Local Plan.

25/121. Open Forum: Council staff have marked the road by the dropped kerb on the A350 at the School.

Cllr Cooper is to chase Highways regarding the broken 40mph sign to the South of the village and the pathway by the School.

Cllr Cheesley raised the issue regarding the green safety fencing at the field by the Church which is rotting and causing an obstruction.

Part of the new flooring in the hall is raised and needs the contractor to return and correct this.

Items for Decision:

25/122. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 6th October 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Hall.

25/123. Devolving Dorset – review of DAPTC seminar: The clerk attended this meeting and gave a brief outline of discussions. Potential devolution to local areas is still in discussion and it is likely to be 2-3 years before any action is taken. Initial indications are that it is unlikely to make much change to Spetisbury.

25/124. To Approve Financial Statements for September and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement for October was displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Bew.

25/125. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

A Certificate of Lawfulness re commencement of building work is to be issued for the agreed development at Charlton Barrow.

Voluntary Registration of Village Hall deeds – the clerk to discuss this with the Chairman.

2025/26 Budget – the clerk asked councillors to consider any items of large expenditure that will need to be added to the budget.

Old Priory Flat – periodic review undertaken by Dorset Property; no new issues but still awaiting some minor redecoration.

Fire Alarm test – carried out but the smoke detector in the Flat is not working. Engineer to return to carry out repairs.

25/117. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 1st December 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.