

**Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 in the Village Hall.**

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

Members of the Public: 2

**Agenda**

**25/127. To Receive Apologies:** Cllr Rutherford.

**25/128. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation:** None.

**25/129. Ward Councillor Report:** Cllr Cooper reported that Dorset Council are still pursuing the Devolution request.

80%+ of Dorset Council's income comes from Council tax.

Cllr Woodford queried the £18m spend on the new recycling centre.

The kerb at the School has still not been raised enough to prevent water ingress.

The 40mph sign at the end of the village has still not been repaired.

**25/130. Open Forum:** Mr Moss again raised the issue of the safety fencing at the field by the Church. The sign at the Sturminster Marshall end of the village still reflects the twinning. This will be resolved when the village gateways are installed. He asked about progress on the proposed 20mph zone at the School. See item 25/134.

Mr Kerlogue stated that the gullies at the bottom of West End are blocked. This will be reported.

Cllr Cheesley had received a complaint about leaves and vegetation debris around the war memorial. This is an issue for the Church as the PC are responsible for the actual memorial, not the surrounds. He has also received a complaint about parking at Abbey View. The resident needs to report this to the Road Safety team at Dorset Council.

**Items for Decision:**

**25/131. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 were agreed and signed by**  
Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Bew.

**25/132. 2026 Meeting Dates:** The clerk displayed the dates. There will be no planned meeting in February as the Chair & Clerk are both unavailable until later in the month.

**25/133. Initial Budget proposals:** The clerk will include the following:

£2,000 Land Registration; £400 replacement noticeboard; £3,000 village gateways. Cllr Woodford asked for £2,000 to be set aside to repaint the outside wall.

**25/134. Residents' Survey Update:** 20mph zone by the School – Ongoing with Chairman.

Provision of Milk Machine at the Old Parlour – ongoing with Chairman.

Website improvements – clerk to arrange meeting.

The Mead usage – Mr Moss to increase awareness in Spring/ Summer.

Potential transport arrangements – with Cllr Calnan for action

Speedwatch – now up and running again. Close action point.

**25/135. To Approve Financial Statements for November and list of payments and sign the same:** A copy of the accounting statement for November was displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Calnan.

**25/136. Correspondence and Clerk's report:** A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Voluntary Registration of Deeds – Chairman & Clerk advised that this is too complex and should be dealt with by a solicitor. Quotes to be obtained.

Meeting with Blandford + Neighbourhood Planning & Simon Hoare MP – nothing significant to report.

The clerk wished those present a Merry Christmas.

**25/137. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm.** Meeting closed at 8.12pm.