

Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 5th January 2026 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: S Dunhill (Chair), S Hall, M Cheesley, K Bew, S Woodford, R Rutherford.

Members of the Public: 2

Agenda

26/1. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Calnan, Cooper (DC).

26/2. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: All Councillors present declared an interest and were granted dispensation for item 26/6.

26/3. Ward Councillor Report: None.

26/4. Open Forum: Mr Moss again raised the issue of the safety fencing at the field by the Church. He also asked again about progress on the proposed 20mph zone at the School. The clerk will chase Dorset Council about the fencing. The Chair reported that progress on the 20mph zone is in progress.

Mr Kerlogue mentioned the flooring in the Hall. Cllr Woodford has this in hand.

The clerk had received an email from a resident who reported that there was some litter in the grit bin at the top of Priory Gardens.

Items for Decision:

26/5. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 1st December 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Bew.

26/6. To agree the 2026/27 Budget and set the Precept: The clerk presented a review of the finances against the budget for financial year 2025/26 together with proposals for the year ending 31st March 2027. The budget was agreed with an increase in the precept to £12000. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Bew. Cllr Woodford abstained.

26/7. To consider Planning Application P/HOU/2025/07440 2, Gallop Cottages, High Street. Convert Juliet Balcony to walk out balcony: The immediate neighbours have indicated that they will support this but suggest that the privacy screen be excluded. The Council will support this proposal. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Bew.

26/8. To consider Planning Application P/LBC/2025/07574: 30 High Street, Spetisbury – Removal of existing thatch, repairs to roof and re-thatching: No objection. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

26/9. To Approve Financial Statements for December and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement for December was displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Hall.

26/10. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Planning Application P/TRT/2025/07410 – 11 Priory Gardens: Fell Horse Chestnut without replanting due to existing tree density. For information only.

26/11. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 8.12pm.