

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Mr Steve Pardey, Toad Hall, High St, Spetisbury DT11 9DW

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Annual Meeting held at 7.30pm on 11th May 2026 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 2

Cllr Hall was chosen to act as Chair of the meeting.

Agenda

1. **Election of Chair:** Cllr Dunhill was elected as Chair. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Woodford.
2. **Cllr Dunhill will sign his Declaration of Office at the next meeting.**
3. **Election of Vice Chair:** Cllr Bew was elected as Vice Chair. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Rutherford.
4. **Cllr Bew will sign her Declaration of Office at the next meeting.**
5. **Appointment of Representatives:**
 - a) DAPTC – S Pardey (clerk)
 - b) VHMC – Cllr Cheesley
 - c) The Mead – Cllr Hall. J Moss will continue as Chair of the group.
 - d) Footpath Liaison Officer – vacant
 - e) Planning – Cllr Dunhill
 - f) Financial Reconciliations – Cllr Hall
 - g) Welcome Packs – Ann Taylor has indicated that she is prepared to continue until someone else can take this on. Cllr Calnan has volunteered to speak to Ann with a view to taking over.
 - h) Buildings – Cllr Woodford.

The above were proposed by Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

6. **Review and Adoption of Council Standing Orders:** The document had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.
7. **Review and Adoption of Financial Regulations:** The document had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Calnan.
8. **Review and Adoption of Risk Management Policy:** The document had been circulated prior to the meeting. The only changes were to sums insured. Adopted with those changes. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

The May meeting of the Parish Council then commenced at 7.41pm.

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26/39. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Dunhill, Bew.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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26/40. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

26/41. Ward Councillor's Report: He has been in contact with Waste Services regarding the bin collections. He has also been meeting with Highways & Waste Services regarding the flooding issues and resulting detritus at West End.

26/42. Open Forum: Mr Moss was invited to give a resume of the possibility of a ride on mower for the Mead. The main issue is where to store it. See 26/48 below.

Mr Kerlogue thanked Cllr Cooper for sorting out the replacement 40mph sign and the drain jetting at West End. He advised that there were still some "Road Closed" signs on the verges.

Cllr Rutherford reported that the picnic table in the Hall garden needs replacing and he has one at The Old Parlour which should be suitable.

Cllr Woodford reported that the fence alongside the ramp onto the Trailway at South Farm Lane is damaged. Clerk to report it to Dorset Council Rangers. He also raised the subject of the Hall flooring. It was decided that the damp issues be monitored before making any further decision on repairs.

Cllr Cheesley stated that some of the featherboards above the wall at the Village Garden are rotten. He will undertake replacement.

Items for Decision:

26/43. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 13th April 2026 were agreed and signed by Cllr Hall. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Calnan.

26/44. Agree donations for 2026/27: The following donations were agreed:

Spetisbury PCC (Churchyard maintenance) £900; Blandford Leisure Centre £100; RBL Poppy Appeal £100; Village Fireworks £250; Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance £200; Citizens Advice £150; Charlton Marshall Scout Group £200; Village Table Tennis (£540 last year); Three Villages News £250; Life Education Wessex £150.

Proposed Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Woodford.

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26/45. Consider purchase of replacement outdoor noticeboard: The clerk has sourced a larger noticeboard and this will cost under £500. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Woodford.

26/46. Audit 2025/26 – The clerk has not received the paperwork back from the Internal Auditor so these items are carried forward to the next meeting.

26/47. Approve renewal of Council's insurance: The clerk advised that the policy is subject to a 3 year contract and the premium has increased only due to inflation. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Calnan.

26/48. Consider ride on mower for the Mead: Mr Moss had confirmed earlier in the meeting that the mower in question would be free but the issue is storage. It was agreed to carry this item forward to June so that appropriate checks could be carried out.

26/49. To Approve Financial Statements for April and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statements were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Hall. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Calnan.

26/50. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

26/51. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 1st June 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Signed *S Dunkhill*

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