

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 Meeting held at 7.30pm on 1st June 2026 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 2

Cllr Dunhill and Cllr Bew signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

Agenda

26/52. To Receive Apologies: Cllr Woodford.

26/53. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

26/54. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Cooper reported that school-age children of any families in receipt of Universal Credit are entitled to free school meals.
There is a consultation taking place on the Dog related Public Space Protection Order. The road at West End has been swept. He is to recontact Dorset Highways regarding a new "Road Narrows" sign approaching the School from the Poole end of the village and also enquire about the status of the Enforcement notice that was recently served.

26/55. Open Forum: Mr Kerlogue advised that the damp under the hall floor is still causing concern. Added to the July agenda.

A resident reported that there were several instances of anti-social behaviour on the river at Layton Bridge. This involved cars being driven across the ford, children throwing stones at swans and dogs and people entering gardens. Clerk to contact Clive Tory.

Cllr Cheesley reported that a stile at West End is broken. Clerk to contact Rangers.

Cllr Calnan reported that the drain opposite The Outlook is completely blocked. To be reported to Highways.

Items for Decision:

26/56. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 11th May 2026 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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26/57. Audit 2025

- a. Approval of Annual Governance. The clerk displayed and explained the document. Approved. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Calnan.
- b. Approval of Accounting Statements. This document was displayed and explained. Approved. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Bew.
- c. Reappoint Karen Mann, Rosemary Bookkeeping as Internal Auditor. The clerk advised that he had held discussions with the auditor about communications and timescales and recommended that she be reappointed. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

26/58. Consider storage & costs of ride on mower for the Mead: C/f to July meeting.

26/59. Consider planning application P/LBC/2026/02523 Keyneston Mill Lane Bridge:

Take down the partially collapsed masonry arch and replace with a reinforced concrete arch (underneath the track) / reinforced masonry underneath the building wall. The clerk had already responded that the Council fully supported this application. Confirmed. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Bew.

26/60. Review Code of Conduct: The Chairman reminded councillors that the Code of Conduct, that has been previously adopted by the PC, extends to anything posted on social media. It is therefore expected that councillors be polite and respectful when dealing with other councillors, members of the public and other public bodies. It was agreed to re adopt the code of conduct. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

26/61. To Approve Financial Statements for May and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statements were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

26/62. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed. Speed Survey at the School – has been carried out, results awaited. The Blandford Green Party have advised the Diocese that they will promote the 20mph restriction on Social Media.

Trees in the river – the Flood Warden has been advised. An email has been received regarding the recent tree felling.

Village Hall WiFi – now on BT Business. Login details are displayed.

Cllr Rutherford is to arrange for the bench to be delivered to the village hall.

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26/63. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Signed

S Dunkhill

Dated

6th July 2026