

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 7th September 2026 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 2

Agenda

26/78. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Dunhill & Cheesley.

26/79. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

26/80. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Cooper reported that an email regarding road safety had been received from the owners of Sunnyscombe and that he was arranging a visit to discuss this issue.

The Dorset Council Boundary Review consultation has commenced. The proposal is that Spetisbury be moved into the Stour and Holt ward rather than Blandford. It is his intention to object to this.

26/81. Open Forum: Mr Moss advised that The Mead had been cut and an invoice will be handed to the clerk. He also mentioned the issues regarding the downpipe outside the Lodge. This will be dealt with. He was concerned about the pinch point by the wall at Copper Beech House following the reinstatement of the pavement and asked about the progress of the 20 mph application (submitted and acknowledged) and enquired about the proposed village gateways. It was explained that, until we are able to ascertain the cost of the 20mph limit, the gateways installation is on hold.

Cllr Hall advised that the PCC were reducing their contribution to the village fireworks by £100 and expected the Parish Council to increase their contribution by £100. The sum of £250 has already been agreed so any increase will need to be confirmed by a full Council vote. To be added to October agenda.

Cllr Woodford raised the issue that some of the hay bales are in the river and the plastic is coming away. Also, there is concern that the willow cuttings will end up in the river if not cleared by winter. Clerk to email Clive Tory.

Items for Decision:

26/82. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 6th July 2026 were agreed and signed by Cllr Bew. Proposed Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Hall.

Signed



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26/83. Letting Agents fees – consider change in support level: The Letting Agents have offered an increase in level of fees giving some cover for early tenancy cancellation and legal fees if a tribunal is involved. Increase in fees would be c£37pcm. It was agreed to continue at “Gold” level. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall.

26/84. The Lodge – update: The Lodge is now empty. Cllr Woodford advised that redecoration and recarpeting will be required. Clerk to contact contractors for quotes.

26/85. Discuss flooding issues and potential remedies: Cllr Rutherford had been in discussion with Dorset Council regarding flooding in the village. They advised that they, and the Environment Agency are currently in the process of looking at issues within Spetisbury and suggesting remedies. Residents should report any instances of flooding to Dorset Council using Floodline: <https://floodreport.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>.

26/86. Review & approve automated payments: The clerk displayed a list of automated payments made from the Council’s accounts. Approved. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Woodford.

26/87. Hall Flooring: Cllr Woodford has contacted contractors with a proposal to carry out a further camera survey and installing a liner.

26/88. Implement the National Pay Award: The National Pay Award is 3.3% backdated to April 1st. Agreed to implement. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Woodford.

26/89. To Approve Financial Statements and list of payments for July and August and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statements were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Bew. July - Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Woodford. August – Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Calnan.

Signed

E Calnan

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26/90. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Keyneston Mill – work progressing and it is hoped that the footpath will reopen in October.

Council Credit Card – issued to clerk.

Village Garden wall/ fencing – awaiting estimates from neighbouring land owners.

Annual Audit – completed with no issues.

37 High Street – Listed Building Consent approved by the full Council following visit to the property by the Chair and Clerk.

26/91. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed *E Calnan*

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