SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Cllrs present: E Calnan (Chair), S Woodford, S Hall, M Cheesley, B Cooper (DC)
Members of the Public: 3

Agenda

In the absence of the Chair & Vice Chair, Cllr Calnan was elected Chair for the meeting.

26/92. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Dunhill, Bew & Rutherford.

26/93. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

26/94. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Cooper reported that he had met the owners of Sunnycombe and had spoken to Highways. See 26/102 below.

26/95. Open Forum: The School Road Sign has not been reinstated at the field by the Church. Cllr Cooper will speak to Highways.

Items for Decision:

26/96. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 7th September 2026 were agreed and signed by Cllr Calnan. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall.

26/97. Discuss potential increase in donation towards Village Fireworks: There is some doubt as to whether the fireworks display will take place this year. The clerk reported that there is budget to increase our donation by £100. This was agreed if required. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Hall.

26/98. Consider Planning Application P/HOU/2026/04661 – 11 Priory Gardens. Install a first floor dormer window to create additional accommodation, with roof lights and covered balcony. Erect a rear balcony. Insert new window in rear of garage. Also P/TRT/2026/05210 Fell 1 Ash tree and replace with suitable specimen: Cllr Woodford had visited the neighbours and there are no objections to this proposal. The clerk reported that a tree survey carried out fairly recently highlighted that the Ash tree was suffering from signs of die back. No objections to full application – proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall. No objections to the tree felling – proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Hall.

Signed S Dunhill **Dated** 2nd November 2026

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26/99. Village Hall Floor update. Consider quote for damp proofing etc: The floor issue has been surveyed by Croft Preservation and a further survey by Prokil is to be carried out tomorrow (6th Oct). In view of the tight timescales required, it was proposed by Cllr Woodford, seconded by Cllr Hall, that when the second quote is received, the vote to proceed can take place online.

26/100. Confirm half year Budget v Actual figures: The clerk presented the half year figures and explained the current situation. Overall, receipts are running at 67% of budget and payments at 45%. This is a satisfactory position.

26/101. Discuss fixing the water rates contract: The clerk had been contacted by a utilities broker about fixing part of the water contract. This would save a very minimal amount and it was decided to keep the existing supplier. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

26/102. Proposed 20mph speed limit. Agree next steps: Following the submission of the 20mph request, Dorset Highways have advised that a minimum distance of 600m is required. This would include the road outside Sunnycombe. Cllr Dunhill has suggested that a further survey of villagers is carried out via a leaflet drop to ascertain the level of support for this as the original response was fairly low. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

26/103. To Approve Financial Statements and list of payments for September and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statements were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Calnan. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Woodford.

26/104. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.
Keyneston Mill – work completed and footpath now fully open.
Willow cuttings – landowner has indicated that these will be removed this month.
The Lodge – Wessex Carpets have been instructed to recarpet the property.

26/91. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.
Signed S Dunhill **Dated** 2nd November 2026