

# Spexhall Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, January 24th 2019 in the Village Hall, Spexhall at 7-30pm.

## Minutes:

### Present:

Cllr. L. LeLean (Chairman); Cllr. N. Ellis (Vice-Chairman) (Left 8-55pm); Cllr. J. Crick; Cllr. N. Roper (Arrived 8-20pm);

### Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

#### 1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Simpson; Cllr. L. Sharman and Cllr. R. Walker; County Cllr. T. Goldson and District Cllr. A. Cackett:

#### 2) To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

#### 4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors.

There were no reports.

#### 5) Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda.

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

#### 6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, November 22nd 2018.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Crick:

Second: Cllr. N. Ellis:

## **7) To review the Council Action Plan including:**

### **a. Highway Matters:**

Cllr. N. Ellis reported that his camera was still up and working but was only being used for statistical purposes. He said that the trend of the speed of the traffic travelling at 35mph + was downwards overall. He said that the camera does make a difference as there was now bad speeding at the other end of the village. It was agreed to look at putting the Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) opposite Ilketshall Primary School on Hogg Lane. Cllr. L. LeLean said that he would speak to Ilketshall Parish Council to ask them if Spexhall Parish Council could put their VAS there. Cllr. J. Crick asked what was happening regarding the Police. Cllr. N. Ellis said that he was seeing County Cllr. T. Goldson who was waiting to meet the Chief Constable.

### **b. Emergency Planning:**

There was no report as Cllr. L. Sharman was not present at the meeting. However Cllr. L. LeLean said that Cllr. J. Crick had been looking at the prices of various equipment an which 'walkie-talkie' to buy. I was agreed that Cllr. J. Crick would talk to Cllr. L. Sharman.

### **c. Telephone Boxes:**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that h had asked a parishioner who had heavy lifting equipment if they would move the telephone box opposite Hogg Lane to the Village Hall. It was reported too that Cllr. R. Walker was speaking to another parishioner about moving it as well.

### **d) Mobile Phone Coverage:**

Cllr. N. Ellis said that he had no news. However many houses in Spexhall do not get a good signal and whilst mobile phones can be linked to Wi-Fi, a good signal was also needed. It was agreed that Cllr. N. Ellis would write a letter to send on behalf of the council to the mobile phone providers.

## **8) Planning Matters:**

*Demolish redundant agricultural building and build 2.No residential dwellings. Also, to convert and extend the existing brick building to create 3no dwellings in total.  
Spexhall Hall, Hall Road, Spexhall, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 0RR  
Ref: DC/19/0061/FUL*

The Council did not object to this planning application

Whilst the Council believes that it is good to have new housing in Spexhall on this site, it does suggest that construction traffic should only approach the site via Grub Lane and not via the Spexhall crossroads to avoid congestion.

## **9) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:**

The Clerk reported that he had received the Clerks and Councillors Newsletter, a Sizewell C Consultation Brochure, a Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) E-bulletin with the details of their AGM and £500 from County Cllr. T. Goldson to give to Holton Parish Council for their Holton Village Defibrillator.

**10) Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018:**

Business Community Account £2 755-08

b) **Cheques for payment and review receipts:**

Chq. No. 100547	Hire of Village Hall 2018-2019	£125-00
Chq. No. 100548	Defibrillator Grant transfer to Holton PC	£500-00

**Receipts:**

Second Precept Payment	£1350-00
VAT Repayment	£59-20
SCC Grant for Four Parishes Defibrillator	£2000-00
Halesworth Town Council – Two VAS Brackets	£50-00
SCC Grant for Holton Village Defibrillator	£500-00

**11) SALC Payroll Service Level Agreement:**

The SALC Payroll Service Level Agreement was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Crick:                                 Seconder: Cllr. N. Roper:

**12) To agree Audit Arrangements:**

It was agreed For SALC to be the Parish Council's Internal Auditors for the 2018-2019 Accounts.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper:                                 Seconder: Cllr. N. Ellis:

**13) To agree Council Risk Assessment Procedures:**

The Council Risk Assessment Procedures were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Crick:                                 Seconder: Cllr. N. Roper:

**14) To agree Council Asset Register:**

The Council Asset Register was reviewed and agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper:                                 Seconder: Cllr. J. Crick:

**15) To decide the date and receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

It was agreed for the next Parish Council Meetings to be on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 and for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**The Meeting ended at 9-06pm.**