

Spexhall Parish Council

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall, Spexhall on
Thursday, July 20th 2023 at 7pm:**

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Coles (Vice-Chair); Cllr. D. Carter; Cllr. N. Roper and Cllr. C. Thompson:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District Cllr. Keys-Holloway (Left 7-23pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. L. LeLean (Chair) and Cllr. L. Sharman gave their apologies. Councillors accepted their apologies.

County Cllr. A. Dunning gave her apologies:

The Vice-Chair reported that former Cllr. A. Simpson had resigned.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway reported that East Suffolk Council had a new scheme to help Parish Councils collect Second Hand Clothing for those in need. She said that there were also grants of up to £3000 and there was a new scheme too for the Council to help pay rent to landlords to make available empty properties.

Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway said that East Suffolk Services Ltd had taken over from Norse and East Suffolk Services Ltd would be using new fuels and more efficient vehicles. She said that East Suffolk Council was also trying to leave as much as possible road verges as wild habitat. Cllr. A. Coles asked that perhaps foliage could be cut back at road junctions for safety reasons.

Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway said that she and Cllr. G. Wakeling were very aware of that the people of Wissett were very much against Solar Farms as Cllr. G. Wakeling had attended a Wissett Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. A. Coles noted that all new houses had to have solar panels put on their roof tops.

Finally, Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway said that the Beccles, Bungay and Halesworth Community Partnership had a pot of money and was meeting on July 31st at 6pm in the Cut, Halesworth. It was agreed that Cllr. D. Carter would attend the meeting.

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 Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 19th 2023:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 19th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper: Second: Cllr. C. Thompson:

7) To review progress in each section of the Council Action Plan:

a. Road Safety,

The quotation for the purchase of a Sign Indicator Device (SID) was discussed. It was agreed to ask Cllr. L. LeLean to check the Warranty status and if there was no warranty then perhaps a second quote should be sought. If there was a warranty then the quote was agreed. It was believed that the new SID should have 2/3 quotes.

b. Communications,

This was ongoing.

c. Accessibility,

Cllr. C. Thompson suggested that a dog bin for a local bridleway off Stone Street should be provided. It was agreed to get two quotes for a dog bin and for the Clerk to speak to East Suffolk Council for advice on a supplier and to maintain it.

d. Events,

There were no events to discuss.

e. Good Governance,

It was agreed for Cllr. D. Carter and Cllr. C. Thompson to attend SALC Councillor training on October 30th 2023 and November 6th 2023 on Zoom.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper: Second: Cllr. A. Coles:

f. Planning,

This was ongoing.

g. Emergency Planning.

This was ongoing.

8) Highways and Speeding:

This issue was discussed in Item 7a. There was also no report as the data from the Sid's had not been processed.

9) Planning Matters:

Proposal: *Single storey mono-pitch roof porch extension to front, replacement doors & windows to all elevations, insertion of rooflight to rear, replacement staircase & internal doors at first floor and repositioning of soil & vent pipe*

Address: *Nollers Farm, Nollers Lane, Spexhall, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 0RL*

Ref: *DC/23/2689/FUL*

The Parish Council approves this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Carter:

Seconder: Cllr. C. Thompson:

The Clerk said that this planning application has arrived on Monday so could not be included in this meeting for a decision. However another meeting would have to be convened to discuss this planning application.

Proposal: *Listed Building Consent - Single storey mono-pitch roof porch extension to front, replacement doors & windows to all elevations, insertion of rooflight to rear, replacement staircase & internal doors at first floor and repositioning of soil & vent pipe*

Address: *Nollers Farm, Nollers Lane, Spexhall, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 0RL*

Ref: *DC/23/2690/LBC*

10) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a parishioner asking for changes at a Spexhall Bus Stop. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

11) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on June 28th 2023:

Business Community Account

£8 798-14

b) Receipts and Payments:

Internet Banking

Clerk's Pay – April until June 2023

£305-70

Internet Banking

Clerk's Tax – April until June 2023

£76-20

Internet Banking

Annual Internal Audit Invoice

£202-80

The Clerk's Financial Report was accepted.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper: Seconded: Cllr. C. Thompson:

12) Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Report and to pay their invoice with any amendments:

The councillors discussed and accepted the Internal Auditors Report and also agreed to pay the SALC Invoice.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Coles: Seconded: Cllr. C. Thompson:

13) Review of Standing Orders (Revised 2020):

Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt the Standing Orders (Revised 2020) for 2023-2024:

Proposer: Cllr. C. Thompson: Seconded: Cllr. N. Roper:

14) Review of Financial Regulations and any Amendments:

Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations and Amendments for 2023-2024:

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper: Seconded: Cllr. C. Thompson:

15) Suffolk Code of Conduct 2023-2024:

Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt Suffolk Code of Conduct for 2023-2024:

Proposer: Cllr. C. Thompson: Seconded: Cllr. D. Carter:

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

An Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 1st 2023 at 7pm.

The following Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21st 2023 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 9-07pm.