

Spexhall Parish Council

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall, Spexhall on
Friday, March 24th 2023 at 2-15pm:**

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. L. LeLean (Chairman); Cllr. N. Roper (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. A. Coles; Cllr. A. Simpson and Cllr. R. Walker:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County Cllr. A. Dunning:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. L. Sharman and Cllr. J. Crick; Councillors accepted their apologies.

District Cllr. A. Cackett and District Cllr. T. Goldson:

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:

There was no report from the District Councillors.

County Cllr. A. Dunning said that she had sent a written report but only ten minutes before. She said that she had received the results from the Automatic Number Plate Recognition Scheme from the police which are only sent to the County Councillor and not to the Parish Council.

County Cllr. A. Dunning said that East Suffolk Council had a new contractor for the roads of Suffolk. She said that Milestone Infrastructure would be taking over Suffolk Highways on October 1st 2023.

Cllr. A. Simpson said that she had seen the Sign Indicator Device (SID) in Spexhall and believe that it worked in slowing the traffic down. Cllr. L. LeLean agreed that it did for a short period of time.

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 Meeting held on January 27th 2023:**

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on January 27th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Coles: Second: Cllr. A. Simpson:

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

a. **Road Safety,**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was ongoing.

b. **Communications,**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was ongoing.

c. **Accessibility,**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was ongoing.

d. **Events,**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was ongoing.

e. **Good Governance,**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was ongoing.

f. **Planning,**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was ongoing.

g. **Emergency Planning.**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this was to be updated.

8) **Highways and Speeding:**

Cllr. L. LeLean said that this had already been discussed in the Council Action Plan.

9) **Planning Matters:**

There were no planning applications.

10) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had added two Defibrillators with a combined value of £3000 to Zurich Insurance. The Clerk said that it would cost another £20 but it would be waived for the rest of this year and the new premium will reflect the added items.,

The Clerk said the Pensions Regulator Renewal letter to be completed by November 2023 had arrived and Suffolk Cloud had asked if some items on the website could be deleted. Councillors agreed to their deletion. The Clerk said that Suffolk Cloud was offering mailboxes with gov.uk which the Councillors decided not to accept. The Clerk said that he received the SALC Training Bulletin, SALC Weekly E-Bulletin, a brochure from Elan City and a 'Thank You' letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau. Finally, the Clerk said that the Citizens Advice Bureau had sent two Posters for the Village Hall Noticeboard. Cllr. L. LeLean said that he would put them on the noticeboard.

11) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account £6403-18

b) Receipts and Payments:

Chq. No. 100580	Citizens Advice Bureau	Cancelled
Internet Banking	Citizens Advice Bureau	£50-00
Internet Banking	Clerks Pay – January until March 2023	£264-78
Internet Banking	Clerks Tax – January until March 2023	£66-20
Internet Banking	Clerks Exp. – April 2022 until March 2023	£40-50
Internet Banking	East of England Ambulance – Defib. Battery	£362-63
Internet Banking	SALC – Six-Months Payroll Service	£22-80
Internet Banking	Westcotec – Strident Battery 12V 14a	£160-20
Internet Banking	Westcotec – SID 8185 Battery	£80-40
Internet Banking	Westcotec – SID 8688 Battery	£80-40

Proposer: Cllr. A. Simpson: Seconded: Cllr. N. Roper:

12) To agree Internal Control Statement and Reports:

The Internal Control Statement and Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Coles: Seconded: Cllr. R. Walker:

13) Policies:

The Clerk said that Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) had a list of policies that it recommended Parish Councils adopt. The Clerk suggested that the Clerk and the Chair of the new Council met to discuss which policies the Parish Council should adopt.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Simpson: Seconded: Cllr. N. Roper:

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

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Friday, 19th May 2023 at 2-15pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting ended at 3-25pm.