

# **Spexhall Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall, Spexhall on  
Thursday, November 16th 2023 at 7-30pm:**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

Cllr. L. LeLean (Chair); Cllr. I. Bowmer (From 7-53pm); Cllr. D. Carter and Cllr. N. Roper:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. A. Dunning (Left 7-54pm) and one parishioner (Arrived 7-50pm) (Became a Councillor at 7-53pm):

### **1) Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Coles (Vice-Chair); Cllr. L. Sharman and Cllr. C. Thompson gave their apologies. Councillors accepted their apologies.

District Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway gave her apologies:

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3) Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Item No. 5 was taken at this point of the meeting.**

### **To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:**

County Cllr. A. Dunning went through her written report. She suggested that even though the new bus shelter was to be built in Ilketshall St. Lawrence, it could be a joint project between the two Parish Councils. Cllr. L. LeLean reported that he had contacted East Suffolk Services regarding cleaning the existing bus shelters and cutting back the trees.

County Cllr. A. Dunning thanked the campus for holding 'Dentaid' in order to help those with dental issues for free and reported that the LionLink (formerly known as EuroLink) and SeaLink was not coming to Spexhall directly but was coming close to the Parish so parishioners may wish to take part in the consultation. She said that the County Council was holding a budget consultation for 2024-2025 and it was inviting comments and holding some focus group meetings as well.



**10) Road Sign Cleaning:**

Cllr. D. Carter wondered if volunteers could clean the road signs and reported that a sign had fallen down and was in a ditch. Cllr. L. LeLean said that he would contact Suffolk Highways over the two issues.

**11) Planning Matters:**

*Proposal: Single storey free standing carport.*

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

*Ref: DC/23/3544/FUL*

The Parish Council approved this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Carter:

Seconder: Cllr. N. Roper:

**12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk said that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter', had made the addition of the new SID to the Insurance and reported public consultations on two Supplementary Planning Documents on Rural Development and Healthy Environments.

**13) Donations:**

It was agreed to make a £50 donation to Halesworth Dementia Care.

Proposer: Cllr. L. LeLean:

Seconder: Cllr. N. Roper:

**14) Financial Report:**

**a) Balances at the Bank on October 30th 2023:**

Business Community Account

£7 080-62

**b) Receipts and Payments:**

**Payments:**

Internet Banking

Halesworth Dementia Care Donation

£50-00

It was agreed to pay the Clerk his salary for October to December 2023 and to pay the tax payment for October to December 2023 to the HMRC by Internet Banking at the end of December and early January respectively with the amount still to be advised.

**Receipts:**

BACS

Cil Money – October 2023

£3 801-45

The Financial Report was accepted.

Proposer: Cllr. L. LeLean:

Secunder: Cllr. N. Roper:

**15) Barclays Bank Account:**

Councillors agreed to open a new Barclays Deposit Account.

Cllr. L. LeLean reported that Barclays Bank had the Parish Council's Bank Account classed as a Club/Association and that it should be classed as a Parish Council. He said that Barclays Bank had said that they would transfer Spexhall Parish Council to their Parish Council entity and would send a letter to this effect.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper:

Secunder: Cllr. D. Carter:

**16) Cil Money:**

It was agreed to discuss how to spend the Cil Money at a Parish Council Meeting in the New Year.

**17) Clerk's Pay 2023-2024:**

Councillors agreed to the pay increase for each scale point and to set the Clerk's Pay at Point 13 on the Local Government Services Clerk's Pay Scale 2023-2024. Councillors also agreed to the backpay to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Proposer: Cllr. L. LeLean:

Secunder: Cllr. D. Carter:

**18) Budget and Precept 2024-2025:**

The Clerk set out the Budget for 2024-2025 and after some questions, the Councillors agreed the Budget:

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper:

Secunder: Cllr. D. Carter:

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £4750 for the Financial Year 2024–2025:

Proposer: Cllr. N. Roper:

Secunder: Cllr. D. Carter:

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

Councillors agreed that the next Parish Council would be on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7-30pm.

It was agreed to meet generally on the second Thursday of each month at 7-30pm in 2024. The following Parish Council Meetings were scheduled for:

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7-30pm; Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7-30pm;  
Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7-30pm; Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7-30pm.  
Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7-30pm.

**The Meeting ended at 9-17pm.**