

Spexhall Parish Council

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall, Spexhall on
Friday, September 22nd 2023 at 7-30pm:**

Minutes:

Present:

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

District Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway and County Cllr. A. Dunning gave their apologies:

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:

It was reported that the construction of a Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant kerb and a bus shelter opposite the existing bus shelter had been assessed not to be able to be constructed in this position. However it was reported that it could be built in a location further up the A144 but this location was in Ilketshall St. Lawrence. Therefore it had been agreed that County Cllr. A. Dunning would be talking to the County Councillor representing Ilketshall St. Lawrence about the construction of a Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant kerb and a bus shelter there.

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 July 20th 2023 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meetings on August 1st 2023, August 21st 2023 and September 7th 2023:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 20th 2023 were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on August 1st 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Thompson: Seconder: Cllr. L. LeLean:

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on August 21st 2023 were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meetings on September 7th 2023 were agreed.

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

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

It was noted that each section of the Council Action Plan - a) Road Safety, b) Communications, c) Accessibility, d) Events, e) Good Governance, f) Planning and g) Emergency Planning were all ongoing.

8) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. L. LeLean reported that two Sign Indicator Devices (SID) were now powered by solar and Cllr. C. Thompson said that the solar power was charging the batteries. It was noted that the Police Speed Van had been recording speeds on the A144 on a Sunday Morning.

9) Planning Matters:

There were no planning matters. There was some discussion on Listed Building Planning Applications.

10) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that the Parish Council would be returning its response to Barclays Bank's request for the Parish Council's details very soon. He also said that a parishioner had contacted the Parish Council regarding cleaning the bus shelter and it was reported that this was in hand.

11) Insurance Renewal 2023-2024:

Councillors noted that the Parish Council is in its final year of a three-year agreement with Zurich Municipal.

12) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on August 30th 2023:

Business Community Account	£5 349-53
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b) Receipts and Payments:

Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – July until Sept. 2023	£458-10
Internet Banking	Jubilee Clips for Sign Indicator Devices (SID)	£41-20
Internet Banking	Village Hall Meetings – April to Sept. 2023	£100-00

The Financial Report and the Payments and Receipts were accepted.

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

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

It was agreed that co-opting a Councillor and Road Sign Cleaning would be added to the agenda for the Parish Council Meeting at 7-30pm on Thursday, November 16th 2023. At this point in the meeting, Cllr. D. Carter gave a report on his attendance at the Communities Partnership Programme meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8-31pm.