

# **Spexhall Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall, Spexhall on  
Thursday, March 14th 2024 at 7-30pm:**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

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

#### **1) Apologies:**

Cllr. I. Bowmer; Cllr. D. Carter and Cllr. L. Sharman gave their apologies. Councillors accepted their apologies.

District Cllr. B. Keys-Holloway and District Cllr. G. Wakeling 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:**

County Cllr. A. Dunning went through her written report noting the Suffolk County Council (SCC) Budget, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Suffolk Devolution. She said that a large amount of SCC Spending was on Adult Social Care and SEND. County Cllr. A. Dunning also reported that in the 2025 Elections, it was proposed that electors would be electing the County Councillors and also directly electing the Leader of the County Council who would choose the Cabinet. She said that she was not keen on the direct election of the County Council Leader because the elected Leader of the County Council may be in a different party to the majority of County Councillors.

County Cllr. A. Dunning reported that the Local Archives were in Ipswich and a booking was necessary to see the archives. She said that parents needed to opt-in for their children to have SCC School Travel and that idling car engines should be switched off. County Cllr. A. Dunning said that there was a Suffolk Business Report and to let SCC know about road issues. She said that SCC had a new machine to fill





**15) Policies:**

**The Councillors reviewed and agreed the following policies:**

Anti-Harassment and Bullying  
Data Protection and Information Management  
Data Protection  
Equal Opportunities  
Homeworking

**The Councillors agreed the following policies:**

Flexible Working  
Lone Working

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

**16) Cil Money:**

Councillors discussed a wide range of possible projects including contributing to a bus shelter using Cil Money.

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

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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**The Meeting ended at 9-05pm.**