SPURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held at 8pm on 29th November 2017

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**@ Tower Room, St Boniface Church, Bunbury**

**Present**: Chair Barry Bell (**BB**), Reynold Finney (**RF**), Chris Warriner (**CW**), David Cox (**DC**) & Acting Minute Secretary, Stuart Lea (**SL**)

**In Attendance**: Jonathan Middlemiss.

1. **Apologies received**:

- Sean Augustin (**SA),** Mandy Murton (**MM**), Katherine Hutchinson (**KH**), Ward Cllr Stan Davis (**SD)**

1. **Declaration of Interests & Councillors Code of Conduct:**

There were no declarations of Interests made.

**3. Approval of previous minutes & Matters Arising**

Minutes from 5/09/17 meeting were approved. **CW** proposed and **RF** seconded.

* Dip in the Road in Peckforton Hall Lane - Repaired.
* It was noted that the hedging surrounding Spurstow Lodge was again overgrown covering in part about 40% of the pavement. A letter should be sent asking him to cut it back as before.
* Cholmondley Onetribe festival. No reply received but it is not expected that it will be repeated.

1. **Open Forum:**

None

**5. Planning applications:**

* **17/5384N** Bath House. No Objections to proposal
* **17/5551N** Laburnum Cottage.No Objections to proposal
* **17/5474N** Radley Wood Farm. No Objections to proposal
* **17/5336N** The Butlands. Considered that the proposed agricultural shed to house plant for maintaining land was excessive in scale.
* **17/5772** Haughton Farm, Badcocks Lane. No Objections to proposal but to express view that character of Dutch Barns be maintained in development.
* It was reported that Jonathan Gaskell is developing plans to build two properties facing Pecforton Hall Lane between his property and Back Lane.

1. **Annual Audit & Governance statement**It wasagreed that to avoidan external audit fee of £200 (free for last four years) we should apply for an exemption when the papers come out. We will still need an internal audit.
2. **Finance Report**Since last meeting quarterly electricity bill was paid £93.37.

Approved at meeting:

* Room Hire £20 to Bunbury PCC
* On account payment to Peter Wilson for quarterly lengthsman duties. £200.
* Closing Cash book balance £7,656
* Precept for 2018/19 to be £3,500, same as current year.

1. **Parish Clerk Vacancy**

It was agree to approach Mrs [Penny Shearer](http://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=5086) Chairperson of Peckforton Meeting to arrange for an introduction to Clerk [Louise Hare](http://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=7967) to see if she would be interested in being our Clerk. They do not appear to have a website.

**9. Highways issues:**

* Street lighting on Long Lane (Two out and one on 24/7) still outstanding. Need solution which may include LED lights.
* Reported the first light has been taken away after new poles were installed.

**10. Website**

**DC** reported that new documents were loaded to the website but can’t currently find a way of displaying them.

**11. AOB.**

* Mrs Griffiths had sent an e-mail asking when Spurstow were going to start speed gun training**.** Bunbury have completed some training and used their gun twice. It was agreed that a notice would be put on the website asking for volunteers to apply. Consider hiring Bunbury’s gun initially. Reply to be sent to Mrs. Griffiths as above.
* Mandy Murton has tendered her resignation due to family commitments. Thanks for her past support.
* Jonathan Middlemiss accepted co-option to return onto the Council. Forms to be forwarded to him to complete the appointment.

1. **Dates of next meetings**

14th March, 9th May, 12th September & 12th December 2018. Peckforton & Beeston meeting room has been booked.

Meeting closed 22.00 pm

**Signed……………………………………………………………………Chair…………………………………………Date**