

Spurstow Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Councillors & Parishioners held at 20:00 on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at the Peckforton and Beeston Village Room.

Clerk: C Jones, Rose Cottage, Spurstow CW6 9TG clerk@spurstow.org.uk

Agenda

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Augustin and Bell, who were unavoidably detained.

2. Present :- Cllr. Hutchinson, Cllr. C Warriner, Cllr. Finney, Cllr. Middlemiss and Cllr. Lea.

The meeting was declared quorate.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2020.

Proposed by Cllr. Middlemiss, seconded by Cllr. Warriner

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Election of Chairman for the forthcoming Year.

Cllr Hutchinson indicated her willingness to stand as Chair for the period to the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Middlemiss

Seconded by Cllr. Finney

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Hutchinson as Chair for the period.

5. Election of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllrs. Augustin and Middlemiss indicated their willingness to stand as Vice-Chairs for the period to the next Annual Parish Meeting.

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Middlemiss and Augustin as Vice-Chairs for the period.

6. Chairman's report.

The Council thanked the Chair for her report (below) and all her hard work and enthusiasm over the last 12 months and congratulated her on the receipt of the letter below from Rt Hon. Stephen O'Brien.

Well, what a year!

This time last year we were 2 months into our first lock-down and SpurstowSupport was in full swing. We delivered a few sunflower seeds to grow and an information leaflet with contact details to all the houses in the parish and arranged many pairs of volunteers and self-isolating residents to allow food supplies to continue safely to our more vulnerable residents which seems to have worked very well, together with Haughton, Peckforton and Beeston Parishes. The phone line was only really busy for the first few weeks setting up the pairs, and since then has just had a trickle of enquiries when residents have had to isolate temporarily etc. Then in October we delivered a bag of birdseed as an idea for companionship for isolated residents when second lock-down started. We plan to discontinue the phone line on 18th June when hopefully we will only be days from a fairly normal life.

I have been delighted with the help and support over the last year from all the councillors and would like to especially mention Reynold and Barry who helped deliver all the SpurstowSupport materials, met Roy Cook about the drainage issues and have generally been great help to the Parish and to me.

Apart from this, Parish meetings went onto Zoom and I have to thank Chris Jones for his technical competence at handling this- and to all the Councillors who managed to transition so that meetings could continue, including some representations from residents.

We succeeded in getting warning signs on Long Lane and 30 signs painted onto the Peckforton Hall Lane in association with Cheshire East

We have continued to review planning applications and send in timely opinions to Cheshire East.

We are continuing to try to find an appropriate location to site the A49 speed camera

We are trying to help Cheshire East resolve the drainage issues on Long Lane including some flooding to properties and land between the A49 and the Yew Tree.

Letter from The Right Honourable Stephen O'Brien

Dear Helen and all those involved in establishing, administering and volunteering as part of the Spurstow Community.

As we all slowly emerge from the restrictions that have governed all our lives since the Covid19 emergency took hold 14 months ago, Gemma and I, classed as vulnerable owing to pre-existing health conditions, have benefitted enormously from the generosity of neighbours, friends and the Spurstow Community team. We have come through safe and well and are glad that almost everyone we know has too. Our thoughts and concern go out to those who have lost loved ones and have suffered the Long Covid aftermath or suffered economically and mentally across all generations.

We wanted to write to record our immense thanks and appreciation for the initiative (not least in being so quick to set up the Spurstow Community at the beginning of the crisis) and for all the time and commitment by so many in our community who have supported and helped us and those like us locally in a very real way. We are deeply grateful and admire the community spirit which underlies it all.

Warmest wishes

Stephen

The Right Honourable Sir Stephen O'Brien KBE

7. Clerk's report, including Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2021.

The summary data from the AGAR was presented to the meeting as part of the additional data provided to the meeting, as below:-

		2019	2020	2021
Box 1	Balances B'fwd	£ 8,327.00	£8,127.00 0	£ 4,573.00
Box 2	Precept	£ 3,500.00	£3,650.00 0	£ 3,650.00
Box 3	Other Receipts	£ 1,150.00	£2,240.00 0	£ 1,150.00
Box 4	Staff Costs	£ 1,645.00	£2,242.00 0	£ 263.00
Box 5	Loan interest/capital	£ -	£ -	£ -
Box 6	Other Payments	£ 3,205.00	£7,202.00 0	£ 2,167.00
Box 7	Balance C'fwd	£ 8,127.00	£4,573.00 0	£ 6,943.00
Box 8	Total Cash Investments	£ 8,127.00	£4,573.00 0	£ 6,943.00
Box 9	Fixed Assets	£ 9,273.00	£6,966.00 0	£ 6,966.00
Box 10	Borrowings	£ -	£ -	£ -

Bank Reconciliation			
Balance per bank 31/03/21	£6,943.12	Receipts	£ 4,800
Rounding for presentation	-£ 0.12		
no o/s cheques at 31/3/21		Payments	£ 2,430
	£6,943.00	Net	£ 2,370

Cllrs. Middlemiss and Hutchinson thanked the clerk for his help in the year especially with the technical aspects of meeting online.

8. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Three members of the public had asked for specific invitations, but none were in attendance.

9. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting – 18th May 2022 at 20:00

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:20

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