

Minutes of a meeting of Spurstow Parish Council held at 20:00 on 17th March 2021 via Zoom

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Note: - As the Government has removed the legal requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person during the coronavirus pandemic under legislation enacted on 2nd April 2020 applicable to meetings held before 7th May 2021, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

The Council welcomes attendance by members of the public. 2 members of the public who expressed a wish to attend the meeting remotely have been specifically invited to join the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Warriner were accepted by the Council. In attendance were Cllr Hutchinson (Chair), Cllrs Augustin-Wood and Bell (Vice Chairs), Cllrs Finney, Middlemiss, and Lea (Cllr Lea had some technical issues during the meeting). Also Present were Cllr Davies of Cheshire East Council and 1 member of the public.

2. Declaration of interests – Members to declare any interests under the following categories: - pecuniary, outside body, family, friend or close associate.

None were declared

3. Approve the minutes of last meeting.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting with no amendments.

4. Members of the public - Open forum (15 minutes).

Ms Yvonne Fairclough mentioned the flooding on Long Lane which started just before storm Christoph.

Dolphin Cottage, Gorran Haven, and Nursery House were flooded at the back, opposite the road are the Yew Tree, Talbarn. Ms Fairclough would like some information from Cheshire East about their plans and a timescale to ameliorate this - she has had over 8 inches of standing water in the garden and wonders if there is an issue with the drain in the centre of the road. Cllr Davies suggested that Paul Reeves would be a good contact at CE

It was resolved that the Clerk is to write to Paul Reeves at Cheshire East.

Ms Fairclough thanked the Council for their time.

5. Planning: -

Holmleigh - No major issues - it is believed that a neighbour may wish to raise an objection - Spurstow Parish Council has no view on the matter.

The Gables - No major issues – Spurstow Parish Council has no view on the matter

Castle View - Cllr. Finney has visited representing Spurstow Parish Council, following discussion and taking into account Cllr Finney's advice, it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Cheshire East to reiterate the Council's objections.

6. Update from alternative ways to manage speed group, and A49 Camera location.

Cllr Bell attended an online meeting with about 25 other local Councillors. Bedfordshire Council are seen as being leaders in this field, and have found that average speed cameras rather than the usual single Safety Cameras are very effective, but it was felt that at (say £ 50k per pair to buy and (say (£4k per month to rent)) the cost was seen as prohibitive for a Council the size of Spurstow Parish Council.

A49 Camera - The feeling of the Council is strongly that the camera should remain south of the houses on the A49, Cllr Bell has been told that Chris Hindle is a good contact at Cheshire East Council.

It was resolved that the Clerk will write to Chris Hindle at Cheshire East Council briefly this evening and that Cllr Augustin will forward previous correspondence to support a more substantial response. Cllr Davies kindly offered to pursue this as soon as possible within Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Middlemiss will talk to Pickmere PC about the possible purchase of one or two Speed Indicating Devices from them.

7. Representation of Spurstow Parish Council on the Sadlers Wells Woodland Committee

The Chair is currently the representative of SPC on the Sadlers Wells Woodland Committee Saddlers, and is happy to continue in this role.

Resolved to put Cllr Hutchinson forward with thanks to her for her commitment.

8. Highways Issues –

Flooding on Long Lane between the A49 and the Yew Tree area.
- see above under “Members of the Public – Open Forum”.

Damaged building at the junction of Badcocks Lane and the A49.

Members of the Council have noticed that this building has not been restored following accident damage some time ago. There had been an application in 2019 (19/5646N) to restore the building but this was withdrawn in August 2020.

It was resolved that the Chair would write briefly to the owners to offer any h(19/5646N) help that the Council may be able to give.

9. Clerk’s report
- a) Parish Precept Arrangements & Taxbase 2021/22
 - b) The Council to consider authorising payments to hand totalling approx. £ 600.00, a detailed list will be provided before the meeting.

It was resolved - To make the payments shown on the list presented to the meeting as below. Note that two further invoices were received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting itself.

Payments proposed

£ 160.00	Mark Ireland-Jones	Website hosting for 2021
£ 40.80	Mr S Hutchinson	4 months fees for Spurstow Support Phone at£ 10.20 per month (Invoices of 18th Nov to 18th Feb)
£ 59.56	Mr C Jones (Clerk)	4 months Zoom fees for month ending 20 December 2020 to month ending 20 March 2021
£ 560.00	Peter Wilson	Litter picking 17th September to 31 March 2021 - 56 Hours @ £ 10.00 per hour
£ 820.36	Total	

10. Chair’s Report

The Spurstow Support line has been very quiet and I wonder if we should decide to disband this, say June 21st? We could then publish that we are disbanding it in plenty of time and contact the other parishes so they can inform their residents.

It was resolved to disband the Support Line in June, unless there is a substantial change in circumstances.

It was resolved to publicize the Police and Crime Commissioner Election on 6th May.