

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**)

2. 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 Onetribes festival. No reply received but it is not expected that it will be repeated.

4. 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.

6. Annual Audit & Governance statement

It was agreed that to avoid an 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.

7. 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.

8. Parish Clerk Vacancy

It was agree to approach Mrs Penny Shearer Chairperson of Peckforton Meeting to arrange for an introduction to Clerk Louise Hare 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.

12. 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