

Spurstow Parish Council

Notice to Councillors & Residents

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14th November 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at St Boniface Church, Bunbury on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 20:00.

The Council welcomes attendance by members of the public.

Agenda - Quarterly Council Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declaration of interests** – Members to declare any interests under the following categories: - Pecuniary interests, Outside body interests, Family, friend or close associate interests.
- 3. Approve the minutes of last meeting** - Matters arising and vote for acceptance
- 4. Open Forum (15 minutes).**
- 5. Council Composition and Elections.** The Chair welcomes Cllrs. Jones, Crompton and Whitehead to the meeting and thanked them for their work on behalf of the Council already. **To note:-** All the positions on the Council will come up for election in May 2023. Please see below for a note from ChALC "... note that co-options occur when an election is not possible, such as for a casual vacancy that might arise between an ordinary election year and when no poll is claimed. This then triggers a specific process and I have attached information which may be helpful. Co-optees hold the councillor position for the length of time remaining when the vacancy occurred for example, if the term of office has 8 months to run then they will need to stand for election at the end of that term. So if you have co-opted councillors in seats that are due to end in 2023 – then these will be up for election."
- 6. Flooding in the parish.** Update and report of recent discussions, particularly with respect to the area around the Yew Tree and the junction of Long Lane . It seems that, since the recent jetting, and despite some fairly serious rainstorms, there has been no serious flooding. To agree to continue to record whether there has been any flooding so we can act if any further flooding occurs (via the Clerk.)
- 7.** To discuss the caravan that is still (11th November) at the junction of Badcocks Lane and Long Lane. The Clerk has not been able to find out who the land belongs to. The meeting to consider whether this area can be protected in some way.
- 8. Climate Emergency.** To discuss people's ideas of what we can do about the climate emergency and to make this is an action for each of us to bring to the meeting. (Could we remind people around now of this so they do actually come with something)
- 9. Planning applications, current, and outstanding.**
The only item to hand at the time of writing is 22/4040N "Land North of Hillview", a discharge of conditions request. More information on this is to follow.
- 10. Highways Issues and Alternative Ways to Manage Speed.**
 - a) The Speed Indicating Device has been installed on the A49 near Panama Hatty's (both ways) and on Long Lane between the A49 and the Yew Tree (both ways) The Clerk will provide a summary of the data before the meeting for discussion.
 - b) To discuss the safety of traffic leaving Badcock lane onto the A49 and the situation concerning the listed building presently cordoned off.
- 11. Vyrnwy Aqueduct Modernisation Program (VAMP).** Please see appendix 1 below for notes of the meeting of 2nd November 2022 at the Lockgate Café about the VAMP.

12. Hedgehog Highway – Please see appendix for details of an initiative to help hedgehogs in the area. The Clerk has written to Peckforton, Beeston and Haughton Parishes to see if there would be any interest in buying some hedgehog surrounds at cost price in their Parishes, if Spurstow were to buy 50, and will update the meeting with any replies.

13. Correspondence. To review any correspondence received.

14. Finance Update and payments due:

Please note that the Clerk will provide the documentation for this at the meeting.

Appendix 1 - Vyrnwy Aqueduct Maintenance Program Update

Dear Mike/ John/ Spurstow Parish Council,

Thank you for your time on 02/11/22 to discuss the United Utilities Vyrnwy Aqueduct Modernisation project, we hope that the meeting was useful in providing an update on our progress to date and progress on the last meeting's actions, in addition to providing further information on our programme and schedule of upcoming works.

Before I jump into the meeting minutes, you may recall at the meeting we discussed that the project is planning to hold public drop-in sessions for local residents in the new year and we are now looking at possible venues. We are therefore enquiring about a suitable venue/ village hall in Peckforton / Beeston village for our drop-in sessions next year. If you are able to provide any availability on the 21st and 23rd of February 2pm-7pm and what the capacity of the village hall may be that would be great.

Apologies for the delay in getting the meeting minutes out, I have been out of office for a large proportion of this week. Nevertheless, please find the meeting minutes below, along with an overarching summary of what was discussed.

Summary;

- *Review of last meeting notes and provided updated on specific actions.*
- *Introduced scheme to Spurstow PC Representative (Les Catherall) on behalf of Spurstow PC.*
- *Introduce the Parish councils to the contractor (Avoxe).*

Last meeting update and new actions:

- *UU Provided an update on project, construction techniques and potential impacts + Confirmed the programme with the Parish Councils for CA03:*
 - *Advanced works – January to February 2023*
 - *Enabling works (Beeston) from late-November to mid-December (Current programme: 29/11/22 – 19/12/22)*
 - *Main works:*
 - *Jetting : Summer 2023*
 - *Lining (1): Winter 2023*
 - *Lining (2) Winter 2024*

- UU Provide update on PROW and highways discussions at Moss Lane + Main Compound:
 - UU provided update on PROW discussions with Cheshire West
 - ACTION: UU to provide update on Highways impacts along A49 (main compound) with any speed restriction measures following on from Highways engagement to discuss – To discuss next meeting.
- Update functionality on virtual exhibition: UU confirmed progress on providing update functionality to the virtual exhibition with plans to have drafts on what this will look/feel like later 2022, to go live in Feb 2023 ahead of main construction to provide required updates for Area 03.
- UU to provide reinstatement spec and photos of reinstatement: UU confirmed with Parish councils that this is being progressed and will update PC accordingly.
- UU to update local communities with information about works:
 - UU current plans to hold Public drop-in sessions in early 2023 ahead of main construction works with local residents. – **As per above, UU are reviewing possible venues in Peckforton/ Beeston.**
 - Ongoing and tailored communications to Parish council utilising their distribution lists to push out key messages
 - UU to produce ‘newsletters’ to go out to parish at a frequency agreed during main construction works.
- ACTION: UU confirmed further updates to the virtual exhibition website to include changes that have been made as a result of planning + also provide updated numbers of vehicles associated to each working area.
- ACTION: UU to Inform Parish Councils on the proposed traffic routes ahead of any works starting
 - Parish Council help to keep residents informed via distribution channels
 - UU to arrange for comms and any necessary site signage to capture road users
- ACTION: UU to Share plans of Public Right of Way closure and diversion when confirmed at Moss Lane.

If I have missed anything, please do let me know. I look forward to discussing these points at our next meeting (To be agreed) and as ever, we will continue to keep the parish council up to date as our project progresses.

Kind Regards,

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Appendix 2 – Hedgehog Highway

A Hedgehog Highway is a 5-inch gap in a fence or wall allowing access for Hedgehogs. Other names include 'Hedgehog Door', 'Hedgehog Hole' and 'Hedgehog Tunnel'

These gaps are essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends.

The Hedgehog Highway allows hedgehogs to:

- * Forage for food
- * Meet mates to breed
- * Access nesting sites

Why should I get a Hedgehog Highway Surround?

1. Hedgehog Highway Signs look super cute!
2. They raise awareness to hedgehogs' struggle for survival
3. They create a talking point, encouraging others to create a highway of their own and take part in the project
4. Money from the sale of every Hedgehog Sign is donated to help the rescue of sick and injured hedgehogs

Retailers, Councils, Community Groups - Please #BuyABoxWith Hedgehog numbers in severe decline and Hedgehog awareness on the rise, there has never been a better time to invest in Hedgehog conservation products. If you would like to be a stockist and buy a box, then please click on the link above.

Your box will include:

- 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds & 50 information leaflets
- 1 Display box
- 1 Window sticker to show that you are part of the project and are doing your bit to help the hogs.



Cost is £ 150.00