

# Spurstow Parish Council

## Notice to Councillors & Residents

Clerk: C Jones, Rose Cottage, Spurstow CW6 9TG [clerk@spurstow.org.uk](mailto:clerk@spurstow.org.uk)

7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at St Boniface Church on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting**, which is to be held at 19:00 on the same day. The Council welcomes attendance by members of the public.

### Agenda

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. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To be agreed.
4. **To discuss any items raised by members of the public. To be considered under the Council's Standing Orders.**
5. **Finance.** To note that the Annual Parish Meeting discussed the Parish Council's Annual Governance & Accounting Review ("AGAR") for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
6. **Street Lights.** The Clerk has had a reply from James Pearson about street lights as follows *"I am not sure if you will see this as good news however there appears to be some options. Please let me know if you have the details that have outlined and if you have previously conducted a survey. If there is an option to streamline this and reduce costs, then this is something I would push for. I am unclear what my contribution could be re finances but I am willing to have the conversation with Highways."*  
The Highways Department has only referred us to their letter of October 2021, which is attached, and says that it is not Council Policy to adopt lighting owned and maintained by Parish Councils"  
  
The Clerk has also been in communication with Chris Draper of Clear Utility Solutions, (Chalc's recommended supplier) and has a quote of approx. £ 480.00 per year for 3 years, compared to Scottish Power's current pricing of about £ 630.00 per year for 1198.9 units on Mpan 1300037975211
7. **Composition of the Council.** To welcome any new members of the Council, co-opted at the Annual Parish Meeting.
8. **Flooding on long lane.** The Clerk has received a short response from Ron Henderson on 29<sup>th</sup> April in which he has promised to "...book some time in for us to look at future works and information hand outs..", and will update the Council on this, after which the Council will receive any updates from Councillors or members of the public.
9. **Planning applications, current, and outstanding.** There has been one new application notified recently, under reference 24/1472N for *"Prior approval of conversion of two agricultural buildings to 5 dwellings including provision of gardens and parking."* at Roselands Poultry Farm on Peckforton Hall Lane. The Clerk will update the Council at the meeting if there are any other applications.
10. **Speed Indicating Device.** This has been on Long Lane since the last meeting. Mr and Mrs Stansfield have kindly agreed to maintain it for the time being.
11. **Any other business raised by Councillors.**

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Our Reference: 12940033

Dear Mr Jones

**RE: Request to adopt the streetlights in Spurstow**

Thank you for your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 regarding Spurstow Parish Council's request for street lights to be adopted by Cheshire East Council. Your correspondence has been forwarded to us for a response by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Craig Browne.

We understand you have been in contact with Ian Darlington and Simon Wallace previously regarding the street lights in Spurstow.

Mr Darlington left his role at Cheshire East Council at the end of 2020. Mr Wallace has also left his role within the street lighting team however, he is still employed by the council.

It is Mr Wallace's understanding that Cheshire East Council did not commit to adopting the Spurstow street lights as it is council policy not to adopt lighting owned and maintained by parish councils.

Mr Wallace does recall attending site with a supervisor to investigate the lights. Recommendations were made to the parish council on what upgrades would be required in order to potentially adopt the lights if the council's policy was to change in future.

This matter was passed over to Ian Darlington following Mr Wallace's assessment.

You have included a copy of a letter from Cllr Reynold Finney to Ian Darlington from May 2020 outlining the steps taken by the parish council to upgrade the lights. Within the letter Cllr Finney asked Mr Darlington to ensure the responsibility for the lights is taken on by Cheshire East Council.

As stated above it is council policy not to adopt parish council street lighting however, it is possible that Mr Darlington may have agreed something historically with the parish

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council. As he has now left we have no records of any correspondence or conversations which may have taken place regarding any such agreement.

If you hold any records of historic correspondence from Mr Darlington regarding this matter we would respectfully ask you to forward this on to us via email at [HighwaysCorrespondence@cheshireeasthighways.org](mailto:HighwaysCorrespondence@cheshireeasthighways.org) so that we can investigate further.

We trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**The Cheshire East Highways Team**

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### Application Details

#### Reference Number

24/1472N

#### Type Of Application

Prior Approval - COU

#### Location

Roselands Poultry Farm, PECKFORTON HALL LANE, SPURSTOW, CW6 9TG

#### Proposal

Prior approval of conversion of two agricultural buildings to 5 dwellings including provision of gardens and parking. All habitable rooms to be provided with adequate daylight as shown on application plans

#### Ward / Parish

Wrenbury (2011) / Spurstow PC

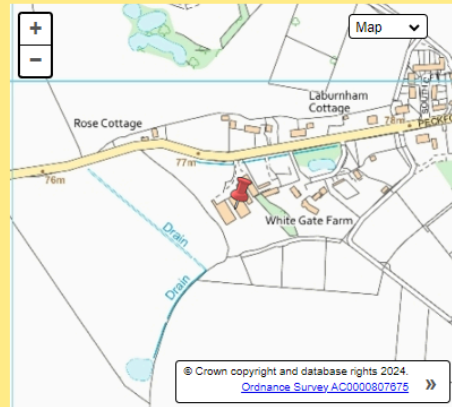
#### Case Officer

Jason Cooper

#### Site Visit Complete / Date Of Site Visit

Yes / 01-May-2024

### Location



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### Available Actions

- [Comment on this application](#)