

Spurstow Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Councillors

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16th March 2022

- 1. Apologies for absence.** – Cllr. Warriner. **The Council sent their best wishes to Cllr. Warriner.**
- 2. Declaration of interests** – Members to declare any interests under the following categories: - Pecuniary interests, Outside body interests, Family, friend or close associate interests. – **None declared**
- 3. Approve the minutes of last meeting** - Matters arising and vote for acceptance – **Agreed. The Council Congratulated Cllr. Hutchinson on the birth of her granddaughter.**
- 4. Open Forum (15 minutes).** – **No matters brought forward.**
- 5. Community Jubilee Celebration.** To discuss whether Spurstow Parish Council would like to organise a community bonfire or any other evening event on or around 2nd June to coincide with the Queen's jubilee beacons since Beeston Castle are planning to light a beacon so our event would not need to be an official beacon event. – **Cllr. Bell and Mrs Fairclough attended the meeting. The Council wish Peckforton and Beeston success with their intended plans. Several Councillors expressed great interest in attending the beacon-lighting at Beeston Castle, and asked the Clerk to ensure that invitations, if offered, were distributed to Spurstow Electors.**
- 6. Flooding in the parish.** Particularly with respect to the area around the Yew Tree and the junction of Long Lane and the bend of Cappers Lane. **Neither Mrs Stansfield or Mrs Fairclough have heard anything from Cheshire East Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will make strenuous attempts to get Cheshire East Council to take swift and constructive action.**

Cllr Hutchinson commented that she had had some very productive correspondence with Paul Reeves about six months ago, when he suggested that investigations were made under the Green Butts Farm field adjacent to the road between Mike Hiscock's hedgerow and the hedgerow south of the road as it runs under their land, to establish exactly where the drain goes (including possibly under their drive) and clear any roots or obstructions, before investigating under the road, which may become more expensive. Derek Pegg has been approached and David Corry (from Green Butts) is happy to have a discussion, however Derek felt he could not give out a phone number, so is going to enquire further. Cllr Middlemiss also said he hoped to see Mr Corry shortly and would try and arrange to meet Mr Corry with Cllr. Hutchinson to discuss the drainage as soon as possible. Spurstow Parish Council also hope that Cheshire East has written to Mr Corry, as owner of Green Butts Farm as Paul Reeves said he would during previous discussions.

The Clerk was asked to consider writing to the owner of Green Butts Farm to request a meeting, depending on the outcome of these discussions.

- 7. Planning applications, current, and outstanding.**
Please note that an updated list of applications for consideration will be supplied to Councillors in the week of the meeting. **Discussed, no further action**
- 8. Highways Issues and Alternative Ways to Manage Speed.**
 - 1) Discussion of the Safety Camera on the A49. Cllr. Bell met with the PCSO, The Council has written to John Dwyer Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire East. The Clerk to was asked to chase this up with John Dwyer and find out what CE have in mind, or confirmation that CE do not intend to change the current arrangement (which is Spurstow Parish Council's preferred option).**
 - 2) Positioning and use of the Speed Indicating Device (SiD). The SiD has arrived and initial trials are expected to have taken place on Peckforton Hall Lane by the date of this meeting. The Clerk and Councillor Middlemiss will update the meeting.**

Cllr. Wood commented that the SiD appears to be having an effect on traffic to the nursery, but has noticed that some traffic is setting the device off at 45 mph, but have been slowing.

It was noted that the battery has lasted for 12 days, Cllr. Wood will talk to the manager of the nursery, and offer to make the data available to her. Next position of the SID to be the Southcroft end of the Agreed straight facing Peckforton, then near to Springfield pointing towards the A49.

Data to be extracted, distributed to Councillors and an extract to the website.

It was agreed that the SiD be made available to local Parishes at £200.00 per week or £500.00 per month on the basis that any damage to the unit will be repaired. It was noted that, in recognition of Haughton Parish Meeting's offer to contribute to the cost of the unit, that they would receive a discount of 50%, on receipt of their contribution for their first 2 months or 8 weeks of hire.

9. **Correspondence.** To include Cheshire East's Governance Review plans in respect of Spurstow Parish Council. **Nothing has been heard from Cheshire East Council on the subject, despite a request for an update,**

10. **Footpaths.** To review the progress made towards the Council's initiative to check the state of the Footpaths in the Parish. **There has been some progress and several reports have been filed, some discussion about how this can be done by any councillor or interested other party.**

11. **Finance Update and payments due: -**

Please note that the Clerk will provide the documentation for this at the meeting. **Th? 8viu payments below were authorised**

Peter Wilson	£ 520.00
PBVH	£ 30.00
St Boniface	£ 30.00
TWM re SID	£ 2997.38
Mark Jones - Website	£ 160.00

12. **Date of next meeting.** to include the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 19th May 2022 at St Boniface

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:35