

**Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting of Spreyton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillors K Whitaker, D Hawking, J Talbot, E Osborn-Hodge, K Gallop and C Wootton (Clerk). Also P Ridgers (WDBC), J Lee, M Leonard, M Hulme, W Porritt and J Porritt.

**1 Election of Officers**

1.1 Cllr Whitaker was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Talbot, seconded by Cllr Osborn-Hodge and elected unanimously.

1.2 Cllr Hawking was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Talbot, seconded by Cllr Osborn-Hodge and elected unanimously.

**2 Apologies:** None.

**3 Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

3.1 Having been previously circulated the Minutes were agreed and signed.

**4 Matters arising:** None.

**5 Interests in Agenda items/Dispensations/Authorisation of Dispensations**

5.1 No Councillor had any interests in Agenda items.

5.2 It was resolved that the Clerk be empowered to grant dispensations for the life of the Council.

**6 Co-option of 2 parishioners to fill vacant seats**

6.1 It was resolved to co-opt J Lee on to the Council.

6.2 It was resolved to co-opt M Leonard on to the Council.

**7 Approval and adoption of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and completion of Annual Governance Statement**

7.1 The Accounts were approved and adopted.

7.2 The Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**8 Review and renewal of insurance**

8.1 The level of insurance was considered adequate and it was resolved to renew.

**9 Contribution towards new mower shed on playing field**

9.1 The Village Trust have decided not to proceed in view of prohibitive cost.

**10 Seat on Village Green by the Church.**

10.1 No estimate and proposals for repair have yet been received.

**11 Den Brook Community Liaison Meeting**

11.1 A formula for distributing funds has now been established with 20% distributed equally and 80% based on population of each parish. RES are not keen. An Agreement has been drawn up. P Ridgers expressed several concerns regarding proposed administration of the fund. Parish Councils "voluntary" with transient members and are not set up for enduring administrative responsibilities. Would be better managed at Borough/District Council level similar to section 106 funds.

11.2 Mike Hulme gave an update to the meeting re Den Brook.

**12 Planning matters**

12.1 A prior notice planning application has been submitted by M Hann for an agricultural shed at Higher Cullaford.

12.2 The North Beer turbine application has not been decided and will go to Committee.

**13 New Bank Mandate**

13.1 A new Bank Mandate form NWB50047 was completed. Cllr Hawking was authorised to sign the Declaration together with the remaining authorised signatory Cllr Osborn-Hodge.

13.2 It was resolved that W Porritt be authorised to sign cheques number 421, 422 and 423 in accordance with the existing mandate.

**14 Accounts to pay**

Community First £165.18 (insurance)      T Davey £132.00 (grass cutting)

Cheques drawn:      419 25.03.15 £50.00 Stones      420 10.04.15 £85.93 DALC (subscription)  
421 20.05.15 £102.96 C Wootton (expenses)      422 20.05.15 £132.00 T Davey  
424 20.05.15 £165.18 First Direct.      The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

