

SPAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Parish council took place on May 11th. This meeting deals mainly with the financial statement and the election of officers. There were also reports from the chairman and a district councillor.

This is usually the time for an update of the composition of the council and here it is;

Robert Adcock	Evergreen, High Street, TA5 1BT	671604
John Edwards	The Old Bakery, Barford Rd, TA5 1AA	671205
Vernon Hughes	Little Splatts, Splatt Lane, TA5 1DB	671380
David Jeanes (chairman)	Currypool Farm, TA5 2NH	671213
Vince Massey	The Nook, High Street	671849
Bruce Porter	Headford, High Street	671250
Mike Stevens	Fishers Farm, Twinnell Lane, TA5 1DQ	
Simon Stretton	Tanyard, Barford Rd, TA5 1AF	671137
Peter Williams (vice-chairman)	Holmes Farm, Barford Rd,	671233
The Clerk to the Council is Sue Felstead,		425853
Our District Councillors are;		
Ken Dyer	Whitnell Farm, Fiddington, TA5 1JE	732564
John Edney		653026
David Joslin	Roscrea, Church Rd, Fiddington, TA5 1JG	732619

Due to the resignation of Diane Richards there is currently a vacancy on the council.

Some of the more important issues that have arisen in recent months are;

Village Hall improvements. The Parish Council has been pleased to be able to help out by donating a sum of money that derived from the sale of a small portion of allotment land last year.

Affordable Housing. The survey of need earlier in the year showed that there is a demand for affordable housing and at last wheels are in motion. The officer responsible for developing affordable housing spoke to the council in April and described the process that hopefully will lead to 6 or 7 affordable homes being provided in Spaxton. A sub-committee of parish councillors has been set up and together with the officer, the District Council and a housing association it will identify possible sites.

Planning. Every year some fairly tricky and sometimes contentious planning issues get thrown at us. More than ever the Council has to be familiar with the intricacies of planning policy. Although this can sometimes be a bit of a challenge we are trying to get to grips with the new demands placed on us.



Some issues seem to be on the agenda almost permanently. Dog-fouling, overgrown hedges, and vehicles on Quantock tracks seem, unfortunately, to be with us always.

The next meetings of the Parish Council are; June 1st at Aisholt and Merridge Village Hall and July 6th at Spaxton. Both meetings start at 8pm. All Parish Council meetings start with a session of up to 30 minutes for matters raised by parishioners – but it would be helpful to contact the Clerk first.