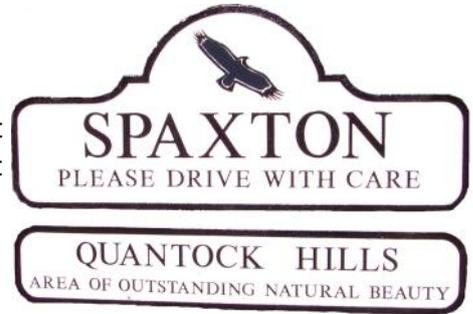


Spaxton Parish Council April 25th

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Public Session

A proposal was made to site a defibrillator in the shop/hall area. A request for funding and support will be presented to the next PC meeting.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England has launched a formal complaint against Sedgemoor DC over that council's failure to respond to comments and lack of action on two developments by Cannington Enterprises Ltd at Merlyn's Farm and Swang Farm.

Bad smells caused by digestate spreading in recent weeks had been a nuisance recently. A councillor suggested that those affected should keep a record so that clear and factual information can be sent to the local authority.

Formal Session

Allotments: The Parish Council has donated a new cup for the best-kept allotment. It will be presented at the Summer Show on August 6th.

Footpaths: the public are encouraged to report any problems to the council's footpath officer, Carol Harmon, whose phone number is 07709 094711. Some footpaths are already planted over and landowners should ensure the statutory width of path.

Planning: Ecotricity has made the first steps towards an anaerobic digester at Currypool Farm. Sedgemoor DC has decided that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required but it was noted that all relevant matters would be considered as a part of any planning process. Ecotricity has promised a public meeting as a part of pre-application consultation. We await further developments.

The Parish Council considered applications at Currypool, Lawyers Hill and Charlynch without significant comment.

Correspondence: a complaint has been made about the intimidating nature of the vehicles used to haul digestate along narrow lanes. Some councillors added that these vehicles can break down roadside banks and damage verges. All these vehicles now carry cameras so incidents should be recorded.

A FARMER'S WORST NIGHTMARE

I got the lambs in Monday
To draw the ones for mart.
I tagged them and I marked them,
I'd need an early start.

Then I cleaned the trailer,
Though it was clean before,
Sprayed the wheels most carefully,
Put sawdust on the floor.

Next I did the Defra form
(You've got to get it right)
Flock and holding numbers,
It took me half the night.

Tuesday I got up early
To give me time to load.
Filled in the destination
And started on the road.

At last I got to Sedgemoor
For once no traffic jams,
But when I got the ramp down
I'd forgot to bring the lambs.

