

# THE STOURS PARISH COUNCIL

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## **To Members of the Council**

You are hereby summonsed to attend the next meeting of the Stours Parish Council on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm at Stour Row Village Hall.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend.



Mrs M Cox

Clerk to the Council. 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Reports, Pre-business matters items and Public participation**

- To receive items of interest from DCC and NDDC Ward Members followed by public discussion time (to a max of 30 Mins).
- To receive any items of interest from: - Footpath Liaison Officers, Tree Wardens, Flood Warden and Transport Representative.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests  
Members are reminded that if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) on their register relating to any item on this agenda, they may not take part in the debate and may not vote. If they have a DPI on any item that is not on their register they must declare that interest, take no part in the debate or vote and register such interest within 28 days.
3. To consider Grant of Dispensations.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
5. Matters Arising
  - Roundtable discussion with Simon Hoare MP held 9<sup>th</sup> December (minutes previously circulated).
  - Stour Row Well
  - The request received for a bench or seat at Stour Provost bus stop (B3092)
6. Casual Vacancy for Todber ward  
This can now be filled by co-option
7. Highway Matters
  - Todber (B3092). Response received from Mike Harries, Director for Environment and the Economy, DCC to our letter addressed to Debbie Ward Chief Executive regarding our concern about the protracted delay in implementing all the safety improvement measures on the B3092 at Todber.
  - SIDs, East Stour and Todber.
  - Fifehead Magdalen Crossroads
  - Back Lane, East Stour
  - Ideas/measures required to prevent the slip road to Provost Farm being used as a lay-by. Cllr Jane Westbrook has contacted Luke Trowbridge directly with suggestions.

8. Planning Matters
  - Portal Planning – changes to paperless consultation (e-mail circulated)
  - See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.
9. Correspondence
10. Dorset County Council Matters
11. North Dorset District Council Matters
12. Dorset CCG's proposal to downgrade Westminster Hospital, Shaftesbury.
13. Travellers and Gypsies

To discuss the Five Bridges Site on the A30 lay-by (see attached notes from NDDCllr Jane Westbrook).
14. Gillingham Southern Extension
15. New War Memorial East Stour
16. East Stour playing field proposed path
17. Litter signs at East Stour Playing Field
18. Community Speedwatch

East Stour  
Todber  
West Stour
19. All Saints, Stour Row
20. Superfast Broadband
  - Help for those with broadband speeds of less than 2mbps (e-mail circulated 7/12/16).
21. Invitation from the Chairman of Marnhull Parish Council

Trevor Vaughan, Chairman of Marnhull Parish Council has an idea that may help us all in dealing with the problems in our various Parishes such as planning, speed, dog mess, bin clearing, pot holes etc. just to name a few. He is wondering if we as a whole banded together under Marnhull and The Stours Group with each Parish passing an action motion, passing it through the Chairman's Group and we then take it to NDDC for action with a bigger voice would they be more inclined to hear us (his e-mail previously circulated).  
What does the Stours Parish Council think about this suggestion?
22. The Pensions Regulator

Acknowledgement of declaration made by the Stours Parish Council (dd 27/12/2016) of compliance received by The Pensions Regulator.
23. Finance – Accounts

Balances of Accounts from statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – NSB £4,964.92. Scottish Widows Bank – £13722.69. Lloyds plc – awaiting statement  
Included in these balances is £4795.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94, 2015/022 & 67 & 2016/165).  
See attached Income and Expenses for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and budget (2 monthly and financial year to date)

- To discuss and set the Budget and Precept for 2017/18  
At their respective parish meetings the following precepts were agreed –East Stour parish - £6,000, Stour Provost parish - £5,270, Todber – £3,011 and West Stour parish - £1,000.
- Local Delivery Service  
Gillingham Town Council has requested £426 for 2017/18.

24. Finance – Payments:- To agree and direct payment of any that might be received.

25. Items for information of Council

a) Chairman's

b) Clerks

Local Councils Update issue. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.  
DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated

c) Playing Fields and Equipment

East Stour  
Stour Provost and the pavilion  
Stour Row

d) Crime

e) DAPTC - the next Northern Area is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at The Hub, Stalbridge.

f) CPRE

Countryside Voice & Fieldwork publications. Dorset Review.

26. Items for the next meeting

27. Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings - future meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at West Stour, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Stour Provost, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at East Stour, 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 2017 at Stour Row, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at West Stour.

***“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, age and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.”***