

# 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> November 2015 at 7.30pm at West Stour Village Hall.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend.



Mrs M Cox

Clerk to the Council 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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

Mr Roger Bell, Community Highways Officer, Dorset Highways, Dorset County Council and will attend the meeting.

Officers for Superfast Dorset and BT Open Reach has been invited to attend the meeting to discuss Broadband Provision in Stour Provost and Todber (to be confirmed).

- 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 & Tree Liaison Officers; 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> September 2015.

5. Matters Arising

The cheque to Came & Co (Insurance renewal) remained at the sum quoted £1438.58.

6. Highway Matters

- Todber (B3092)
- Head Lane, East Stour
- East Stour Crossroads
- To ask Highways to look in to moving the 40 mph sign after the crossroads at East Stour before the turning to Scotchey Lane to the far side of the Scotchey Lane.
- Speed Issues Stour Row
- Angel Lane, Stour Provost

7. Planning Matters
  - See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.
8. Correspondence

E- Mail received from SD Playgrounds Services to say that they are now trading as Elite Playground Inspections. Certificate of Registration for the RPII expiring 17.9.18 from Steven Day received.
9. Dorset County Council Matters
10. North Dorset District Council Matters
  - A consultation on its revised Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 and a consultation on its Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. Both Consultations will run simultaneously and will start today (2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015) and will end at the close of play on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Comments can be made to [licensing@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@north-dorset.gov.uk) (Previously circulated).
11. Local Government Boundary Commission

Electoral Review of Dorset final recommendations. Draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for Dorset to be implemented in 2017.
12. Working Together Report a pilot project between the County Council, the DAPTC and four Dorset Town Clerks.

The report contains recommendations on changing the way Dorset County Council and Parish & Town Councils work together. Comments on the consultation to be sent by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
13. New War Memorial East Stour
14. East Stour playing field proposed path
15. Unlawful encampment of Travellers at Five Bridges lay-by
16. Superfast Broadband
17. Community Speedwatch

Stour Row now has a team of volunteers. Matt Whitfield welcomes other willing volunteers. If interested please contact the Clerk.
18. Adopt a kiosk

West Stour 01747 838301 has been purchased for £1. BT has now completed the decommissioning of this kiosk.  
Stour Provost is going through the consultation process.
19. All Saints, Stour Row

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Diocese of Salisbury, Benefice of Stour Vale, Parishes of Stour Provost and Stour Row was made by the Commissioners on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and Parts I and II came into effect on 1 November 2015.
20. Stour Provost Playing Field

To discuss measures to take in order to prevent illegal occupation.
21. Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Does the council wish to contribute up to £250 for a flag and pole for Stover Provost Community School?
22. Internal Auditor's report

Report received from Mrs West dated 30 September 2015 (circulated)

23. The Pensions Regulator

The law on workplace pensions has changed under the Pensions Act 2008. The Stours Parish Council's automatic enrolment date is 1 November 2016 (staging date), when the law comes into effect for us.

24. To adopt the Revised Standing Orders (Model issued by NALC/DAPTC, October 2013) and Financial Regulations (NALC 2014)

25. Finance – Accounts

Balances of Accounts from statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 – NSB £4,927.96. Scottish Widows Bank – £28,628.81. Lloyds plc – awaiting statement.

Included in these balances is £4110.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94 & 2015/022).

- To discuss the Budget and Precept for 2016/17

See attached Income and Expenses for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

26. Finance – Payments:- To agree and direct payment of the following together with any others received by the Clerk before this meeting:-

- Local Delivery second instalment to pay Gillingham Town Council - £426.72
- Elite Playground Inspections - £52.92 (East Stour's)
- DAPTC £60 – New Councillor s courses.
- Cllr P Bowe - £21.15 reimbursement travel expenses Councillor's Course
- Cllr J Nalty - reimbursement travel expenses Councillor's Course (tba)
- Reimburse Mrs M Cox for superfast broadband set up £41.95
- West Stour Village Hall (hire) - £11

Life Education Wessex requesting a grant towards their work for providing health and drug prevention education to approximately 82 children at Stower Provost Community School when they visited in October this year. Does the Council wish to make a grant?

27. 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 – SD Playground Services inspection report dated 14.10.15

Stour Provost and the pavilion

Stour Row

d) Crime

e) DAPTC

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 venue to be confirmed

f) CPRE

Countryside Voice & Fieldwork publications. Dorset Review.

28. Items for the next meeting

29. Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings - future meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Stour Provost, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at East Stour, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Stour Row,  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at West Stour, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Stour Provost, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at East  
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.”***