

# 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> September 2013 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013

## **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 & 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
5. Matters Arising
6. Planning Matters
  - Appeal by Mr W Lee, application no 2/2012/1508/PLNG Land at Stour Hill Farm, West Stour construct vehicular access.
  - See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.
7. Correspondence
  - Blandford Town Council hosting a Neighbourhood Planning & Community Rights event Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 5.30pm -8.00pm at The Corn Exchange, Blandford Forum (previously circulated).
  - The DAPTC would like comments on DAPTC communications (e-mail previously circulated).
  - A query from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Underhill - What makes a good PACT?

- Chesterton Humberts is exploring Neighbourhood Plans and would be happy to attend one of our meetings.
  - Copy correspondence addressed to Local Government Ombudsman received from Mr G Blake.
  - DIAL Access Dorset – 01202 430113 Information and Advice Line for disabled people, older people and carers.
8. Dorset County Council Matters  
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Development Framework Modifications to the Submissions Strategy (previously circulated).
  9. North Dorset District Council Matters
  10. Changes to Dorset Local bus network  
Comments on Dorset County Council's proposals to the route changes (previously circulated). Consultation closes 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
  11. Clerk's Pension  
Members, having researched the issue, are satisfied that the council will not have to automatically enrol the clerk in a contributory pension scheme since she earns below the 'Lower Earnings Limit' (£9,440). The proposal for council is, therefore, that we continue with the retirement gratuity scheme that is already in place."
  12. 2013/14 National Salary Award  
To agree that the Clerk's hourly rate be increased to £10.603 wef 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 per NJC for Local Government Services.
  13. Highway Matters  
Vehicle drivers speeding through Stour Row Village.
  14. Parish council website
  15. East Stour Village Action Plan  
The council to agree a payment totalling £274.78 in respect of finishing the hedge works at the Village Hall car park.
  16. Purchase of swings at Stour Row Village Hall
  17. Purchase of picnic bench at East Stour playing field
  18. Todber Traffic Regulation Order  
Requested 30mph speed limit extension, Church Lane, Shave Lane does the Council support the proposal?
  19. Gypsy and Travellers at Five Bridges  
Update received from Dave Ayre, Head of Countryside and Business Development, DCC (previously circulated).
  20. Superfast Broadband in Dorset
  21. To Purchase the following publications
    - SLCC Clerk's Manual - £32.50
    - Charles Arnold Baker, Local Council Administration - £60 + p&p
    - Good Councillors Guide - £2 per copy
  22. To purchase a new printer
  23. Rural Fair Share Campaign  
MPs from rural areas aiming to ensure public services at all levels in rural areas receive a fair share of Government funding, including Local Government funding

24. Finance – Accounts

See attached Accounts for the period 1 July 2013 – 31 August 2013.

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

- BDO LLP (Auditors) - £240.
- Came & Company renewal of insurance - £1425.96
- Wessex Water - £15.95 (Stour Provost pavilion)
- North Dorset District Council - £27.50 (GIS training course)
- Philip Buttress - £360 grass maintenance
- Gillingham Town Council - £426.72 (Local delivery)
- Shaftesbury Town Council - £336 (Local delivery)

26. Audit Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

BDO LLP has completed the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. There were no matters which came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.

The annual return and notice of conclusion of audit to be displayed in a conspicuous place for 14 days.

**The return to be approved and accepted by the Council.**

27. Items for information of Council

a) Chairman's

b) Clerks

Local Councils Update issue. Community.com. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.

- DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated

c) Playing Fields

East Stour

Stour Provost and the pavilion

d) Crime

e) DAPTC

Annual General Meeting Saturday 2 November 2013 – Information & Timetable (previously circulated).

The next Northern Area meeting will be in October at Stalbridge.

f) CPRE

28. Items for the next meeting

29. Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings - future meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm  
14 November 2013 at West Stour, 9 January 2014 at Stour Provost, 13 March 2014 at East Stour,  
8 May 2014 at Stour Row, 10 July 2014 at West Stour, 11 September 2014 at Stour Provost,  
13 November 2014 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.”***

Accounts for the period 1 July 2013 – 31 August 2013

Payments

DD	TalkTalk broadband	21.21
1530	CPRE renewal membership	29.00
1531	S Corfield pavilion cleaning	35.00
1532	Communicorp renewal LCU	75.00
1533	SD Playgrounds - inspection	52.92
1534	D Little travel expenses	18.00
1535	Phoenix Services Todber M Green	80.00
1536	Southern electric pavilion	6.16
1537	P Buttress grass cutting ES & SP p fields	240.00
1538	Mrs M Cox sal& exp June	399.23
1539	DAPTC training courses	75.00
1540	Mrs M Cox sal & exp July	398.36
DD	Talktalk	20.66
Total		1450.54

Receipts

Scot Widows Interest	20.86
Mrs D May use of playing field	15.00
Fast Feet	70.00
Total	105.86

Balances of Accounts as at 31 August 2013 – NSB £4854.86. Scottish Widows Bank – £11976.13.  
Lloyds TSB plc – £3670.22.

Included in these balances is £2055.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's pension (min ref 2010/94).

Copy of accounts reconciliation and comparison of expenditure to budget to 31.8.13.