

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 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm at Stour Provost Village Hall.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend.



Mrs M Cox

Clerk to the Council. 7th September 2018

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 12th July 2018.
5. Matters Arising
Reply from Roger Bell, DCC re the responsibility of cutting hedges and verges where there are highway signs. 1) The cutting of hedges is the responsibility of the landowners. 2) The cutting of the verges is a Dorset Countryside responsibility. 3) Keeping the warning signs visible is Dorset Highways responsibility
6. Resignation of Mr P Brown
7. Two Casual Vacancies for East Stour ward and a Casual Vacancy for Todber ward
8. Appointment to East Stour Village Hall Committee
9. Highway Matters
 - East Stour Crossroads
 - SIDs, East Stour, Todber and West Stour.
 - Community Speedwatch, East Stour, Todber and West Stour

10. Planning Matters

- Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal by Mrs J Wood APP/N1215/W/17/3190760. Application no. 2/2017/0352/FUL, Butterwell Farm, East Stour Erect single storey building for the use of therapy rooms and educational workshops. Create new vehicular access and form additional 15 No. parking spaces (demolish 2 No. existing buildings). **Has been dismissed.**
- See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.

11. Correspondence

- Defibrillator at East Stour.
- Cranborne Chase (AONB) requesting that the Parish Council supports their bid for becoming a Dark Sky Reserve. (E-mail circulated). Does the Council support them?

12. Dorset County Council Matters

Regular updates and monthly reports received from Cllr Graham Carr-Jones.
Shaping Dorset Council Town & Parish Council briefing 4.9.18 (circulated).

13. North Dorset District Council Matters

14. Travellers and Gypsies

15. Gillingham Southern Extension

16. United Front to speed restrictions in our village

17. Finance

Accounts

Balances of Accounts from statements as at 31st August 2018 – NSB £5,018.29. Scottish Widows Bank – £25,737.08. Lloyds plc - £4,450.05.

Included in these balances is £5480.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94, 2015/022 & 67, 2016/165 & 2017/114).

See attached Income and Expenses for the period 1st July 2018 – 31st August 2018 and 2018/19 budget (2 monthly and to date).

Payments: - To agree and direct payment of the following together with any others that might be received.

- Mrs M Cox - reimburse broadband - £15.50
- To pay Gillingham Town Council second instalment (Local Delivery) – £213.00
- Came & Company (renewal of annual insurance) - £1,615.56.
- Karen James (grass/hedge maintenance Stour Row church and hall) - £300.
- PKF Littlejohn LLP audit fee - £240.

- To agree that the Clerk's monthly working from home electricity payment be increased from £16 to £18 per month.
- To agree that the next annual payment of £685 of the Clerk's gratuity be added to the existing balance (held with Scottish Widows).
- To agree to the purchase of a VarioSID (approx. £2100) and to sell our existing basic model to another parish/parish council.
- To agree, in principle, to contribute up to a maximum of £1,500 towards the cost of stopping up the highway at the rear of five bridges lay-by.
- To consider receiving a gift of £1,500 from the West Stour Village Hall committee for the purpose of purchasing a 'Lifeline VIEW AED' (defibrillator) together with an associated 'Webnos' Governance System from the Community Heartbeat Trust, for siting in the telephone box in West Stour. The defibrillator will be owned by the parish council and there is an annual support cost of £126 which it is intended to be included in the annual West Stour precept.

- To agree to purchase a hard wood footpath sign at Duncliffe Wood costing approximately £250.

Audit year End 31st March 2018

PKF Littlejohn's LLP External Auditor's report. The annual return and auditor's certificate to be approved and accepted by the Council.

Review of Bank mandate Signatories

Lloyds Bank PLC and Scottish Widows Bank PLC

18. DAPTC Annual General Meeting 10th November 2018

The Council resolves to mandate its representative to vote in accordance with the councils agreed view on any motions put before the DAPTC AGM and to use their discretion in the event of any original motion being amended.

19. 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 playing field has been successful in this year's Field of the Year Competition and is due to receive an award. Cllr Mrs B Edwards will attend the presentation at Woolavington Village Hall.

Stour Provost and the pavilion
Stour Row

d) Crime

e) DAPTC

- The next Northern Area meeting is Wednesday 17th October 2018 at the Hub, Stalbridge.

f) CPRE

Countryside Voice & Fieldwork publications. Dorset Review.

20. Items for the next meeting

21. Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings - future meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm
8th November 2018 at East Stour, 10th January 2019 at Stour Row, 14th March 2019 at West Stour,
9th May 2019 at Stour Provost, 11th July 2019 at East Stour, 12th September 2019 at Stour Row,
14th November 2019 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.”