

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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

Janet Swiss will attend the meeting to talk about the White Hart Link.

- 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
5. Matters Arising
  - Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth
6. Highway Matters
  - Todber (B3092)
  - Head Lane, East Stour
  - East Stour Crossroads
  - Hunger Hill East Stour
  - Fifehead Magdalen Crossroads
7. Planning Matters
  - See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.

8. Correspondence  
Read easy Gillingham & Shaftesbury newsletter
9. Dorset County Council Matters
10. North Dorset District Council Matters
11. Gillingham Southern Extension
12. Transparency Code to adopt Best Practice
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
18. Adopt a kiosk  
Stour Provost 01747 838380 the consultation has expired without comment and BT is ready to proceed with the sale and purchase for £1.
19. All Saints, Stour Row
20. The Pensions Regulator  
Information on pensions and the new Auto-enrolment pension circulated for the council to consider. (Our enrolment date is 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016).
21. Playground Inspections  
East Stour has changed from Elite Playground Inspections to The Play Inspection Company (Came & Company scheme) and will now be carried out annually from October 2016.  
Stour Row and Stour Provost a decision to be made.
22. Somerset Playing Fields' Association  
Following the recent decision of the Dorset Playing Fields' Association to wind up their affairs, the Somerset Playing Fields' Association has invited us to join their association. It costs £15 per annum. Does the council wish to become members?
23. Grounds maintenance for East Stour and Stour Provost playing fields  
It was agreed at the parish meetings to continue to use Philip Buttress to maintain the playing fields.  
East Stour price per cut £70 and Stour Provost £50.
24. Finance – Accounts  
Balances of Accounts from statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – NSB £4,927.96. Scottish Widows Bank – £24,628.81. Lloyds plc – £5439.03.  
Included in these balances is £4110.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94, 2015/022 & 67).
  - To discuss and set the Budget and Precept for 2016/17  
At their respective parish meetings the following precepts were agreed –East Stour parish - £6000, Stour Provost parish - £4500, Todber – £860 and West Stour parish - £750.
  - Local Delivery Service  
Gillingham Town Council has requested £853.44 for 2016/17.

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

25. Finance – Payments:- To agree and direct payment of the following together with any others  
BT - £1 (adopt a kiosk)  
Society Local Council Clerks - £103 (renewal membership subscription)

To authorise the following proposed expenditure for 2016/17.

£300 - Tel kiosk refurbishment including wooden bookshelves

£300 - Community Speedwatch

£684 - Wild Flower Meadow - seat £514 & bin £170

£800 - Defibrillator top up

£5731 - Playground equipment

£2625 – Village Hall - three air extractors £550 + curtains in main hall £1600 & lights £475

£500 - WI village newsletter

TOTAL £10,940 for East Stour

West Stour - £250 telephone kiosk refurbishment.

Todber - £250 Village gateway signage.

Stour Provost and Todber - £500 DCC works for storage of chippings at B3092 lay-by

26. 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 meeting takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Durweston Village Hall. Cllr Parker will attend.

f) CPRE

Countryside Voice & Fieldwork publications. Dorset Review.

27. Items for the next meeting

28. Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings - future meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm  
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.”***