

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th November 2012 in East Stour Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs D Chard, R Cowan, P Gould, G Herring, T Jones, Mrs V Jones, Miss H O'Sullivan, Mrs E Newton, J Parker, L Payne, M Rymill, Mrs M Rymill, Mrs P Sealy and Mrs C Wilkins.

Also, DCCllr A Cattaway, NDDCllr Peter Webb, Clerk Mrs M Cox and 16 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Ann Morphew, Chairman and Mr David Little, Committee Member, East Stour Parish Plan and those present.

Reports, Pre-business matters items and Public participation

Mrs Morphew and Mr Little gave a presentation to the meeting of the East Stour Village (Parish) Plan. The East Stour Village Plan Committee has worked extremely hard and were congratulated on their magnificent work.

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Cattaway announced that the Silton Farm Wind Turbine appeal has been dismissed. Superfast Broadband is waiting for the authorisation from the E.U. because state aid funding is being used. The result should be known shortly. 95% of the County will be able to access the improved service by 2015. To attract an enthusiastic supplier to make the project successful members present were encouraged to register their interests by filling in the survey www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT.

Cllr Webb reported that there will be a new standard recycling and waste collection service in Dorset. There will be 1 or 2 changes and it will be similar to the Gillingham round. There will be road shows held in the Towns. The new scheme should improve the amount of recycling. The Butts Lane Chicken Farm appeal will be decided by written exchange of letters. The Council will not be told the reason why Mr Wallis is appealing against the District Council's decision.

Public Discussion – Mr Pike requested that the Duncliffe View, which slopes down towards the B3092 be supplied with a 200 litre grit bin. The Council will make a decision during the business agenda. Mr & Mrs Ewen were present to let members know about their plans for a modest design cottage on land adjacent to Hawthorne Cottage. They have sought pre-planning advice from the District Council and have liaised with the neighbours. Planning permission was granted for a 3 bedroom house which is still current. The new plan is for a smaller property and will be better sited. Development Control will make a decision on 15th December. The Council's objection is the proposed driveway will exit on a particular nasty corner.

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officer's report

Mr Hibbert's report previously circulated with the agenda. There has been vandalism along FP 20, there have been some trees pulled over and the gate has been damaged with a crowbar. The Chairman said she has been in contact with the farmer and reported the criminal damage to the Police. Cllr Mrs Sealy said that the footbridge at Five Bridges is dangerous. Mr Hibbert will follow this up.

Flood Wardens' report – Cllr Payne said there has been a lot of intense rainfall. The A30 has been flooded because the road is lower than the surrounding land. Gullies have been jetted. When the hedge cuttings have been washed out from Brown's Lane the Rymill's property still suffer with flooding.

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton reported that the North Dorset Study Transport Survey (organised by Hugh de longh and Diana West) results are out except the Gillingham and Shaftesbury results are not yet available. The survey has shown what people want. Bus services have been cut but it is still possible to

get everywhere as before, but it might take longer and be by a slightly different route. There are car schemes around offering different services and setting up a single phone number for all the different schemes was being looked into. This would make it easier for people to find the right scheme for the journey they wanted to make.

Bus passes will be renewed automatically next year. The bus from Shaftesbury to Salisbury will be run by Wiltshire Buses. Cllr Mrs Newton and the clerk have the details of these services 26, 27 & 20 The Wincanton to Poole bus runs at a different time and by another bus company.

Business Agenda

2012/121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Mrs B Edwards, Mrs V Lowe, Mrs S Panton and Mrs E Scott.

2012/122 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.

Cllr Parker said that when the New Code of Conduct was made law there was a serious omission meaning that in order to discuss the setting of the precept; members will need to apply for Dispensation as they will have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (i.e. beneficial interest in land or property within the area).

The Dispensation forms to be completed before the next meeting.

2012/123 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2012.

The minutes were **agreed** to be a correct record of the meeting and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Jones, seconded by Cllr Miss H O'Sullivan and agreed by all.

2012/124 MATTERS ARISING –

- Willow Cottage. The Chairman said that she had written to the Enforcement Officer at NDDC and the owners are not breaching any planning controls. There is nothing more the parish council can do. Mr Blake has been notified.
- Head Lane. The Police can only take action if registration numbers are taken and reported.
- The bill to Wessex Water for £98.97 has been paid as there is a leak at the pavilion. As it been officially reported we will be able to apply for a rebate. The source of the leak still needs to be found. 2 brand new showers have been fitted in the pavilion.

2012/125 PLANNING MATTERS

- John Cousens, Planning Enforcement Officer is responsible for enforcement investigations in our area (Area North).
- An appeal has been lodged by Mr M Wallis with the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the District Council's refusal of planning application 2/2011/1001/PLNG Land at Butts Lane, Stour Provost, Station 1 No. mobile home for use by agricultural worker, erect 1 No. poultry house and form access track.
- See attached appendix 1 for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2012/126 CORRESPONDENCE

- Came Company, Parish Council Insurance matters previously circulated.
- Copy of a letter addressed to Chief executive Dorset Council from Mr Jerry Blake regarding "the latest infringement of the Stour Row Village" Cllr Cattaway said that he would follow this up.
- Letter received from Maria and Jonathan Webb on behalf of the local residents of Woodville. Their main concern is the deterioration of Stour Lane from Stour Provost Crossroads, past the Chicken Farm and

running past Shade House Lane. Two passing bays have become so hazardous to use, motorists are refusing to pull over in fear that their vehicles may become damaged, or become suspended in the mud tracks. Over the years contractors have used these bays for parking which has now resulted in bank and road subsidence. Other issues raised were overgrown hedgerows. Field entrances over spilt with mud, the ditches on the bends have not been cleaned out leading to flooding. Mrs Webb also addressed the meeting about these concerns. Mrs Sanderson, the Headmistress of Stower Provost Community School has also voiced her concerns. It was agreed that the council write to Highways requesting that the passing places be tarmac and suitably signed. It was suggested that the School also contact Highways. Cllr Cattaway said he would take this matter forward and talk to the right person in Highways.

2012/127 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- A30 King's Arm's to the Udder Farm shop. A cyclist was nearly hit by a van. This was reported to the community police officer. Some vehicle drivers tend to speed along the road since the hedges have been reduced in height (a condition of previous planning consent) by the Udder Farm shop. There is a recommended speed limit of 30mph by the bend. This to be discussed further and put on the next agenda.
- Since the heavy rainfall Cllr Cowan said that he has received complaints about the amount of mud on the road caused by some contractors/farmers. There have also been lots of big clods of mud. The roads are slippery and some vehicles have spun out of control and there have been nasty accidents. He sympathises with the farmers and appreciates the difficulties they have had with this unusual amount of rain. It was asked whether there is a way the vehicles could be cleaned before going on the roads to prevent the treacherous conditions. Cllr Gould said that it has been an extremely wet year. Farmers have only 70% of their maize. Most Farmers do clean up when they have finished harvesting but it would be impractical to clean up after each trip. During this short period of time drivers need to be aware of road conditions and drive accordingly.

2012/128 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- The New Plan for North Dorset: Public Consultation runs from 29th October to Friday 21 December
- Police and Crime Commissioner Elections 15th November 2012. On Friday 9th November there is the opportunity to meet the candidates in Shaftesbury Town Hall 6.30pm – 9pm.

2012/129 EAST STOUR PARISH PLAN

The East Stour Village Plan Committee requests that the Stours Parish Council accepts the East Stour Village Parish Plan and endeavours to support as appropriate any actions arising from that plan. It was **resolved** to accept and support the above request. Proposed by Cllr T Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton.

2012/130 CLERK'S WORKING FROM HOME EXPENSES

The Council to consider an increase from £7 per month to a maximum of £4 per week. HMRCE has recognised that energy costs have increased hence the increase in allowance. It was resolved that the Clerk be paid £4 per week. Proposed by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Rymill.

2012/131 CLERK'S PENSION

Deferred until next meeting when more information should be available.

2012/132 TODBER "CHURCH CLOSE BUSINESS PARK" SIGN

After e-mails and meetings the sign will be replaced with "Church Close".

2012/133 STOUR PROVOST BUS SHELTER

DCC Highways has said that a hard standing with disabled access has to be put down as it is required by law before a shelter can be erected. The cost to construct a hard standing at the proposed site using "Kassel" kerbs as the raised kerbs would be £2,287.30 (excluding VAT). A shelter can be purchased for approximately £2000. This will still need further exploration in view of the cost and difficulty in raising the funds.

2012/134 EAST STOUR AND STOUR PROVOST PLAYING FIELDS

- S D Playground Services Inspection Contract a small increase of 5% to be applied 2013-2014, 2014- 2015 and 2015-2016. Does the council accept the new fees with effect from April 2013? It was decided to get quotes from other companies such as RoSPA.

Stour Provost playing field and pavilion

- It was agreed that Sheila Corfield will clean the pavilion after the footballers and cricketers have used the facilities. Approximately 2 hours a month at £10 per hour.
- Water supply problems/leak. This is still under investigation the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Wilkins have had many meetings with Wessex Water.
- Mr Balchin wishes to have the trees crowned between the field and his property. The Council to consider a contribution to the cost. The Chairman said that the trees belong to the council and the trees appear to be safe and there is nothing wrong with them. Mr Balchin would like them crowned and reshaped to allow more light into his garden, The Council is happy for Mr Balchin to get and pay for the trees to be cut if he wishes to and she will contact him.
- At Stour Provost parish meeting it was agreed to use Philip M Buttress for mowing and strimming the grass at £50 per cut.

East Stour Playground

- Inspection report received from S D Playground Services for East Stour.
- Quote for repairs to playground equipment totalling £655 plus vat. Does the council accept the quote? The quote was not accepted and the faults can be rectified. The broken shackle on the nest swing will probably have to be paid for by the council. The company that provided the swing has gone into liquidation, the company did a 2 way split. It was agreed that the piece be ordered. Mrs Robertson will contact the outdoor play section.
- Quote received from P M Buttress for mowing and strimming the grass - £90 per cut, which is higher than DCC's charges. The clerk to ask how much extra DCC will charge for 3 extra cuts per year.

2012/135 WESSEX CROSS BOUNDARY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Mrs Wilkins attended the last meeting. The main issue is the lack of facilities with the new houses being built on the A30. Wiltshire County Council has more powers to move Gypsy and Travellers on from illegal sites as Wiltshire does have more registered sites than Dorset. The need to improve the A350 and A303. There will be further meetings of the 4 Working Group.

2012/136 GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS AT FIVE BRIDGES LAY-BY

Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council have kindly invited us to attend their meeting on 12th November 2012 7.30pm as they have the Gypsy Traveller Liaison Officer in attendance, where more information will be provided.

2012/137 FOOTPATH EAST STOUR TO WEST STOUR

Mr Hibbert said that the proposal to link East and West Stour was investigated but it has come to a full stop as Mr Tom Salisbury (owner of the land east of the river) will not allow a footpath on his land. He will still continue to look at improving a footpath route between West Stour Village and garage.

2012/138 SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

Defer.

2012/139 GRIT BINS

It was agreed to purchase a 200 litre grit bin for Dunccliffe View, East Stour. Proposed Cllr Miss O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr T Jones.

2012/140 GILLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman said she attended a very good meeting and there were about 60 people in attendance. Gillingham is desperate to get the Town developed, especially the High Street. There are approximately 2890 more houses to be built.

2012/141 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS for the period 1 September 2012 – 31 October 2012.

Payments

1437	DAPTC training expenses	50.00
1438	Cheque cancelled	
1439	Talktalk broadband	17.95
1440	Stour Provost Village Hall hire	15.00
1441	BWBSL water bill pavilion	98.97
SO	Safe Custody fee	7.50
1442	J Eyres (Millennium Green)	18.74
1443	Talktalk broadband	21.23
1444	Mrs M Cox sal & exp August	379.41
1445	HMRCE 3 months tax	273.00
1446	Eastern Storage – purchase 3 grit bins (LGA s137)	463.02
1447	Gillingham Community (Leisure Local Delivery)	4537.00
1448	Gillingham Town Council (Leisure Local Delivery)	426.72
1449	Shaftesbury Town Council (Leisure Local Delivery)	241.92
1450	BDO LLP Audit Fee	342.00
1451	SD Playground Services inspection fee	50.40
1452	Mrs M Cox sal & exp September	422.31
1453	Hayward Building supply & fitting of shower, pavilion	370.00
DD	Talktalk broadband	18.54
Total		7753.71

Receipts

Scottish Widows Interest	52.08
Total	52.08

Balances of Accounts as at 31st October 2012 – NSB £4819.23. Scottish Widows Bank – £19876.47. Lloyds TSB plc – £4840.60. (Included in these balances is the £2055 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's pension (min ref 2010/94).

The accounts were **accepted**.

The Councillors were each given a copy of accounts reconciliation and comparison of expenditure to budget as at 31st October 2012.

2012/142 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

£370 (new shower for pavilion) and £100 (concreting of grit bin) to Hayward Building. It was **agreed** to pay the above items. Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Mrs Newton.

2012/143 AUDIT YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012

BDO LLP has completed the audit for the year ended 31st March 2012. 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. Mr Robinson was thanked for his work completing the Internal Audit.

The annual return was approved and accepted by the Council.

2012/144 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

a) Chairman's –

The Chairman said that she attended The Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan at Riversmeet.

b) Clerk's

- Local Councils Update 156 & 157. Community.com issue 127 & 128. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.
- DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated.

c) Playing Fields –

East Stour and Stour Provost and the pavilion – previously covered.

d) Crime

Cllr Gould said that there have been a lot of items stolen from Farms. There have been some arrests. Some Farmers have farm alarms which are in direct contact with the police.

e) DAPTC

The Northern Area Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 6th November 2012 at Sturminster Newton. Danny Edwards, Local Government Boundary Commission for England gave a presentation explaining the process of the North Dorset District Council Electoral review.

f) CPRE

Dorset Review

2012/145 PARISH MEETINGS

- Stour Provost 15th November 2012.
- East Stour 22nd November 2012.
- Todber 29th November 2012
- West Stour 4th December 2012

2012/146 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- To set the precept for 2013/14
- Speed of traffic along the A30 King's Arms to the Udder Farm Shop
- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

2012/147 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

10 January 2013 at West Stour Row, 14 March 2013 at Stour Row, 9 May 2013 at Stour Provost, 11 July 2013 at East Stour, 12 September 2013 at Stour Row, 14 November 2013 at West Stour.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING IS AT WEST STOUR

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15PM and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman

Date