

STOURS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Stours Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th May 2014 in Stour Row Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs R Cowan (Chairman), Mrs D Chard, Mrs B Edwards, P Gould, G Herring, Mrs V Jones, D Little, Mrs L Newton, Miss H O'Sullivan, J Parker, M Ratcliffe, M Rymill, Mrs M Rymill, Mrs P Sealy and Mrs C Wilkins.

Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox and NDDCllr Mrs Handford.

The Chairman welcomed everybody present.

Reports, Pre-business matters items and Public participation

DCC MEMBER REPORT – No report received.

NDDC MEMBER REPORT – Cllr Traci Handford's report attached.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – none.

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officers' report

No report received.

Mr Martin Hibbert has been seen working in Stour Row.

Transport: Cllr Mrs Newton said that there still has not been a meeting. She will make a report when she attends a meeting.

Flood Warden – There were reports when there is a deluge of flooding across the B3092 from the end of Butts Lane, Stour Provost. By the Chicken Farm, Stour Lane. Also the bottom gully in Brown's Lane, East Stour is still blocked. Clerk to let DCC know.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2014/47 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Cowan was proposed by Cllr J Parker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all. Elected unopposed.

2014/48 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Mrs J Watkins was proposed by Cllr J Parker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all. Elected unopposed.

2014/49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs T Jones, Mrs E Scott, Lady Stagg and Mrs J Watkins.

2014/50 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.

2014/51 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2014/52 APPOINTMENT TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEES.

Stour Provost, Stour Row, East Stour - deferred to next meeting

2014/53 TO CONFIRM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of Parish Meetings. Proposed by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan. Seconded by Cllr D Little and agreed by all.

2014/54 TO CONFIRM PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEES FOR EAST STOUR AND STOUR PROVOST.

East Stour – Cllr T Jones, Mr O Salisbury and Mrs L Robertson. Stour Provost – All the Stour Provost Councillors. Proposed by Cllr Miss O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

2014/55 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE PARISH FOR DAPTC, CPRE, NDDC, DCC TRANSPORT, FLOODWARDEN, CRIME AND HOMEWATCH

DAPTC –Cllr J Parker.

CPRE – to ask if Cllr Lady Stagg will continue.

NDDC & DCC – Cllr R Cowan.

Transport – Cllr Mrs E Newton.

Crime and Homewatch –.Cllr J Parker.

Flood Warden – Cllr Mrs C Wilkins.

All the above were proposed ‘*en-bloc*’ by Cllr Miss O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2014/56 TO CONFIRM FOOTPATH AND TREE LIAISON OFFICERS.

Todber FPLO Mr M Hibbert has agreed to continue the post. Mr D Ames has agreed to assist. TLO – Mr & Mrs P Matcham.

Stour Provost, Stour Row, East Stour and West Stour – deferred to next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Miss O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rymill and agreed by all.

2014/57 RESOLUTIONS BY STATUTE.

The list of deeds and trusts held by Lloyds Bank PLC were read out by the Clerk. Items held are the same as last year.

Trustees for the National Savings Bank Account – Cllrs Mrs D Chard and Mrs J Watkins.

Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Little and agreed by all.

2014/58 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the parish council meeting of 13th March 2014, previously circulated. The Minutes were **agreed** to be a correct record and duly signed. Proposed Cllr Miss O’Sullivan, seconded Cllr Ratcliffe.

2014/59 MATTERS ARISING

- Tree maintenance, Angel Lane. Philip Buttress will be attending the trees shortly. There are 18 oaks, 4 pine and 2 dead trees which need to be replaced with something suitable in an area that gets very wet. The owners of Squatters Cottage are going to pay for a replacement tree. Once Mr Buttress has carried out the work it will be low maintenance. Any expense will be met by Stour Provost parish. The adoption of these trees to go on the next agenda.

2014/60 PLANNING MATTERS

- Pre-application consultation regarding Land at Madjeston Farm, proposed development of solar farm. Savills welcome any comments/suggestions before the plan is submitted to NDDC. Cllr Miss O’Sullivan said that she has received many comments from East Stour parishioners, mainly that good agricultural land is being used and it will be an eyesore and the reflection of light over the hill. It is appreciated that the country has targets to meet for renewable energy. The panels at Stour Provost are less obtrusive. This matter will be discussed further at East Stour parish meeting on 22nd May. The Stours Parish Council will be able to comment once the planning application is received for consultation.
- Land adjoining Redlands, Todber – develop land by erection of 2 dwellings (demolish redundant commercial building). Mr Abbot, the applicant has withdrawn this application and it is understood a revised one will be made.
- Redlands Quarry, Todber - further information with conditions was provided and has been circulated. Todber parish did not add any further comments to their previous response.
- Units 1 & 2 Church Close Business Park, Todber - request discharge to Planning Obligation No. 5 under Section 106. The Chairman said that he is in correspondence with Cllr Traci Handford and Mr Hammond, Development Control Manager about this application.
- Applications received since last meeting.
See attached appendix 1 for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2014/61 CORRESPONDENCE

- North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Council for the generous donation of £500. They are very grateful for this help which will be used particularly to improve their outreach services. They see many people from the Stours.
- Toby's Young Peoples Project thanking the Council for the £200 generous donation.
- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance acknowledging receipt of £500. They also pass on their grateful thanks to the Council for their generous consideration and our continued support.
- The Boundary Commission Electoral Review of North Dorset: Final Recommendations. The Stours and Marnhull ward will have two Councillors. Their recommendation will have to be approved by Parliament.

2014/62 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Brown's Lane, East Stour road closure 18th June – 4th July 2014. Scotchey Lane and Stour Lane, Stour Provost 12th June – 27th June 2014 (previously circulated by e-mail). Cllr Miss O'Sullivan said that the work is being carried out during term time and this would affect the school buses. Cllr Ratcliffe said that the Head Teacher of Stower Provost School and the education department do liaise with highways.

2014/63 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Community Partnership Review comments by 30th May 2014 (previously circulated). Cllr Parker gave a brief report. NDDC are having to cut their funding to community partnerships by 40%. However the District would like them to continue. Financial support is being looked for from town councils and in time town councils will be looking to parish councils for support.

2014/64 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Speed limit request along Stour Lane. Cllr Mrs Watkins, Cllr Ratcliffe, the Chair of Stower Provost School, the Head Teacher and two members from Traffic Management scheme had a meeting on site. Traffic Management has proposed to remove the existing worn school warning triangle and legend from the west side and replace with new. Erect new warning triangle and legend to the east side. Place SLOW markings either side of the school approaches. The results of the traffic count shows an 85th percentile speed of 34mph, from which it can be derived that there were on average 21 vehicles each day that exceeded 34mph. It was agreed to ask Traffic Engineering to provide further information about the 15% of vehicles that exceeded 34mph past the school, as there are concerns that there are risks of personal injury. Also to ask when the signs will be erected. It is thought that the markings on the road will be done when it has been resurfaced.

2014/65 SWINGS AT STOUR ROW

A new quote is now needed as the builders offering their services have moved from the Village. Deferred to next agenda. This will be discussed further at Stour Provost parish meeting.

2014/66 EAST STOUR VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

Cllr Little gave a brief report. The main points that one member has had to drop out of the Steering Group, now only left with two members. The action plan is being reviewed. The playing field is in good condition and it was acknowledged that Philip Buttress does a sterling job. The new picnic table has been delivered. With the help of a Lottery grant a footpath will be made around the field. The land near Oswald's Barn will be landscaped. John Gould has had to step down. He will still assist in some matters. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent for all the hard work he has done. The refurbishment of the Village Hall. It is 40 years old. Following a building survey there are damp problems. An electrical survey will be carried out.

2014/67 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the period 1st March 2014 – 30th April 2014

Payments

DD	TalkTalk	25.51
1601	S J Stokes	90.00
1602	S J Stokes	150.00
1603	North Dorset CAB	500.00
1604	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	500.00
1605	Toby's Young People project	200.00
1606	BWBSL water SP Pavilion	16.20
1607	Mrs M Cox sal & exp Feb	396.79
1608	HMRC 3 months tax	275.60
1609	Jason Eyres Millennium Green	10.00
SO	Safe custody fee	7.50
DD	Talk Talk broadband	25.93
1610	Earth Anchors picnic table	525.60
1611	St Andrew's Church Todber	150.00
1612	Stour Row Village Hall	6.00
1613	Mrs M Cox sal & exp March	397.48
Total		3276.61

Receipts

NDDC Precept	12220.00
Southern & Scottish Electricity	31.45
Fast Feet	55.00
Stour Provost FC	45.00
East Stour Village Hall	10.00
May S Provost playing field	15.00
Total	12376.45

Balance of Accounts as at 30th April 2014 – NSB £4891.27. Scottish Widows - £19503.35. Lloyds plc – £5236.11. (Included in these balances is £2740.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's pension (min ref 2010/94).

Copy of account balances and budget 2014/15 summary 1.4.14 to 30.04.14 were handed out.

The council **approved** the accounts. Proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr Ratcliffe and agreed by all.

2014/68 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- DAPTC annual subscription – this is due but the exact figure is unknown; it should not be more than £470.
- Western Counties cleaning - £48.00 (cleaning of bus shelters).
- Renew CPRE membership - £36
- SD Playground Services East Stour playing field inspection -£52.92

It was agreed to pay the above items *en-bloc* proposed by Cllr Miss O' Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Chard and agreed by all.

Local Delivery Project First Instalment

It was resolved to pay Gillingham Town Council £426.72 and Shaftesbury Town Council £340.90 (this is an increase of £4.91 on their previous request). Proposed by Cllr J Parker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

2014/69 AUDIT FOR THE YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2014

Section 1 – The Council approved the accounts for the financial year 2013/2014 (previously circulated).

Proposed by Cllr J Parker, seconded by Cllr Little and agreed by all.

Section 2 – The Statement of Assurance (previously circulated to the members present) was duly completed and approved by the Council. Proposed by Cllr J Parker, seconded by Cllr Little and agreed by all.

2014/70 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

a). Chairman's

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Watkins for her contributions as Chairman for the past two years and Vice – Chairman before that. Members present appreciated all her hard work and the extra effort that she has given to the council.

b). Clerk's

- Community.com. Local Councils update. The Clerk Journal. Clerk & Councils Direct and LCR.
- DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated.

c). Playing fields

East Stour – Report received from SAS Playgrounds Ltd for the inspection carried out at East Stour dated 17/4/2014.

Stour Provost – The field entrance work carried out by Philip Buttress is not what was expected. It needs more scalplings and not the builders' rubble. Cllr Mrs Wilkins will contact him to discuss this and meet him on site

d). Crime – P C Maureen Hayward's has left the police force. It is not known who her replacement is. Clerk to find out and invite him/her to our next meeting. Ringmaster messages are circulated by e-mail.

e) DAPTC – The next Northern Area meeting is Thursday 15th May 2014, Blandford Forum Town Council offices.

The E U Leader Rural Fund, through DEFRA has been revamped and there is a consultation on proposed Local Action Groups (LAG) following the demise of Sowing Seeds.

There are two LAGs which are in competition to serve the local councils in North Dorset, the Northern Dorset LAG and the Heart of Wessex LAG. The Heart of Wessex LAG would leave a number of North Dorset Local Councils unable to apply for funds under the Leader EU Rural Funding, whereas the Northern Dorset LAG would include all North Dorset local councils. It was felt that the Northern Dorset LAG would be of more value especially as Hilary Ritchie is experienced in this field of work and would keep a close on eye. It was agreed that we would support the North Dorset LAG.

f) CPRE - Countryside Voice and Fieldwork. CPRE's charter to save our countryside, literature handed out.

2014/71 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Swings at Stour Row Village Hall.
- Adoption of trees, Angel Lane, Stour Provost.
- Speed Stour Lane.
- Future training courses.
- Items listed above that have been deferred 2014/52, 54, 55 & 56.

2014/72 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

10 July 2014 at West Stour, 11 September 2014 at Stour Provost, 13 November 2014 at East Stour, 8 January 2015 at Stour Row, 12 March 2015 at West Stour, 14 May 2015 at Stour Provost, 9 July 2015 at East Stour, 10 September 2015 at Stour Row, 12 November 2015 at West Stour.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman

Date