

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th July 2013
in East Stour Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs D Chard, R Cowan, G Herring, T Jones, Mrs V Jones, D Little, J Parker, M Ratcliffe, Mrs M Rymill, M Rymill, Mrs E Scott, Mrs P Sealy, Lady Stagg and Mrs C Wilkins. Also, DCCllr A Cattaway, NDDCllr Mrs T Handford, Clerk Mrs M Cox and 2 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Reports, Pre-business matters items and Public participation

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Cattaway said that following the Council elections full meetings of committees has taken place. There will be a second meeting next week. There will be an extensive review of public transport especially school and fare paying buses. Also there will be significant cuts. South West coaches are not allowing bus passes.

Cllr Cattaway read out a press release about Superfast broadband in Dorset dated 10th July. A £31.75m deal has been signed with BT. 97% of premises in Dorset will get high speed fibre optic broadband within 3^{1/2} years. It will happen in six months tranches and will be a long drawn out process. The areas that do not get fibre will get at least 2Mbps. Existing cabinets will be used and new cabinets will be installed. Cllr Ratcliffe said that the service received will depend on how far away you live from a box. Cllr Ratcliffe's Company, Blackmore Vale Broadband Ltd has submitted an Expression on Interest to Defra for financial support. His company wish to provide faster broadband speeds to the areas that are hard to reach. He has received support from Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Council. Cllr Ratcliffe will hear from Defra by the end of July if his company is successful in obtaining grant funding.

Cllr Parker said that Dugald Lockhart, Project Leader, Superfast Dorset will be speaking at the Northern Area meeting on the 18th July. Cllr Parker will give a report at the next parish council meeting.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT.

Cllr Mrs Handford said that she has received a few e-mails from people concerned about bus travel passes. She also discussed Superfast Broadband.

Public Discussion –

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officer's report

Mr Hibbert said that if any footpaths that are overgrown and is a big problem do let him know. DCC as a gesture of goodwill have replaced three stiles at Chequers Farm following an incident of one of Mr James' steers trying to get over a low stile. DCC Rights of Way have informed him that all furniture on rights of way is the landowner's responsibility. The diversion at Shade House Farm has started and stopped there is a meeting scheduled for next week. The pedestrian bridge between Shade House Farm and Stour Provost will be replaced by contractors. There is a meeting at the end of the month for the proposed footpath diversion at Mead Farm. Still outstanding is the footpath at Lyde Hill Farm. Stour Row to Duncliffe and West Stour Village to the garage. There will be a rain check on the width of vehicles in Duncliffe Wood car park.

Nothing to report about trees.

Mr Hibbert was thanked for all the work he does in respect of all the Stours footpaths.

Flood Wardens' report – no report

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton sent her apologies and said that there is nothing to report.

Business Agenda

2013/82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Mrs B Edwards, P Gould, Mrs E Newton and Miss H O'Sullivan.

2013/83 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 Mrs Watkins expressed an interest for agenda item 19 (Swings at Stour Row Village Hall).

2013/84 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2013/85 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th MAY 2013.

The minutes were **agreed** to be a correct record of the meeting and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr T Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rymill and agreed by all.

2013/86 MATTERS ARISING

- Reply received from Development Control, NDDC to our letter of 25th March regarding the recent appeal decision to approve planning application 2/2011/1001/PLNG The letter was read to the meeting and it is appreciated that development Control will monitor this.
- During the public discussion Michael Ratcliffe gave a short presentation about his company Blackmore Vale Broadband Limited's project. As it was not an agenda item at the last meeting the initiative had not been formally supported. Cllr Ryder Cowan said that he thought that if an alternative provider of broadband was available then BT would not be prepared to provide fibre. A show of hands was taken 8 in favour, 3 against.

2013/87 APPOINTMENT TO EAST STOUR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Cllr Miss O'Sullivan has agreed to continue.

2013/88 TO CONFIRM PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE FOR EAST STOUR

Cllr T Jones, Mrs E Robertson and Mr O Salisbury have agreed to continue.

2013/89 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR CPRE AND FLOOD WARDEN

Cllr Mrs C Wilkins agreed to be the Flood warden. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2013/90 TO CONFIRM FOOTPATH OFFICERS AND TREE LIAISON OFFICERS FOR EAST STOUR, TODBER AND WEST STOUR

Mr Martin Hibbert agreed to continue.

2013/91 CASUAL VACANCY FOR EAST STOUR WARD

There is still a vacancy.

2013/92 PLANNING MATTERS

- Section 211: Notification of Intent to carry out works to trees within a conservation area Kings Provost, Stour Provost remove eucalyptus & 2x cherry trees.
- It was noticed that an entrance on the A30 had been made in respect of planning application 2/2013/0534 (erect agricultural building and construct vehicular access). Clerk to check with Development Control.
- Planning application 2/2013/0596 Terrace Far, Stour Provost has been withdrawn.
- Planning application 2/2012/1508 Land at Stour Hill Farm, West Stour construct vehicular access. There is still a gap in the hedge. Clerk to find out what is happening and whether there is an appeal to the refusal dated March 2013.
- See attached appendix 1 for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2013/93 CORRESPONDENCE The Chairman said she had received correspondence about the poor state of Green Lane, Stour Row.

2013/94 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- Green Lane, Stour Row still is in poor condition, it was supposed to have been repaired in March 2012. The surface has broken down and the road floods. Also there is a nasty pothole near Stower Provost Community School, Woodville which is a broken land drain. Cllr Cattaway said he would follow these two issues up.
- Changes to the definitive map and statement East Stour public path diversion order from 1969 in respect of Footpath 11 & Stour Provost following the confirmation of the 2 public path diversion orders in respect of Footpath 20 and 36 & 38. The eastern part of Footpath 36 is now numbered Footpath 80.

2013/95 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- Dorset LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) Structural Investment Framework (SIF), consultation about future funding. Responses to be returned by 26th July 2013.
- Neighbourhood Area Application. Shaftesbury Town Council together with Melbury Abbas and Cann Parish Council have applied to North Dorset District Council for designation of a neighbourhood area under The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Deadline for comments from interested parties 26th July 2013.
- Town & Parish Council GIS Training 19th August at Nordon. The Chairman, Cllr Parker and the Clerk will attend.

2013/96 CLERK'S PENSION

A new law means that every employer must automatically enroll workers into a workplace pension scheme if they are aged between 22 and State Pension age, earn more than £9,440 a year and work in the UK. This does not apply as the Clerk earns less than £9,400. At the next meeting it will be proposed that a gratuity is accepted.

2013/97 HIGHWAY MATTERS

This has already been discussed earlier (2013/94). DCC Highways has sorted the pot holes and resurfaced Brown's Lane.

2013/98 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Parker said that he will be meeting with Vision ICT and the website should be live by the end of July. Any further information for the website please let the Clerk or Cllr Parker have the details.

2013/99 EAST STOUR VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

The planting of trees on DCC land adjacent to Oswald Barn – One of the conditions the DCC highways dept. have requested for the proposed tree planting, is that the parish council indemnify against any future claims that may arise against the council relating to the trees. Cllr Little said that the proposed tree planting on the land by Oswald's Barn is not as straight forward, the reason being that the land needs clearing and heavy machinery cannot be used as there are water pipes are under the ground. The work would have to be done manually. This to be perused further. Cllr Little also gave an update. The new beech hedge by the Village Hall has been planted and appreciated. The kerbing will be re-aligned and will be paid for by fund raising activities. An application for trees has been made to the Woodland Trust and hopefully from North Dorset D.C. The Three Rivers Partnership gave a grant of £250, which was gratefully received. The Village website is up and running. Interest has been shown in a village shop. There are 140 names on the volunteer list for the action group. It will be the 40th anniversary of the hall later this year and there will be plans to celebrate this.

2013/100 SWINGS AT STOUR ROW VILLAGE HALL

Stour Row has no play equipment for the children. There is the space to put swings by the side of the hall. An estimated cost to purchase the swings is £336 and the labour to install them will be free. A show of hands was taken as an indication of support and this was 13 yes and 1 no. The purchase of swings to go on the next agenda.

2013/101 WOODLAND TRUST FREE TREES

Details circulated from the Trust about the offer of free trees to communities.

2013/102 GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS AT FIVE BRIDGES

This is still ongoing. Unfortunately, although DCC has been to court and got an order for possession the travellers have appealed this decision through their solicitors. This means that DCC has to go back to court again. They are sorry for any inconvenience this is causing but they are trying their hardest to evict the travellers.

2013/103 SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN DORSET

This was discussed at length at the beginning of the meeting and will be on the next agenda.

2013/104 THE VENUES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cllr Herring asked if all the meetings could be held at East Stour Village hall in view of the lack of parking elsewhere especially at Stour Provost. Being a group parish council the reasons why the four halls are used were given. Cllr Cowan brought to the attention of the Council that under the Equality Act Section 58 parish councils have a duty to person(s) that have protected characteristic(s). It was agreed to continue as per Standing Orders and continue using the village halls in rotation until a complaint is received.

2013/105 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS for the period 1 May 2013 – 30 June 2013.

Payments

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| DD | TalkTalk broadband | 20.64 |
| 1510 | Western Counties cleaning | 48.00 |
| 1511 | DAPTC renewal membership | 457.81 |
| 1512 | Gillingham TC Local Del services | 426.72 |
| 1513 | Shaftesbury TC Local Del services | 336.00 |
| 1514 | Mrs M Cox reimburse toner | 108.00 |
| 1515 | Mrs M Cox repay USB stick | 9.99 |
| 1516 | Stour Provost V Hall hire | 15.00 |
| 1517 | P Buttress grass cutting ES & SP p fields | 190.00 |
| 1518 | DAPTC HMRC training Course | 25.00 |
| 1519 | Mrs M Cox sal & exp Apr | 442.83 |
| 1520 | DAPTC planning course | 25.00 |
| 1521 | West Stour V Hall hire | 7.00 |
| 1522 | Chq Cancelled | 0.00 |
| 1523 | Phoenix Services grass cutting Todber M Green | 145.00 |
| 1524 | P Buttress grass cutting ES & SP p fields | 240.00 |
| 1525 | Mrs M Cox reimburse purchase laptop | 659.99 |
| 1526 | Broker Network insurance addition | 25.00 |
| 1527 | Mrs M Cox sal & exp May | 419.60 |
| 1528 | P Buttress grass cutting ES & SP p fields | 240.00 |
| 1529 | HMRC 3 months tax | 272.80 |
| DD | TalkTalk | 22.11 |
| Total | | 4136.49 |

Receipts

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| Scot Widows Interest | 23.69 |
| HMRC Vat refund | 1336.71 |
| Mrs D May use of playing field | 10.00 |
| Fast Feet | 70.00 |
| Julia Frostick use of playing field | 15.00 |
| Stour Provost football | 60.00 |
| East Stour Village Hall | 10.00 |
| Total | 1525.40 |

Balances of Accounts as at 30 June 2013 – NSB £4854.86. Scottish Widows Bank – £13955.27. Lloyds TSB plc – £3950.16.

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 30.6.13.

The accounts were **accepted**. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Lady Stagg & agreed by all.

The Councillors were each given a copy of accounts reconciliation and comparison of expenditure to budget as at 30th June 2013.

2013/106 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- Renew CPRE membership - £29.
- To pay Shelagh Corfield £35 domestic duties pavilion.
- Request to increase the grant to £250 for All Saints Church Stour Row.
- SD Playground Services inspection fee East Stour - £52.92.
- Communicorp (renewal of Local Council Update) - £75.

Cllr Mrs Chard proposed that the above items be paid, seconded by Cllr Little and agreed by all.

2013/107 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

a) Chairman's – The Chairman said that she had nothing to report.

b) Clerk's

- Local Councils Update. Community.com. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.
- DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated. The Newsletter can be viewed on the DAPTC website – www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

- c) Playing Fields –
 East Stour - SD Playground Inspection sheet. Mrs Robertson said that the rectangular wooden picnic benches are rotten and are beyond repair and will be removed. There are still 2 circular ones left. It was suggested as a replacement that recycled plastic benches that look like wood be purchased costing approximately £500. This to be placed on the next agenda.
 Stour Provost and the pavilion – The grass is mown regularly by Philip Buttress. The oak post between the gates is loose and needs attention. Cllr Ratcliffe will look into this.
- d) Crime
 PC Maureen Hayward has visited East Stour. Homewatch reports are circulated via e-mail.
- e) DAPTC
- Annual General Meeting Saturday 2 November 2013 – Information & Timetable (previously circulated). Proposals for a resolution at the AGM to be received at the DAPTC office by 26th July 2013.
 - The next Northern Area meeting Wednesday 17th July at Nordon, NDDC.
 - Training Calendar previously circulated.
- f) CPRE
- Summer party for the evening of 8th August at Tarrant Rushton House.

2013/108 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting.

- Clerk's Pension
- Purchase of SLCC Clerk's Manual, Charles Arnold Baker, Local Council Administration
- Gypsy and Travellers
- Superfast Broadband
- Purchase of Swings at Stour Row Village Hall
- Purchase of picnic bench East Stour playing field

2013/108 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

12 September 2013 at Stour Row, 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.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35PM and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman Date