

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Stours Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday 12th May 2016 in Stour Row Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs B Edwards (Chairman), Mrs T Bagnall, Mrs R Blacklock, P Bowe, R Cowan, G Gilding, P Gould, T Jones, Mrs V Jones, J Nalty, Mrs L Newton, Mrs P Sealy, Mrs J Watkins and Mrs C Wilkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox and DCCllr Andrew Cattaway, NDDCllrs Charles Dowden and Mrs Jane Westbrook, Ms Paula Clover, Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer, Roger Bell and Paul Thatcher, Dorset Highways, Martin Hibbert (Footpath liaison officer) and 4 members of the public.

Cllr R Cowan gave the following eulogy.

"As most if not all present will know, Hannah our Vice-Chairman died on 30 April. I believe Hannah had served as a Parish Councillor for about 25 years, had twice served as Chairman of the Parish Council, and had represented the Council at the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils and Gillingham and Shaftesbury Homewatch. Hannah was active in East Stour Village life. She was Chairman of East Stour Parish Meeting since 2002, representative on the Council for the Village Hall, had been Footpaths Officer and was also involved with the Parochial Church Council. Hannah made a significant and valued contribution with her direct, no-nonsense style."

All members present stood for a moment of quiet reflection.

Reports, Pre-business matters items and Public participation

Roger Bell reported that surface dressing will be carried out along Landshire Lane, Gibbs Marsh to the A30, West Stour (Fifehead Magdalen Crossroads). There are proposals at Fifehead crossroads to improve visibility with the removal of some of the hedge at the property adjacent the crossroads. Also resurfacing in two sections the A30 County boundary to Five Bridges and Lotmoor Hill to West Stour. Red Lane, Todber, investigations are taking place into the possibility of improving the junction following 2 serious accidents, which caused great concerns for the Quarry owners.

Cllr Gould followed up his enquiry about water being drained onto his fields. Mr Bell said that Highways can let water onto other people's land though they try not to.

Cllr Mrs Watkins pointed out the problem of a lot of water laying outside Vista Cottage (next to the Village Hall) because of subsidence in the road. The road has been resurfaced with tarmac many times but it has not solved the problem and asked whether the drain could be moved. Vehicle drivers are having to drive around the water and thereby causing damage to the other side of the highway. Mr Bell said he will investigate further to find an alternative solution.

Stour Row well is owned by Stour Row Village.

There are "community speed watch" signs on every pole along Dover Street, Stour Row it was asked if this is legal and it was felt that the number of signs was not necessary as from the speed tube data there does not appear to be a speeding problem. It was suggested to check with PCSO Vicky Levy about the signs.

Todber, it has been suggested to replace the existing signs on the bend by the quarry by new reflective signs, which is in hand.

Roger was thanked for his report.

Ms Clover gave an update on the unlawful encampment of travellers at Five Bridges Lay-by. They would be going to Taunton Court this Friday 20th May and it would then take about 1-2 weeks after this date to close the site. Paula also said that she is not sure where they are planning on going, but suspected that they will go to St James Common.

She also talked about making the Five Bridges site into a more permanent site and explained that there was currently no funding available from government to do this but would continue to monitor the government websites for updates. NDDCllr Jane Westbrook passed around photographs of the permanent site at Shaftesbury, which is fenced off and appears to be a much better proposition.

The provision of authorised sites is still in a planning process and by the end of the year there will be a consultation, which will be open to all.

The travellers might return and it is known that there are dealing with illegal substances, but it is difficult to catch them.

It was agreed to wait for the proposals from DCC to come forward and to go from there. Paula was thanked for her report and for attending the meeting.

DCC MEMBER REPORT – Cllr Andrew Cattaway said that central government funding to the county council is under severe reduction. District and town councils must be self-sustaining, and this will mean moving responsibilities down to town and parish councils and precepts being raised. Extensive discussions are taking place at DCC and NDDC about the value of unitary authorities. A consultation should be published at the end of June. It is hoped to achieve a unitary authority by 2019. Government is encouraging Combined Authorities (different from unitary) which has been formed by the nine local authorities in Dorset. The purpose of this is so that funding can be obtained from central government for worthwhile projects (economic structuring/refurbishment) and to take on more responsibilities, Andrew was thanked for his report.

NDDC MEMBERS REPORT – Cllr Jane Westbrook said that there is nothing much to report, but said that she was going to join the Nordon Site Board, the purpose of which is to ensure the sale of the NDDC premises in Blandford at best price and set up replacement temp local office. The time frame is uncertain and adverts for developers have been published and it is hoped to have a deal agreed by 2017. Cllr Charles Dowden said that following the tri-council partnership that development control is now to be known as the planning committee. Jane and Charles were thanked for their reports.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – none.

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officers' report

Mr Martin Hibbert said that the path at Stour Provost Mill is now open and thanked James for his contribution in harmonising matters. Cllr Mrs Watkins said that horses have blocked the gateway and a child was bitten on the shoulder by one horse. Martin said he will raise this injury with DCC and that the horses should have been removed. Lyde Hill Farm is still ongoing. Cllr Cattaway apologised for not taking action and will rectify this. The legal paperwork (min ref 2016/77) to divert paths at the Udder Farm shop is complete. He will again look into having a path between West Stour and East Stour. The White Hart Link project is going along slowly. Cllr Mrs Sealy said that people cannot get though the pinch points on the footpath opposite West Stour Church. Martin said he will look into this. Martin was thanked for all his hard work, which is really appreciated.

Transport: Cllr Mrs Newton said that the next Transport meeting is 14th June.

Flood Warden – Cllr Mrs Wilkins said there have been a lot of flash floods. Trewell Lane has had quite a bit of flooding.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2016/61 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mrs B Edwards was proposed by Cllr R Cowan, seconded by Cllr G Gilding and agreed by all. Elected unopposed. The Chairman duly signed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

2016/62 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Cowan was proposed by Cllr Mrs Edwards, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all. Elected unopposed.

2016/63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs P Brown, G Herring, J Parker, Mrs E Scott and Lady Stagg.

2016/64 TO CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT OF ABSENCE OF COUNCILLOR G HERRING ON THE GROUNDS OF ILL HEALTH

Cllr Herring is very ill and has been in hospital and it was resolved to agree his absence from this and subsequent meetings. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Edwards, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watkins and agreed by all. The meeting asked for the best wishes to be passed on to Cllr Herring and wish him a speedy recovery.

2016/65 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.

2016/66 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2016/67 APPOINTMENT TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEES.

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

2016/68 TO CONFIRM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of Parish Meetings. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2016/69 TO CONFIRM PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEES FOR EAST STOUR AND STOUR PROVOST.

East Stour – to be agreed at the next meeting. Stour Provost – All the Stour Provost Councillors, plus one representative from the football club and one representative from the cricket club. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

2016/70 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE PARISH FOR DAPTC, CPRE, NDDC, DCC TRANSPORT, FLOODWARDEN, CRIME AND HOMEWATCH

DAPTC – Cllr J Parker. There is a vacancy for another representative should anybody be interested.

CPRE – to ask if Cllr Lady A Stagg will continue.

NDDC & DCC – Cllr Mrs B Edwards.

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 Mrs Watkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2016/71 TO CONFIRM FOOTPATH AND TREE LIAISON OFFICERS.

Mr M Hibbert has agreed to continue the post of footpath liaison officer for all four parishes.

Tree liaison officers. Todber – Mr P Matcham. West Stour- Mr M Hibbert, East Stour – Cllr G Gilding, Stour Provost – to ask Cllr Lady Stagg if she will continue.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2016/72 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. Cllr Mrs Sealy asked of the whereabouts of the deeds to West Stour bus shelter (which was demolished a few years ago). Clerk will enquire.

Trustees for the National Savings Investment Bank Account – Cllrs R Cowan, J Parker and Mrs J Watkins. Any two of the three named to sign. Clerk to advise NSI of change of signatories.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2016/73 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- The following Lloyds Bank PLC direct debit mandates held were reviewed: - Wessex Water (BWBS) payment on demand (dated 11.9.14), Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) to collect variable amounts (dated 16.4.14) and npower to collect variable amounts (dated 21.8.14). It was resolved that they be continued proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

2016/74 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the parish council meeting of 10th March 2016, previously circulated. One amendment under 2016/49 to consider purchase of waste bin(s) East Stour, to read "Mrs Gould has contacted Ian Brewer, North Dorset and has a response". Also to add Cllr Mrs Bagnall will coordinate with Mrs Gould. Then the Minutes were **agreed** to be a correct record and duly signed. Proposed Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded Cllr Jones.

2016/75 MATTERS ARISING

None as all matters are covered in the agenda.

2016/76 PLANNING MATTERS

- Cllr Cowan drew attention to the application 2/2016/0286/VARIA Church Close, Business Park, Todber application to vary condition No.2 from pp 2/2011/1380/PLNG to add 2 No. dormers on east elevation. The Parish Council, also Mr Stuart Caundle, Assistant Chief Executive, NDDC have received correspondence from Mr J Clarke, proprietor of the business, James Products Limited asking for the Stours Parish Council to withdraw their objection to the planning application as he alleges Cllr Cowan believes he has a pecuniary interest, whilst at the same time stating that he, Mr Clarke, does not believe Cllr Cowan has an interest. Cllr Cowan stated that he has no pecuniary interest in this application and that Cllr Herring did not participate in the response to the application. The objection was read to the meeting and it was resolved that it was acceptable, proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watkins. 11 in favour and 2 abstentions (Cllr Cowan took no part in this vote).
- See attached appendix for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2016/77 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Mr Mark Griffin regarding the unacceptable behaviour of the Barbarians Football Club whilst using the Recreation Ground in Butts Lane, Stour Provost on Sunday mornings.

North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau sincerely thanking the Council for the generous donation of £500. They are very grateful for our continuing support.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance thanking us for the donation of £500 and our support.

Read Easy Gillingham and Shaftesbury thanking the Parish Council for their support and donation of £200 for their organisation.

Came & Company Spring Council Matters 2016

Cranborne Chase Annual AONB update

2016/78 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Highways Act 1980 Wildlife and Countryside Act Public Path Diversion Order 2014 Footpaths 7 and 22, East Stour. This is now shown on the definitive map.

2016/79 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- Cllr Dowden updated us about the ongoing saga of Sherborne School and Cancer Research UK wanting to develop land at Chantry Fields, Gillingham for housing. They had launched a legal challenge against the adoption of the Local Plan earlier this year, but a High Court judge has decided that it should not proceed. The Local Plan Part 1 has been passed.

2016/80 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- East Stour Crossroads – At a previous meeting it was agreed to be lenient about “advertising signs” posted at the crossroads. However it is felt that these signs are a distraction to drivers and it was agreed that there be no signs at the crossroads.
- SIDs – Highways have been out and identified 2 locations in back Street, East Stour and also possibly a site at Red Lane, Todber. There have been discussions about altering the layout of Red Lane junction, Todber. The post that was used for a SID along Hunger Hill will remain and is still a valid site.
- Todber, B3092 and B3092 lay-by- Mike Potter, Highway Safety has inspected that sharp bend at Red Lane, by the Quarry following the recent 2 serious accidents (one vehicle fell 30ft into the Quarry) and improved signage is being addressed. The lay-by the road planings are still there and it appears that the pilfering has stopped. Still waiting for the white edge line painting on the B3092. DCC has paid contractors to do the work, however the contractors have not done the works. Cllr Cowan has learnt from Messrs Bell and Potter that there are rules and edge lining cannot be put down unless the centre line is a minimum width. DCC cannot afford to edge line and widen the centre line. DCC Cllr Cattaway will follow this up. Todber Parish has a proposal to erect 4 gateway signage along the B3092 (similar to Bourton & Motcombe) as this does have an effect of slowing traffic down. Cllr Bowe has designs and prices and will be submitting a proposal to the proprietor of Todber Quarry. Originally she kindly offered to provide 2 bus shelters, however DCC Highways has said that Todber cannot have bus shelters along the B3092 (as the criteria cannot be met) so a request for the gateway signage has been submitted to the proprietor of Todber Quarry.

2016/81 UNLAWFUL ENCAMPMENT OF TRAVELLERS AT FIVE BRIDGES LAY-BY

This was covered by Ms Clover.

2016/82 GILLINGHAM SOUTHERN EXTENSION

Cllr Gilding said that he and NDDCllr Jane Westbrook will have the opportunity to visit the Gillingham Growth Board on 26th May. Jane has an invitation to attend a closed forum meeting of the Growth Board and will take along some questions about a lot of issues affecting East Stour such as the weight of traffic, the extra traffic along the B3092 and at East Stour crossroads. It is hoped to have replies to the questions in order that they can be discussed at the meeting on 26th May. Jane and Cllr Gilding were thanked for all their efforts so far.

2016/83 CHURCH CLOSE TODBER

On the 3rd May a personal statement by the Chairman Cllr Cowan was circulated by e-mail to all council members.

Cllr Cowan said CCTV has been in use at Mr J Clarke's premises in Church Close for about 5 years, but had not presented any problem. However, residents had approached him following the recent installation of a number of additional cameras, as they were not satisfied by Mr Clarke's response to concerns that the CCTV appeared not to be registered in accordance with the Data Protection Act, and the recently installed cameras appeared to invade their privacy by pointing into the ground floor of their property.

Most use of CCTV by businesses is covered by the Data Protection Act and requires registration, and it is a criminal offence not to register when required. On checking no entry could be found for the CCTV installation at the workshops in the ICO Register of Data Controllers. There were therefore reasonable grounds to believe that the matter was one of public interest.

Accordingly, on the 7th April 2016 a letter addressed to Mr Clarke, signed by the Chairman (Cllr Cowan) on behalf of the Stours Parish Council (the letter was subsequently circulated) was sent asking if the CCTV is covered by the Data Protection Act and seeking information to reassure residents that the cameras did not overlook private property. Subsequently a letter addressed to Col G Herring and Mr R Cowan was received from Farnfields, Solicitors. In the letter it did show that the CCTV had been registered with the ICO in accordance with the Data Protection Act on 19th April 2016 (12 days after the letter from the Chairman) with a registration reference ZA179566. Since the letter of the 7th April residents have reported that the sight lines of CCTV cameras causing concern appear to have been changed.

Mr Clarke also e-mailed the Clerk on the 28th April and the 5th May about the letter regarding the CCTV installation from the Chairman (subsequently circulated) and his planning application 2/2016/0286/VARIA. The Clerk also received a response to the Chairman's letter of the 7th April from Farnfields, Solicitors (copy subsequently circulated) and they said that their client Mr Clarke is concerned that Mr Ryder Cowan and Col Gordon Herring are abusing their position of public office in contravention of paragraphs 6 and 9 of the "Code of Conduct for members and co-opted members of North Dorset District Council", by involving the Parish Council in a matter in which they have an interest. They say that Cllrs Herring and Cowan have abused their positions in contravention of the listed principles, and call for their removal as Councillors. Farnfields sent a copy of their letter to Cllrs Herring and Cowan, and Mr Clarke sent a copy to Mr Stuart Caundle, Monitoring Officer, Assistant Chief Executive, NDDC on 5 May. What cannot be understood is why the letter asking if the CCTV has been registered with the ICO triggered complaints on another matter, the planning application 2/2016/0286/VARIA, and correspondence being sent to Cllr Herring. Cllr Cowan has no pecuniary interest in the planning application and Cllr Herring did not partake in the Council's response.

NDDCllr Dowden said that NDDC is going through an overhaul at present, there is no longer a Standards Board and it may take 6-8 weeks before we hear from the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Herring was very distressed by the content and tone of the letters from Farnfields, which include unpleasant insinuations of dishonesty and lack of integrity. He fell ill later in the day he received the letters, and was admitted to the Coronary Care Unit for 11 days undergoing tests. Members present sent their best wishes and hopes that Cllr Herring makes a full recovery soon.

Cllr Cowan believes that information provided by Farnfields serves to confirm that the Parish Council's letter of 7 April was clearly in the public interest, and in this connection he also referred to the duty placed on parish councils by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Clerk to acknowledge Farnfields, Solicitors, letter and Mr Clarke's e-mails.

A vote was taken that this matter be referred to DAPTC with copies of the correspondence and e-mails and then wait until we hear from the Monitoring Officer 8 in favour, 1 against. Cllr Mrs Blacklock proposed that we just wait until we hear from the monitoring officer 5 in agreement. It was suggested that as Cllr Parker was previously Chief Executive of DAPTC that we take advice from him. Cllr Cowan declined to take part in this voting.

The Chairman proposed a vote of confidence of Cllrs Cowan and Herring, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watkins and agreed.

2016/84 STOUR PROVOST BARBARIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Cllr Nalty gave a brief resume about the football club failing to not providing a fixture list, not putting the padlock back on the gate, not paying for using the facilities and not clearing up after themselves. This has now been resolved.

The Parish Council has now received a letter of complaint from Mr Griffin (next door but one neighbour) about the use of foul language which he and his family find not acceptable, especially on a Sunday. Also that the grass has been damaged because the players park on the field when wet. He has also frequently collected empty energy bottle drinks and from the field after the games (The Chairman read out his letter). Cllr Nalty did say that the club has had a very successful season and on this day it was a tense final match. The only contact with the club is Rich Garrett who acts as a go between the Barbarians and the Stours Parish Council. He did email the Clerk after Mr Griffin's complaint of foul language, which is offensive. He replied that the club are fortunate to have use of such excellent facilities. Unfortunately no one could particular remember any members who had been directly involved in the use of foul language, particularly considering that we haven't received any punishments from the Blackmore Vale Football League or Dorset FA. It was agreed that we would like to see the facilities being used and for football to be continue to be played. Cllr Nalty said that there has been another e-mail (10 May) from Mr Griffin complaining that "one person in particular continuously shouted foul language at the top of their voice, whom I have been informed is the Stour Provost Manager!" It appears despite the fact they have been contacted they do not seem to have heeded the fact that their conduct needs to improve when using the pitch.

It was suggested that a meeting be held with the football club before the start of the next season to remind them what is expected of them when using the pavilion and field.

It was agreed that Cllr Nalty would follow this up and talk face to face with Mr Griffin and also contact Rich Garrett to try and resolve this difficult situation.

2016/85 SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Stower Provost School now has Superfast, many thanks to DCCllr Cattaway for his assistance in this. Stour Provost Village has been "live" for a month and those that have it are pleased. Cllr Nalty said that more people need more people to use it, then DCC will be able to re-invest more into Superfast.

2016/86 ALL SAINTS CHURCH, STOUR ROW

Nothing further to report.

2016/87 NEW WAR MEMORIAL EAST STOUR

On the 31st May there is a fund raising talk to honour the memory of an East Stour man, Frank Hunt, who died in the Battle of Jutland. The talk will be by Robin Miller, Chairman of the Royal British Legion at 7.30pm, East Stour Village Hall. It will be exactly 100 years to the day since the Battle of Jutland. All proceeds to the East Stour memorial project.

2016/88 EAST STOUR PLAYING FIELD PROPOSED PATH

Nothing further to report.

2016/89 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

East Stour is still waiting to hear from PCSO Vicky Levy. Stour Row are still carrying out checks and proving that there is a speeding problem, but there doesn't appear to be one. Mr Whitfield has placed numerous "Community Speedwatch" signs against most of the highway sign poles, it was wondered whether this is legal. Clerk to check with Roger Bell as the poles are the property of Highways. West Stour are still carrying out their checks. Todber there are eight volunteers appointed and Richard King is their co-ordinator. They are waiting to hear from PCSO Vicky Levy before they can start. There has been evidence of vehicles being driven in excess of 60mph along Red Lane and some vehicles even accelerate.

2016/90 WASTE BIN(S) EAST STOUR

Cllr Mrs Bagnall agreed to liaise with Mrs Julia Gould about her request for waste bin(s) in East Stour.

2016/91 EAST STOUR PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed that £295 be spent to repair and upgrade the pad. Proposed by Cllr Gilding, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones.

2016/92 STOUR PROVOST CRICKET CLUB

Cllr Nalty said that the costs are in hand and that they are waiting for a secure store. It is hoped to have definite figures at the next meeting.

2016/93 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS

Balance of Accounts from statements as at 30th April 2016 – NSB £4,964.92. Scottish Widows - £24,654.42. Lloyds plc – £13,543.01. (Included in these balances is £4,110.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94 & 2015/022 & 67).

See attached Income & Expenses for the period 1st March 2016 – 30th April 2016.

The Council approved the accounts for the period 1st March 2016 – 30th April 2016.

The Council adopted the Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2016 (Also known as A Practitioner's Guide to Proper Practices), March 2016. Both of the above proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Edwards and agreed by all.

2016/94 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- To pay Viking (stationery) - £123.50
- DAPTC annual subscription – this is due but the exact figure is unknown it should be approximately £495.
- Renew CPRE membership – due 1/6/16, this should be about £36 if the same as last year.

It was agreed to pay the above items *en-bloc* proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

Local Delivery Project First Instalment

It was resolved to pay Gillingham Town Council £426.72. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2016/95 AUDIT FOR THE YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2016

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

Section 1 – The Council approved the accounts for the financial year 2015/2016 (previously circulated).

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watkins and agreed by all.

2016/96 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

a). Chairman's report

The Chairman said as this is her first meeting as "Chair" there is nothing to report. She did suggest that in memory of Hannah O'Sullivan that the gavel presented to the council by Hannah be engraved. Agreed by all.

b). Clerk's

The Clerk thanked Cllr Cowan for all his hard work and support as Chairman over the past two years and also thanked Cllr Mrs Edwards for agreeing to be Chairman this year.

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

c). Playing fields

East Stour – Maintenance will be carried out now that the better weather is here.

Stour Provost – The grass needs cutting again. All appears to be fine. Report received from The Play Inspection Company for an inspection carried out dated 7/4/2016.

Stour Row – all fine.

d). Crime – PCSO Vicky Levy sent her apologies. Her report (previously circulated) was read to the meeting. Since our last meeting there were 6 incidents within the Stours reported.

e) DAPTC – The Northern Area meeting was held Tuesday 10th May. Cllr Parker attended and his report (attached) was circulated.

f) CPRE - Countryside Voice and Fieldwork publications.

2016/97 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Stour Row Church

2016/98 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

14th July 2016 at West Stour, 8th September 2016 at Stour Provost, 10th November 2016 at East Stour,
12th January 2017 at Stour Row, 9th March at West Stour, 11th May at Stour Provost, 13th July at East Stour,
14th September at Stour Row, 9th November 2017 at West Stour.

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

.....Chairman

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