

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th January 2019
In Stour Row Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Gould (Chairman), Mrs L Bennett, Mrs R Blacklock, P Bowe, Mrs B Edwards, R Haddon, R King, Mrs V Jones, R McConnell, J Nalty, Mrs E Newton, J Parker, Mrs P Sealy, L Trowbridge, Mrs J Watkins and Mrs C Wilkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox, DCCllr Graham Carr-Jones, NDDCllr Jane Westbrook, and five members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Reports, Pre-business matters and Public participation

PCSO Vickie Biggs said that she is now back from her secondment to Sturminster Newton and is once again our local Police contact. Vickie informed the meeting of the 4 reported crimes within the Stours since November. She also reminded members present to secure properties, if there any suspicious vehicles to let the Police know. Shaftesbury and Gillingham Homewatch Association has been disbanded. However people can sign up to the Dorset Alert website and Neighbourhood watch for email messages. The Farmwatch system also works quite well.

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Andrew Cattaway sent his apologies. Cllr Graham Carr-Jones said that there is not a great deal to report. The focus is on the new Shadow Council. Senior leadership has been appointed. Budget preparations are being made. The latest edition of Shaping Dorset Council is on its way. In May the Stours Parish Council will be split into 2 wards, East Stour and West Stour will be Gillingham Rural, Stour Provost including Stour Row and Todber will be The Beacon.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Jane Westbrook said that there is nothing further to add that is not on the agenda.

The meeting agreed that both Graham and Jane are very conscientious and will be missed when the changes are made after the elections and with the new Dorset Council Partnership.

Public Discussion – Shawn Murphy said that she lives in Stour Provost opposite the quarry site, the north side of Manor Farm along the B3092. There has been evidence of slurry/mud, also some very nasty smells from the site. She appreciates that she lives in a farming area but is concerned about the smell and also the mess on the road, which can be dangerous for drivers as there is no speed limit along this part of the B3092, could there not be a speed limit?. It would be impossible for us to change the speed limit as it would need to go to court and would cost a lot of money. Ms Murphy was advised that the injecting of the field was a one off and should not occur again for another 3 years. A planning application has been submitted to reinstate and improve the redundant quarry back to agricultural land. The contractors are due to finish the work in January. The contractors have an obligation to clear up their mess. It was suggested that if Ms Murphy has any concerns to report the problem of the mud on the Dorsetfor you website and if there is any runoff to contact the Environment Agency. Cllr Nalty said he would contact the tenant, Andrew Parker and ask him to put 'mud' warning signs out.

Rights of Way Officer's report - Mr Hibbert sent his apologies. It is hoped he will send in a report.

Duncliffe Wood, Cllr Mrs Watkins passed around photos of 5 feed bags full of dog faeces that have been left at the Duncliffe Wood car park. On 16th December there was 1 and now there are 5. She updated the meeting about the request from Sarah Stebbings, Woodland Trust Manager, that a dog waste bin be installed at the car park at Duncliffe Wood and that the purchase & emptying of the bin be paid for out of Stour Provost's precept. Stour Provost councillors have unanimously agreed not to go down this route as it is thought to be unfair to pay for the service out of their council tax when it is also outsiders who are dumping the dog waste. The National Trust policy is to clear it away by stick and flick or kick and this should be followed or that dog walkers take their dog's mess home. It was agreed that this is the Woodland Trust's problem as they own the land and also that there needs to be a change in signage. Cllr Mrs Watkins will respond accordingly to Sarah Stebbings and copy in Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP). **Since the meeting it appears there was some misunderstanding in Sarah's email about the parish paying for the bin and collection of the waste. The Woodland Trust would pay and Sarah's contact details have been passed to DWP

Tree Wardens' reports -

East Stour – Mrs Bagnall subsequently sent her apologies. She did say that The Spinney, East Stour Common is not in a conservation area and that if there are significant trees on the site to contact the District Council. Stour Provost, Stour Row, Todber and West Stour no reports received

Flood Wardens' report – Cllr Mrs Wilkins said there occasionally there are flash floods, but as soon as the water comes up it soon goes down as the drains have been cleared. In freezing weather, there is a need to be aware of ice forming along the road outside the King's Arms, East Stour.

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton said the minutes of the last meeting held 30/10/18 received today have been circulated by e-mail. The next meeting has been postponed to 5th February 2019. There is nothing further to report.

The Chairman welcomed those present

Business Agenda

2019/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Mrs E Scott.

2019/02 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members were 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.

2019/03 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

16 forms received all with the matter of "Setting the Parish Council Precept", expiry date 7 May 2020. Cllr Mrs Watkins proposed that these be accepted, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by all.

2019/04 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER 2018.

The minutes were agreed and adopted as a correct record proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr McConnell.

2019/05 MATTERS ARISING

Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial regulations without amendments dated 8.11.18 were sent out by E-mail to Councillors.

2019/06 RESIGNATION OF MR G GILDING

Guy with some regret has tendered his resignation as he intends to focus on his new Lengthsman business. As a councillor he would not be able to carry out his business and work for the Stours Parish Council. Clerk to write to Guy and thank him for all his hard work, especially with the new war memorial in East Stour.

2019/07 CASUAL VACANCY FOR EAST STOUR WARD

Mrs Lilian Bennett was co-opted for East Stour ward, proposed by Cllr Mrs Blacklock, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by all. Cllr Mrs Bennett duly signed 'Declaration Acceptance of Office'.

2019/08 APPOINTMENT TO EAST STOUR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Richard McConnell was proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

2019/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- East Stour Crossroads – Cllr Jane Westbrook said that nothing has happened and that she will get an update to find out when the mitigation measures (e.g. overhead sign from Sturminster Newton) will take place.
- SIDs, East Stour, Todber & West Stour – the SIDs will be deployed in rotation during January. Each pole will have a solar panel costing approximately £125 each, which has been agreed. The new SID for East Stour has arrived and should be installed shortly. The second pole has been erected on council land at West Stour, however Mrs Last has strongly objected to this with a few phone calls to DCC, The Clerk and some West Stour residents. Hopefully this will be sorted out by the DCC. Cllr King said he has not had the opportunity to download the figures for Todber but drivers are still hurtling through Red Lane. The SID has now been moved to West Stour. Cllrs King & Mrs Sealy were thanked for all the work they do with the SIDs.

- Community Speedwatch, East Stour –. No report.
Todber – Cllr King said the team has not been out very much during the winter. West Stour – the team was reduced to 3 over the Christmas and also it has been and is difficult to get the team together. CSW team will liaise with Cllr Mrs Sealy when the SID is being deployed.

2019/10 PLANNING MATTERS

- Planning Inspectorate, Highways Act 1980 – Section 119 order making authority Dorset County Council, Parts of Footpaths 30, 31 and 33 Stour Provost) Public Path Diversion order 2006.
- Proposed diversion of part of footpath 13, West Stour at Church Farm.
- See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.

It was commented that Councillors are sometimes dissatisfied with the Planning Department's decisions because, despite the comments made by the councillors about planning applications, the Planning Department ignore/do not listen to the views, e.g. Baker's Cottage application. DCC share the same frustration. Some Councillors have attending planning training and others were encouraged to attend future sessions.

2019/11 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

2019/12 DORSET COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

Shaping Dorset Council Town & Parish Council briefing 3rd, 21st December 2018 & 10th January 2019 (circulated).

2019/13 TRAVELLERS AND GYPSIES

Cllr Jane Westbrook said that before Christmas she had a meeting with David Redwood, Chair, Fifehead Magdalen Parish, Paula Clover, G&T Liaison Officer at DCC, Graham Stanley, DCC Senior Ranger, Lucinda Hansford, Highways Technical Officer and Rebecca Buck, DCC Legal team. It has come to light that DCC only own the land rear of the pumping station and the old bridge. The majority of the land is layby and grass of which DCC has right of way. The land is not registered and ownership is not known. It was suggested that DCC search under "Bottles" as this was the name given to the land when Baker Associates were running their consultation about possible approved Traveller sites. Also maybe to contact the Hinks family at Nyland. The final push will be The Stours Parish Council to apply for a "Stopping Up" order. The Stours Parish Council has already agreed to put aside £1500 towards this, it is hoped that Buckhorn Weston & Kington Magna parish will do the same.

DCC has cleared the lay-by and Graham Stanley is keen to get the picnic area reinstated with picnic tables and really clear the site up so it can be used.

Jane will keep the Clerk updated. It was noted that chippings are disappearing from Todber lay-by.

2019/14 GILLINGHAM SOUTHERN EXTENSION

The bridges have been strengthened at Lodden Lakes. The building of houses should be starting soon. A planning meeting will be held in February.

2019/15 EAST STOUR WAR MEMORIAL AND EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH

Mr Gilding sent his apologies.

- The new war memorial was dedicated on 18th November 2018 and handed to The Stours Parish Council whose responsibility it now becomes. (Original copy of the document is lodged with Lloyds Bank plc for safe keeping).
- The Council resolved that East Stour parish extend the footpath over a 2/3 year period costing approximately £5000. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Parker.

Mr Gilding to be thanked for all his efforts and hard work over the past 4 years in getting the war memorial erected.

2019/16 STOUR ROW CHURCH

Cllr Mrs Newton has not hear anything more. Cllr McConnell was concerned that the building might interfere with the burials in the church yard and that the conservation officer had not made any comments, nor the County Archaeologist. It is hoped that these are taken into account and that maybe some conditions will be placed if planning permission is permitted. There are 160 burials recorded. The proposed internal layout of the property looks respectful. The Diocese has to be satisfied with the plans before selling the church.

2019/17 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS for the period 1st November 2018 – 31st December 2018

Balances of Accounts from statements as at 31st December 2018 – NSB £11,183.29. Scottish Widows Bank – £20,738.33
Lloyds plc – £7,547.52

Included in these balances is £6,165.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94, 2015/022 & 67, 2016/165, 2017/114, 2018/113 & 2018/133).

Copy of Income & Expenses 1.11.18 to 31.12.18 and budget 2018/19 (2 monthly and to date) summary distributed.

It was **resolved** to adopt the accounts. Proposed by Cllr J Parker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Blacklock.

Payments

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

- SLCC - £106 & ALCC - £40 (retrospective)
- Mrs M Cox - reimburse broadband - £18.49
- M Belcher – cleaning of pavilion and replacing/installing of pavilion changing room benches - £680
- Countrywide Grounds maintenance - £142.50
- Sparkford Sawmills for the purchase of new hardwood gate for Stour Provost playing field - £160 & £375
- Stour Row Village Hall (hire) - £12
- East Stour Village Hall (hire) - £39.88
- Marnhull P C (planning training) - £17.52
- The Play Inspection Company (playground inspections) - £195

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Parker.

- To discuss and set the Budget and Precept for 2019/20

At their respective parish meetings the following precepts were agreed –East Stour parish - £6,000, Stour Provost parish - £7,270, Todber parish – £1,310 and West Stour parish - £1,800.

- Local Delivery Service

Gillingham Town Council has requested £426 for 2019/20. This contributes towards public conveniences.

Copies of the precept derivation for 2019/20 were previously circulated and the figures produced were discussed, it was agreed that a contingency of £4,000 (same as the previous year) would be sufficient. Cllr Parker proposed that £3,000 also be ring fenced as a highway reserve for the 'Stopping Up' order for Five Bridges lay-by as it is within our parish and also that Buckhorn Weston & Kington Magna Parish Council might not be able to contribute to the "Order", seconded by Cllr Nalty. It was **resolved** that the precept for the Stours Parish Council be £21,500 and the above precepts were agreed. **Total £37,880**. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sealy.

2019/18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

a) Chairman's – Nothing further to report.

b) Clerk's

Local Councils Update. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.
DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated.

c) Playing Fields –

The playground inspection reports dated 21/12/18 received 2/1/19.

East Stour - Steve Watridge has completed the works on the play equipment and also replaced the gate.

Stour Provost and the pavilion - The contract of cutting of the grass with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance is likely to be renewed. There are a few minor points to discuss with the company like the schedule of mowing the grass to coincide with match dates. Development Control has granted permission for the trees to be cut back in the playing field.

Stour Row – all fine.

d) Crime

Vickie gave her report at the beginning of the meeting.

e) DAPTC

The next Northern Area meeting is Wednesday January 16th 2019 at the Pavilion, Okeford Fitzpaine Cllrs Parker and Mrs Wilkins will be attending.
DAPTC AGM minutes are available on the website.

f) CPRE

Countryside Voice, Fieldwork & Dorset Review publications.

2019/19 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Stour Row Church.
"Operation London Bridge"

2019/20 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

14th March 2019 at West Stour, 9th May 2019 at Stour Provost, 11th July 2019 at East Stour, 12th September 2019 at Stour Row, 14th November 2019 at West Stour.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman Date

