

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th July 2014
in West Stour Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Cowan (Chairman), Mrs D Chard, J Cloughton, Mrs B Edwards, P Gould, G Herring, T Jones, Mrs V Jones, Miss H O'Sullivan, J Parker, M Ratcliffe, M Rymill, Mrs M Rymill, Mrs E Scott, Mrs P Sealy, Mrs J Watkins and Mrs C Wilkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox, DCllr A Cattaway, Mr Martin Hibbert (Footpath Liaison Officer) and Mr J Panton.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Reports, Pre-business matters and Public participation

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Cattaway said that the re-organisation of the leadership which started 14 months ago has come to fruition. At present there is a massive consultation exercise on the delivery of DCC services which continues for another two weeks. More money has been given from central government for road repairs. A new scheme has been announced where he has £5000 to spend on projects which benefit the wellbeing of the community within the Stour Vale Division.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT.

Cllr Mrs Handford sent her apologies. Traci did say she would send a report, when it is received the Clerk will circulate it.

Public Discussion – Mr Julian Panton said he has come to the meeting to clarify agenda item 18, purchase of swings at Stour Row. He explained that for some time they have had a proposal to install swings by the Village Hall. Approximately 30 children up to the age of 10 would have use of the swings. They are trying to improve the facilities in Stour Row Village and this is one of their best ideas as their resources are limited. All the safety requirements have been met and the cost to purchase and install the swings is £2300 plus vat. The Village Fete Committee wish to seek a grant from the parish council. The Village Fete Committee (not a charity) raises most of its income at their annual fete. They are looking for a grant of £1000 (an increase of £670 as £330 has already been agreed (min ref 2013/124). It was asked that the parish council purchase the swings and get them installed and insured with their existing policy. The parish council would own the swings and would arrange the insurance and regular inspections. The Village Fete Committee would make a contribution of £1300.

Mr Panton was thanked for the information and this would be discussed and decided under the appropriate agenda item.

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officer's report

Mr Hibbert said that everything is growing madly. The next couple of months he will focus on inaccessible footpaths. At Wadmill Farm there is a path blocked by barbed wire which was raised in March and the problem is ongoing. He is hoping for an update for Lyde Hill Farm. Some footpaths have been blocked by maize crop but this has been resolved. He has had offer of help from Paul Matcham (Todber). Some bridges have been repaired between West Stour and Stour Provost and also near Yeatmans Farm, Stour Row.

Martin was thanked for his report and it is greatly appreciated what he does for our footpaths.

Flood Warden's report – No flooding issues at the moment the rivers are low.

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton said that there has not been a meeting so there is nothing to report.

Business Agenda

2014/73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs D Little, Mrs L Newton and Lady A Stagg.

2014/74 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.

No member declared any DPI

2014/75 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2014/76 APPOINTMENT TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEES

East Stour – Cllr Miss O’Sullivan. Stour Provost – Cllr Mrs Wilkins. Stour Row – Cllr Mrs Watkins. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Jones, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by all.

2014/77 TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO REPRESENT CPRE.

Cllr Lady Stagg was proposed by Cllr Mrs V Jones, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by all.

2014/78 TO CONFIRM FOOTPATH AND TREE LIASON OFFICERS

Mr M Hibbert is the footpath liaison officer for East Stour, Stour Provost, Stour Row, Todber and West Stour.

Tree officers: East Stour – Cllr Mrs Edwards, Stour Provost and Stour Row- Cllr Lady Stagg, Todber - Mr & Mrs Matcham, West Stour –Mr M Hibbert.

2014/79 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 2014.

The minutes were **agreed and adopted** as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Miss O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Parker.

2014/80 MATTERS ARISING

Item 2014/54 Mrs E Robertson is no longer on the playing field committee for East Stour. The committee is trying to find a replacement

Cllr Mrs Jones said that even though Philip Buttress maintains the grass at Stour Provost he does not have the equipment to cut the grass short enough for cricket. The cricket club do have a mower but have had to have it repaired and they do not have the finances to pay for the repairs of £78.60. It was requested that the parish council pay the invoice. It was agreed that we pay Garden Machine Services £78.60. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded Cllr P Gould.

2014/81 CASUAL VACANCY FOR EAST STOUR WARD

Mr John Claughton was co-opted. Proposed by Cllr Miss O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all. Cllr Claughton duly signed the “Acceptance of Office”.

2014/82 PLANNING MATTERS

- ERSANMINE – Station 3 No. storage containers (re-located from adjacent field) for a temporary period. Permission has been granted but the containers must be moved within 3 months to the adjacent field and then the containers must be removed by 30 June 2015 and the land restored to its former use and condition before 30 August 2015.
- Squatters Cottage is not a listed building as it is not within the curtilage.
- Section 211: Notification of Intent to carry out works to trees within a conservation area. The Old Rectory, Stour Provost, 3x Leylandii reduce height by 6m, 5 x Grey poplars to a height of 9m & remove 1 Grey Poplar.
- See attached appendix 1 for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2014/83 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Victim Support requesting for financial support. Does this council wish to support them?

NSPCC requesting a donation to their “Now I Know” appeal.

It was agreed that if parishioners wanted to support these charities that they would make their own donations and therefore the parish council would not make a financial contribution.

An e-mail received yesterday from Mr and Mrs Bettiss, Church Cross Cottage Stour Row regarding the repeated issues they are having with long HGV's failing to properly make the left turn from Green Lane onto Dover Street in Stour Row and impacting their property. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Traffic Management pointing out these issues and ask if they would be prepared to meet Mr and Mrs Bettiss on site to try and mitigate the problems. Cllr Mrs Watkins said that she would attend the site meeting on behalf of the parish council.

2014/84 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- Request for speed limit reduction 30mph B3092, Red Lane Todber has not been supported. This is a request that has been on the pending list for many years. Looking at Central Government guidelines this stretch of road would not warrant a speed limit. In view of numerous accidents near Westminster Buildings, Great Down Lane and Red Lane junction, other road management measurements might be implemented. Clerk to write back to Traffic Management and ask if a mutually convenient site meeting could be made with the Chairman and Mr Spicer in attendance to see if something can be done.
- Dorset County Council's Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is available for public consultation until Monday 4 August 2014. (previously circulated by e-mail). The council agreed that they need not to make a response to the consultation.
- Change of definitive map and statement Stour Provost footpaths 22 and 24 (Joliffe's Farm).

2014/85 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No matters came to our attention.

2014/86 HIGHWAY MATTERS

There has been another accident at East Stour Crossroads. There is no indication from the B3092 that a major road is being crossed. There appears to be problems with the signage leading to the crossroads and the bollards restrict visibility. Cllr Cattaway said he will look at the crossroad approaches and will liaise with the relevant people in Traffic Management. Speed limit request along Stour Lane. The road has been resurfaced and the parking bays have been tarmacked. Following a visit from Traffic Management new signage has been installed outside Stower Provost School ("Slow" from Stour Provost direction, 3 "Slow" from Stour Row direction). Cllr Ratcliffe said that there is still one "Slow" sign missing. At the Stour Provost Annual Parish meeting it was agreed that it did not merit another speed check as they had done as much as they could. Cllr Ratcliffe said that the School still sees the speed of traffic passing the school during times other than dropping off and picking up of the children as a major concern and a possible danger. It is hoped that the steps taken will improve the situation. It was agreed to reconsider this in the autumn during the school term when all the signage is in place and if there is any feedback from the School.

2014/87 DAPTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8TH NVEMBER 2014

Does the council wish to propose a resolution? Proposals for a resolution to be at the DAPTC office by 25th July 2014. Resolutions need to be county wide and universal. The council had no proposals to submit.

2014/88 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Do parishes wish to set up Community Speed Watch teams to monitor speeding motorist within the Stours parishes? Does the Council wish to purchase a community speed gun costing approximately £300? (Information previously circulated by e-mail)

This was discussed and it was agreed that there must be a dedicated team leader and a core of people (ideally a minimum of six) who are prepared to volunteer. Volunteers are checked and trained by the Police. Michèle Holden of West Stour is happy to be the co-ordinator. East Stour and West Stour have shown an interest and maybe they should share the costs. It was agreed that further information be sought. Cllr Parker will liaise with Michèle Holden. Cllr Cattaway said he will bring information from other parishes and feedback on best practices. This to go on the agenda in September.

2014/89 TO ADOPT THE TREES ALONG ANGEL LANE, STOUR PROVOST

Phil Buttress has cleared and tidy up the area. The oak and scots pine trees were planted in recognition of the Millennium and had now fallen into neglect. There is wildlife and wild flowers around the trees. Hopefully the council will cut the grass occasionally to keep it maintained. It will be very low maintenance with the area around the trees needing to be strimmed once a year. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins that the council adopt the trees, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

2014/90 PURCHASE OF SWINGS AT STOUR ROW

Julian Panton gave the information during public discussion time. The total cost including installation is £2300 (excluding vat). It was proposed that Stour Row Fete Committee pay £1300. Cllr Cattaway was asked whether £670 could come from the fund he has. He will respond at our next meeting. It was agreed to purchase the swings regardless of whether funding is obtained from DCC, proposed by Cllr Mrs Edwards, seconded by Cllr Herring. The Stours Parish Council to pay £330 or £1000 depending on the outcome of the request put to Cllr Cattaway.

2014/91 DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT PROPOSAL THE RIGHT FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS TO SELL ELECTRICITY

E-mail previously circulated. In principle the council supported these proposals. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Mr Jones. Clerk to write letting Local Works know of our support.

2014/92 EAST STOUR VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

Cllr Little's report previously circulated. The main points are Village History, playing field, children's play area, planting, seats, A30 near Oswald's Barn, Stours Villages market, oil buying scheme and Village Hall renovation.

2014/93 LAND AT THE FIELDINGS, EAST STOUR POSSIBLE ALLOTMENTS

Letter received from Spectrum housing group asking whether we wish to proceed with this. There has been no further interest. There have been alternative allotments available. It was agreed that Spectrum could close their file but if the need arose again we would contact them.

2014/94 FUTURE TRAINING COURSES HOSTED BY DAPTC

Clerk distributed the list for 2014.

2014/95 GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

The Gypsies and Travellers have returned to Five Bridges. The Clerk had received communication from Mr Dave Ayre, Head of Countryside and Business Development and Interim Head of Dorset Property. He said "Our legal team are assessing whether we can apply something called a warrant of restitution on this site. This would mean that we would still be able to apply the previous decision of the court for repossession of the site without a further court case. Our legal Team are advising us to go for a court date, so the team are working on court statements. Paula or I will let you know when we have a date". Cllr Cattaway said that the layby is a designated highway and access cannot be blocked and HGV lorries need access and some do stop overnight. Also access is required for Wessex Water. Mr Ayre and Ms Paula Clover know what is best and how to deal with this situation.

NDDC will be carrying out another consultation of proposed approved sites in the autumn.

2014/96 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS for the period 1 May 2014 – 30 June 2014

<u>Payments</u>		
DD	TalkTalk broadband	32.92
1614	Philip Buttress grass maintenance	240.00
1615	Western Counties bus shelter cleaning	48.00
1616	CPRE renewal membership	36.00
1617	SD Playgrounds inspection	52.92
1618	DAPTC renewal of subscription	470.74
1619	Stour Row Village Hall hire	12.00
1620	Gillingham Town Council LDS	426.72
1621	Shaftesbury Town Council LDS	340.90
1622	N Power electric pavilion	15.76
1623	Stour Row Village Hall hire	4.00
1624	S Corfield cleaning of pavilion	40.00
1625	Mrs M Cox sal & exp Apr	403.29
1626	P Buttress tree work East Stour	420.00
1627	West Stour Village Hall	7.00
1628	P Buttress grass maintenance	240.00
DD	Talk Talk	25.23
1629	Phoenix Services Millennium Green	90.00
1630	DAPTC Training Course D Little	30.00
1631	DAPTC Training Course P Sealy	30.00
1632	P Buttress tree work Angel Lane	340.00
1633	Mrs M Cox sal & exp May	393.86
Total		3699.34

<u>Receipts</u>		
Stour Provost FC		60.00
Fast Feet		65.00
Stour Provost Cricket		15.00
Stour Provost PCC		30.00
HMRC vat refund		557.13
Total		727.13

Balances of Accounts as at 30 June 2014– NSB £4891.27. Scottish Widows Bank – £16516.43. Lloyds plc – £6382.50
Included in these balances is £2740.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's pension (min ref 2010/94).
Copy of accounts balance and budget 2014/15 summary 1.5.14 to 30.6.14.

It was resolved to adopt the accounts. Proposed by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watkins & agreed by all.

