

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th July 2017
In East Stour Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs B Edwards (Chairman), Mrs T Bagnall, Mrs R Blacklock, P Brown, R Cowan, G Gilding, T Jones, Mrs V Jones, R King, J Nalty, Mrs E Newton, J Parker, Mrs P Sealy, Lady Stagg, Mrs J Watkins and Mrs C Wilkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox, DCCllr Graham Carr-Jones, NDDCllr Jane Westbrook, Cllr N Osborne (Chairman Buckhorn Weston & Kington Magna Parish Council) and 4 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Reports, Pre-business matters and Public participation

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Graham Carr-Jones introduced himself to the meeting. His electoral division is Stalbridge and The Beacons. He is on the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee and the People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Cllr David Walsh is the Chairman of the latter. Graham said that they are waiting on a decision from the Secretary of State regarding the nine councils becoming Unitary and we may get a decision by 20th July. Children Services and Adult Social Care are serious issues.

Then the 'North Dorset Forgotten' dossier (previously circulated) was discussed. Cllr Nalty said that The Stours Parish Council felt that North Dorset is being rather ignored. Police resources have been cut, lots going on with roads, especially Todber B3092 where things have happened and not been dealt with in a professional manner. Generally it is felt that North Dorset is a poor relation.

The Gillingham Southern Extension appears to be going nowhere fast. The delay is due to the landowners/developers and agents.

The National Planning Policy Framework was discussed, also development, settlement areas and the five year land supply.

Cllr Cowan said that we want Localism and we need to see if there is a way to get sensible development that local people want in our area. NDDCllr Jane Westbrook will speak to DCCllr David Walsh. It was agreed that Cllrs Cowan & Parker will liaise. Cllr Parker will take the matter to the National Association of Local Councils. Graham was thanked for his report.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Jane Westbrook said that nothing further to add as matters are covered later in the agenda.

Public Discussion – Mrs G Bruce-Ahrens addressed the meeting about the Dormers planning application (2/2017/0100/FUL) that has just been granted permission for one year. Mrs Bruce-Ahrens lives opposite Dormers. She said that many Stour Row Villagers opposed the application and also asked who would do the monitoring, which will cost money and who will pay for monitoring? She also asked if it is a viable business plan for one year and will the change of use be permanent?

Cllr Mrs Watkins said Development Control made their decision under delegated powers and that permission had been granted for 1 year until 31st July 2018. The owners would have to reapply for planning permission upon expiry. It is a compromise and we will have to see how it goes and how it does affect the residents. There will be opportunities for meetings and for people to talk within the Village.

Cllr Carr-Jones said that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee and has no power in decision making. The monitoring will be judged by the number of complaints made by the public and or the parish council. The change of use to dog training is to premises/land class.

Rights of Way Liaison Officer's report - Martin Hibbert sent his apologies. Cllr Parker said that Martin had insurance cover under the Rights of Way Volunteer support scheme, but this appears to have changed. Cllr Parker will query this at the Northern Area meeting next week

Tree Wardens' reports – East Stour Cllr Mrs Bagnall said that the trimming of the trees at the playing field will be carried out shortly by David Braybon. Other parishes there was nothing to report.

Flood Wardens' report – Cllr Mrs Wilkins said that there have been no reports of flooding.

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton said that the 13th June meeting was cancelled. Bus operations are going to tender. It is hoped there will be another meeting soon.

Business Agenda

2017/79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs P Bowe, P Gould, Mrs E Scott.

The Chairman advised the meeting that Mr Nigel Lithgow has resigned as he feels that as a Governor to Stower Provost Community School, his role has proved to be hugely more taxing and time consuming than he understood it would be.

2017/80 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

2017/81 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th May 2017.

The minutes were **agreed and adopted** as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Blacklock and seconded by Cllr Brown.

2017/82 MATTERS ARISING

Partnership with Shaftesbury Town Council and Gillingham Town Council for some discretionary services, Cllr Nalty said that h is waiting to hear from the head groundsman from Shaftesbury. He has heard nothing from Gillingham T C. He will chase.

2017/83 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Todber (B3092) – still waiting for the matter of the edge lining to be resolved which has been going on for 27 months. For such a trivial matter it is very frustrating that senior management do not know what is going on
- SIDs – The post in Red Lane, Todber is now in its correct location and a pole has been erected by East Stour Crossroads. Todber is waiting for the pole brackets and the training of the use of a SID. The SID will be used around Speedwatch sessions. West Stour the poles have been ordered.
- Fifehead Magdalen Crossroads -the works for the visibility improvement have started.
- Community Speedwatch. East Stour, the team were out Monday and there was 1 vehicle over the speed limit during the hour. The presence of the team do have an effect and drivers do slow down. Todber, the team try to go out weekly. Wessex Water have been working along Church Close which has meant traffic speed has been slower. A successful outing the other week. West Stour, the team have been out regularly, however they are now one member short. They still get the regular speeding drivers. The yellow visibility jackets do have an effect on slowing down speed.

2017/84 PLANNING MATTERS

- See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2017/85 CORRESPONDENCE

- Administration of the Estate of the late Hannah Mary O'Sullivan. Received from Rutters, Solicitors a cheque for £3,021.31, "to be used for the general benefit and welfare of the parish of East Stour and its inhabitants and to make donations to good and worthy causes within or without the Parish and in particular to look after the interests of the elderly and the young by providing free entertainments parties and outgoings". It was agreed this was very kind of Hannah and the Parish is very grateful. East Stour Parish will decide what to do with the monies at their parish meeting.
- Hinton St Mary Parish Council are most impressed with Todber's village gateway. The gateway does show drivers that there is a village settlement they are passing through.
- SSE Enterprise lighting, advising that they will be completing phase 2 of the street lighting replacement at College Arms Close, Stour Row and Forge End east, East Stour.

2017/86 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

It was agreed to send a copy of the dossier highlighting issues that affect the Stours Parish Council to our MP Simon Hoare, (previously circulated and was addressed at this meeting). Also to send a copy to Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

2017/87 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

There are lots of meetings coming up. Nothing else to report.

2017/88 DAPTC

Proposals for consideration at the AGM should be sent to the DAPTC office by 28 July 2017.
Cllr Parker said that the issues brought up earlier by Cllr Cowan might be on the DAPTC AGM.

2017/89 TRAVELLERS AND GYPSIES

Cllr Jane Westbrook reported that Paula Clover said that there has been a delay in delivering the eviction order to the Travellers at St James' Common. The Travellers might be back at Five Bridges. At present Wessex Water are working in the lay-by. Five Bridges cannot be an authorised site as Wessex Water require 24 hour access and there is a main sewerage pipe that runs under the land. Wessex Water has proposed to contribute towards fencing an area off, but the parish council(s) would need to make a contribution. The cost is unknown. It is early days yet and there is a lot to be done, which involved DCC.

2017/90 GILLINGHAM SOUTHERN EXTENSION

Cllr Gilding said that in the plan, Phase IV, there are road improvements and £2.45million has been unlocked. What are the consortium going to do with the money? Cllr Carr-Jones said that is just a contribution to help it to get going and the actual cost is astronomical. It was agreed to invite Cllr David Walsh to our meeting in November. Nothing has happened since David attended our meeting 18 months ago. The proposed enlargement of Brickfields Industrial Estate will mean extra larger traffic and lorry numbers will double going along the B3092 through East Stour. Even now the foundations of houses are shaking when lorries go by. This problem needs to be addressed. Cllr Carr-Jones will find out more about Brickfields.

2017/91 LITTER BIN, WITCH LANE EAST STOUR

Cllr Mrs Bagnall said that a temporary litter bin has been placed along Witch Lane with the usage being monitored. At the moment it is being emptied weekly and photos and figures were circulated. On the figures it was agreed that the collection to be changed to fortnightly. It will still be monitored by DWP during the trial period. Cllr Mrs Bagnall will talk to the farmers on both sides of the lane as she is not sure if the waste bin is solving the issue of dog mess. There does appear to be some improvement.

2017/92 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS for the period 1st May 2017 – 30th June 2017

Balances of Accounts from statements as at 30th June 2017 – NSB £4,994.75. Scottish Widows Bank – £8,735.31. Lloyds plc – £19398.70

Included in these balances is £4795.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94, 2015/022 & 67 & 2016/165).

Copy of Income and Expenses for the period 1st May 2017 – 30th June 2017 and budget (2 monthly and financial year to date) summary distributed.

It was resolved to adopt the accounts. Proposed by Cllr Nalty, seconded by Cllr Parker.

2017/93 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

It was agreed to make the following payments:

- Mrs M Cox - £35.49 reimburse broadband
- Vision ICT - £150 website hosting and support for 2017/18
- Dorset County Council - £695.52 (3 x supply & erect SID posts East Stour & Todber).
- Communicorp (Local councils update) renewal - £75
- Viking - £40.98, stationery
- Phoenix - £90 grass maintenance Millennium Green
- M Belcher - £250 cleaning and maintenance Stour Provost pavilion

It was resolved to authorise the above payments Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr J Nalty.

The £605 (£325 & £280) quote from Malcolm Belcher to do works as and when required to the pavilion was accepted, proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by all.

