

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th March 2018
In East Stour Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs B Edwards (Chairman), P Bowe, P Brown, R Haddon, R King, J Nalty, Mrs E Newton, Mrs E Scott and L Trowbridge. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox, DCCllrs, David Walsh, Graham Carr-Jones and Andrew Cattaway, NDDCllr Jane Westbrook, M Hibbert (RoWLO), and 5 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed DCCllr David Walsh and those present.

Reports, Pre-business matters and Public participation

Cllr David Walsh addressed the meeting by giving an update (report attached) to the Gillingham Southern Extension and also answered questions from the members present. He also gave an update to Gypsy and Travellers (report attached) Cllr Gilding said that "He is very grateful on behalf of the parish council, for the assistance that DCCllr David Walsh has offered Cllr Gilding and NDDCllr Jane Westbrook. David has been very kind offering them time at the Gillingham Growth Board meeting and is very mindful of our concerns".

Cllr Walsh was thanked for attending the meeting.

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Cattaway said that unless there were any questions specifically for him he would tender his apologies as he had another meeting elsewhere.

Cllr Carr-Jones sends live information by email for circulation to the councillors. Should anybody have any queries please contact Graham direct. The County Council performed incredibly well during the snow and got back to normal pretty quickly. Due to the local government reorganisations elections will be held 3rd May 2019. Graham said the most important task after the transformation in 2019 will be services to the residents. There probably will be a boundary review. The first two terms of office including parish and town councils will be for 5 years.

Graham was thanked for his report.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Jane Westbrook said that Cllr Gilding has asked for more information about Dorset Care Records and Dorset becoming an "Accountable Care Organisation", this has been renamed the Integrated Care System. Its main purpose is to streamline the social care system so that it functions more efficiently and cost effectively. The Dorset Care Record is also being extended, which is a database of all those within the social care system, and the aim is to be able to instantly access a patient's details in order to get the best outcome.

Other matters will be dealt with under the agenda items.

Jane was thanked for her report,

Public Discussion – Mr David Hartgill briefed members present about the request for an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) for the construction of a solar farm between Fifehead Magdalen and Stour Provost. The solar farm would be very close to Duncliffe Wood and the A30, also there would be a significant visual impact from properties in the surrounding villages of Fifehead Magdalen, Stour Provost and West Stour, should the application be permitted. It is agreed that renewable energy such as solar be used, but be appropriately situated. Cllr Carr-Jones said that Development Control will consult the Stours Parish Council when the planning applications are submitted, then there will be an opportunity for comments to be made.

Mrs Mills and Miss Flower spoke about the planning application for change of use of barn to agricultural use (retrospective) at Hunts Hill, Todber. Mrs Mills said that complaints have been made about the proposed application by Enforcement, Police, NDDC Planning, and the Parish Council also there has been a visit by the RSPCA. She said they are allowed to crush stone 1 day a month and they do not crush in the summer when there are young calves about. She said that she has lived there for 75 years and her son for 52 years and they are earning a living and providing employment in the area. Newcomers to the area knew the business was there and should not complain. She asked why some people are against them, as they are trying to run a business. Young calves are not taken straight away from their mothers. Mrs Mills said if there are any questions to ask her.

Cllr Jane Westbrook said that there are 2 planning applications awaiting decision change of use for the barn and stationing of the mobile home (retrospective) and it will be up to Development Control to decide the outcome of the applications.

Rights of Way Officer's report - Mr Hibbert said that there are no major issues. There has been a lot of work done at Duncliffe Wood, new tracks laid and the car park has been resurfaced. The Woodland Trust has put in another planning application for the second phase of work. Stour Row, phone box to Duncliffe Wood, the new owners next to this path are thinking of doing some improvements. The proposed solar farm at Fifehead Magdalen will have an impact on the footpaths in Fifehead Magdalen and also the footpaths along the Stour Valley Way from West Stour to Stour Provost. The proposed solar farm is also likely to affect Kington Magna, so Kington Magna parish would like to be involved in any consultation. It was agreed that there needs to be a co-ordinated approach with the Stours Parish Council taking the lead on any solar farm planning applications when consulted by Development Control.

White Hart Link, the Gillingham to Shaftesbury section will be launched in May.

Cllr Brown said that cars are still parking on the footpaths in East Stour and just lately, all night. Martin will liaise with Cllr Brown.

The hedge by 1 Beulah Cottage is overgrown and encroaches over the footpath. Martin will ask the owners to cut the hedge back.

Martin was thanked for his report.

Tree Wardens' reports -

East Stour – Mrs Bagnall sent her apologies and said there is nothing to report.

Stour Provost and Stour Row, Todber and West Stour – Nothing to report.

Flood Wardens' report – No report received.

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton said there is a Transport meeting Tuesday 3th March. Nothing else to report.

Business Agenda

2018/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs, R Cowan, G Gilding, P Gould, Mrs V Jones, J Parker and Mrs J Watkins. Cllrs Mrs R Blacklock, Mrs P Sealy and Mrs C Wilkins attended a parish and town planning session at Dorchester.

2018/25 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

2018/26 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2018/27 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th January 2018.

Agreed and adopted as a correct record proposed by Cllr P Brown and seconded by Cllr R Haddon.

2018/28 MATTERS ARISING

- Manor Farm Gate, West Stour – the offer of the 'No through road' street name plate by NDDC has been declined by the residents as they felt the sign is not appropriate and that there are not that many lorries so the sign would not be needed. NDDC has been informed.

2018/29 CASUAL VACANCIES FOR EAST STOUR WARD AND STOUR PROVOST WARD

Cllr J Nalty proposed that Luke Trowbridge be co-opted for the Stour Provost ward, seconded by Cllr Mrs L Newton.

Mr Trowbridge was welcomed to the Parish Council and duly signed the "Acceptance of Office".

Tony Jones has resigned from East Stour ward, Democratic Services has been informed.

This means there are now 2 vacancies for the East Stour ward.

2018/30 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- East Stour Crossroads – Cllr Gilding reported that there was another collision there this week, quite nasty but no injuries. As it is a non-collision injury it will not be recorded.
- SIDs, East Stour, Todber and West Stour. A response from Rob Camp and Joe Allen has been circulated, the SID lag time cannot be adjusted and policy is not to allow activation below 30mph. The next SID model up does

allow for the lag time to be reduced, which would minimise the problem. How much more expensive they are is not known at the moment. East Stour will purchase another SID after the precept monies have been received in April. The SID shared between Todber and West Stour is being changed over every two to three weeks as they feel that motorists become immune to the warnings if it is left in place for longer.

- Community Speedwatch, Todber – the team has not been out lately as the weather has not been suitable. East Stour- Tony Jones would like to relinquish his involvement with this, therefore new volunteers needed. West Stour, the team are still borrowing the Bushnell speed gun from Dorset Police (the hand held device from Stour Row has not been forthcoming) until the team gets their own. The “Bushnell” can be purchased independently off the internet or from Dorset Police. Cllr King did say that the “Bushnell” is much better option for West Stour as they have much more traffic being on the A30. As there was some confusion regarding the purchase, it was agreed to put this on the next agenda.
- Sign replacement along the A30 (East Stour), because it is on a high speed road it needs frangible safety posts (they are expensive) which are designed to minimise injury to occupants if hit. Sign shop suggested that as it was a warning sign as much as a directional sign, that Roger Bell’s department (Community Highways) might want to share the cost. Otherwise Cllr Gilding suspects the cost to be shared between East Stour and Stour Provost parishes. Cllr Gilding feels the sign should be replaced. Agreed to put on next agenda when we might have heard from Roger Bell. The sign along the B3092 (Stour Provost) is not now a priority for the pre-school. They have been offered a sign on private land which will save money. The cost of replacing the existing sign would be the parish council’s.
- Two proposed Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – A30 West Stour closed between 10th April and 25th April 2018 between the hours 09.30 and 15.30 daily and A30 Kings Arms to Lox Lane closed between 3rd April and 9th April 2018 between the hours 09.00 and 16.00 daily. Both so that essential maintenance works can be carried out and they will be opened at nights and the weekends.

2018/31 PLANNING MATTERS

- Proposed solar farm at Fifehead Magdalen discussed during public discussion.
- Land south east of Little Meadow, Back Street, Planning Enforcement has decided that the unauthorised building does require planning consent.
- See attached for list of planning applications and decisions received since last meeting.
- Re 2/2018/ 0247/OUT Land east of Old Orchard, East Stour Develop land by the erection of 8 No. dwellings with garages and parking. Form new vehicular and pedestrian access, and form a new path to the front boundary road side. (Outline application to determine access and layout). An Extra-ordinary meeting to be held 15th March 2018 at 8pm, East Stour Village Hall to discuss this application.

2018/33 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Dave Thompson, Director Dorset Youth Association (DYA) (circulated). DYA has confirmed that there is not a club that is affiliated to them within our area. They have offered help and advice with provision for young people. It was agreed that there should be more to be done for today’s youth within the Stours.

2018/34 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor report is circulated monthly by Graham. The main points last month, Update on local Government re-organisation, Gender pay gap, Latest on the upcoming new dorsetforyou website, Low carbon Dorset Kicks Off, ultrafast connections for enterprise zones, volunteers needed to pass on digital skills, Supporting LGBT History month, Diversity & Inclusion and this month are Budget, Health, Environment and Access.

2018/35 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr Val Potheary, Chairman of North Dorset District Council would like to thank unsung heroes in North Dorset. If you know someone who lives in North Dorset who deserves recognition for their support of others in the community, please nominate them by 22nd April 2018 (e-mail previously circulated with nomination form).

Cllr Jane Westbrook was thanked for her support in respect of the proposed solar farm at Fifehead Magdalen.

2018/36 TRAVELLERS AND GYPSIES

Cllr Jane Westbrook said she would do a full report next meeting when there are more councillors in attendance. Simon Hoare MP and Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill are aware of the increased drugs problem at Five Bridges. The travellers at Five Bridges will probably be there until August. Agreed that the Parish Council needs to write a firm letter to DCC. Also agreed to involve Kington Magna and Buckhorn Weston Parish Council.

2018/37 GILLINGHAM SOUTHERN EXTENSION

Discussed during pre-business matters.

2018/38 UNITED FRONT TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN OUR VILLAGES

Cllr King gave an update from the meeting held 22nd January 2018. Trevor Vaughan, Chairman of Marnhull Parish Council has convened meetings of chairmen of parishes including East Stour, Fifehead Magdalen, Hinton St Mary, Marnhull, The Orchards and Margaret Marsh, Stour Provost and Todber to develop a coordinated approach to DCC Highways. Stour Provost proposed that the 40mph limit south of East Stour be extended past Scotchey Lane junction. Todber proposed that a new 50mph limit should extend along the entire length of the B3092 from East Stour to Marnhull. Trevor has collated all proposals and submitted them on 20th February. It is important, thought to be realistic when making proposals, and have regard for Department for Transport guidelines. The most effective solution has yet to be decided. Cllr Mrs Edwards said that she was not invited to attend the previous meeting, but sent in suggestions of a zebra crossing by the Village Hall and chicanes at the far end of Back Street. What is really needed is a good road between the M4 and Poole.

2018/39 PLAYING FIELDS

- Julia Gould, on behalf of Stour Vale Markets has offered funds to buy a new child oriented picnic table and to fund the laying of a short stretch of path from East Stour Village Hall patio to the memorial (e-mail circulated). The path can be laid when the base of the memorial is dug. Steve Watridge is offering his time for free to help with the project. It was **resolved** to accept the construction of the (self-binding aggregate) footpath from the war memorial to the village hall and the offer of a new multi-coloured picnic bench. Proposed by Cllr P Brown, seconded by Cllr Haddon.
- Cllr Nalty said that Stour Provost Cricket Club is promoting young people, including girls to play cricket and in this connection the club is asking permission to put down a new concrete base with artificial grass. 10 metres long at the site of the old net base by the swings. It was **resolved** that this could be done. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Scott.

2018/40 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS for the period 1st January 2018 – 28th February 2018

Balances of Accounts from statements as at 28th February 2018 – NSB £4,994.75. Scottish Widows Bank – £21,735.97 Lloyds plc – £4,635.18.

Included in these balances is £5,480.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's gratuity (min ref 2010/94, 2015/022 & 67, 2016/165 & 2017/114).

Copy of Income & Expenses 1.1.18 to 28.2.18 and budget 2017/18 (2 monthly to date) summary distributed.

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

Payments

It was agreed to make the following payments:

- Mrs M Cox - £38.82 reimburse broadband.
- To pay a grant of £300 to Read Easy, Gillingham and Shaftesbury
- To pay a grant of £1000 to North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau
- To pay a grant of £500 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

It was resolved to authorise the above payments Proposed by Cllr Nalty, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton.

- To consider a grant to the Dorset Youth Association (DYA) this was declined as not in our remit. Clerk to write to DYA.

2018/41 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

a) Chairman's – Round Table meeting with Simon Hoare MP held 2nd February. The Chairman, Cllrs King and Parker attended. Cllr King gave a brief report of the meeting. The main points were the £4.1m grant to improve the viability of the GSE. Simon said that any development must make a 20% profit for contractors for it to be viable because of the associated infrastructure costs. All doctors' surgeries are privately owned. Thus surgeries may close if no GPs can be found to buy in, as may be the case in Stalbridge at the moment.

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 –
 East Stour – Tony Jones said he is happy to continue on the playing field committee. Nothing further to report.
 Stour Provost and the pavilion – The pavilion had burst pipes and consequently flooded, this has now been rectified.
 Stour Row – no report received.
- d) Crime
 PCSO Vicky Biggs sent her apologies. Since the last meeting 3 crimes reported in the Stours, parcel stolen from a post box at a property in Stour Provost. Vehicle damaged in Witch Lane, East Stour and a milk churn stolen from outside a shop in East Stour.
 Cllr Gilding said that their milk churn which was full of rubble and concrete was stolen this week.
- e) DAPTC
 Cllr Nalty reported on the Data Protection and Information Governance (due to come in force May 2018) course that he attended last December. Under the Information and Freedom Act, e-mails can be accessed, so as a guideline do not write anything that you would not say at a meeting. Cllr Nalty will circulate his meeting notes. This to be on the next agenda when there are more councillors in attendance.
 Cllrs Parker and Mrs Wilkins attended the Northern Area meeting held on 16th January 2018. The minutes and reports of the meeting have been previously circulated. The next Northern Area meeting is 16th April 2018 at Okeford Fitzpaine (tbc), Cllrs J Parker and Mrs C Wilkins will be in attendance.
 DAPTC Annual Conference due to take place 9th March 2018 at Kingston Maurward College.
- f) CPRE
 North Dorset AGM is 28th March at 5 pm at Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster and the spring party 4th April at Fifehead Neville.
 Countryside Voice, Fieldwork & Dorset Review publications.

2018/42 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting.
- Travellers and Gypsies.
- Purchase of Bushnell speed gun.
- Sign replacement along the A30.
- General Data Processing Regulations (GDPR).
- Solar farms.

2018/43 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

10th May 2018 at Stour Row, 12th July 2018 at West Stour, 13th September 2018 at Stour Provost, 8th November 2018 at East Stour.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman Date