

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th January 2014
in West Stour Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), R Cowan, Mrs B Edwards, P Gould, T Jones, D Little, Miss H O'Sullivan, Mrs E Newton, J Parker, M Ratcliffe, Mrs M Rymill, Mrs E Scott, Mrs P Sealy, Lady Stagg and Mrs C Wilkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs M Cox and Martin Hibbert (Footpath Liaison Officer)

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked Cllr Parker for doing the minutes of the last meeting, due to the Clerk's absence.

Reports, Pre-business matters and Public participation

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Cattaway sent his apologies and said there is nothing to report.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT.

Cllr Mrs Handford sent her apologies. Her report was read to the meeting. The main points were that the Local Consultation Plan runs until 24th January 2014. NDDC has been awarded a prestigious European award for its community planning work. Mr Stephen Howard will be attending the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 29th January 2014 if anyone has any questions please let Traci know. Also if there any issues with Dorset Waste Partnership.

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officer's report

Mr Hibbert said that footpaths are waterlogged but useable with care. Footpath issues at Lyde Hill Farm are still not resolved. The diversion for FPs 22 & 24 at Joliffe's Farm, Margaret Marsh has today been confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate. FP 64, Mead Farm proposed diversion is going through. Cllr Gould said that he will be meeting with DEFRA within the next few weeks and he will find out more about farm security and electric fencing. At Todber parish meeting it was said that a footpath around the lake across the bridge is obstructed by an electric fence. Following an amicable meeting with the landowner this has now been sorted with a minor alteration to the route. West Stour held a walk at Whitesheet Mere. There are proposals to hold more walks involving all the villages within the Stours. All welcome. Mr Julian Trim is hoping to build 2 new dwellings at the Lynch, West Stour. Part of the deal should he get planning permission is to improve the green lane at The Lynch. He has met with Mr R Skeats, Highways Technical Officer, Dorset County Council. There will be further consultations, when the planning application is received, with West Stour councillors and parishioners.

Trees – no new reports.

Flood Wardens' report – There has been flooding especially along the A30 East Stour but drivers appear to take care. The water soon recedes.

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton said that the meeting had been cancelled. Calculations need to be done again for the proposed cuts in bus services. There will be another meeting.

Public Discussion – none.

Business Agenda

2014/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Mrs D Chard, G Herring, Mrs V Jones and M Rymill.

2014/02 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.

No member declared any DPI

2014/03 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

4 forms received all with the matter of "Setting the Parish Council Precept", expiry date 7 May 2015. 15 others held with an expiry date of 7 May 2015 are rolled over.

Cllr Parker proposed that these be accepted, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

2014/04 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th November 2013.

Under 2013/156 the date should read 31 October 2013 and not 31 August 2013, this was duly amended. The minutes were then **agreed and adopted** as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr Lady Stagg.

2014/05 MATTERS ARISING

- Cheque no 1544 for £1425.96 payable to Broker Network Insurance is the Parish Council's annual insurance. The payment is the norm for the council (previous year's payment was £1425) as it covers the council and the four wards.
- Gypsy and Travellers at Five Bridges lay-by. They have now vacated the site. Concerns were raised that the site will be occupied again. The site cannot be closed off as access is required for Wessex Water and space is required for HGVs turning.

2014/06 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE ELECTRONICALLY

From February, Development Control will be sending planning applications electronically. Hard copies can be viewed at Nordon by appointment. In order to accept comments on applications it was agreed to accept correspondence including responses to planning applications electronically. Proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan.

2014/07 PLANNING MATTERS

- Appeal by Mr W Lee; site land at Stour Hill West Stour construction of vehicular access (Planning ref 2/2012/1508/PLNG) has been allowed.
- Appeal by Mr C Lyle. Appeal against Non-Validation of Application regarding Form 6 bay caravan park and provide storage for contractors (retrospective) Coking Farm, West Stour.
- Public Path Diversion Order 2006 parts of Footpaths 22 and 24 Stour Provost to be determined by The Planning Inspectorate. Martin Hibbert reported that this has been confirmed today
- Tree Preservation Order Highfield, East Stour to carry out the following work: Oak remove large lower lateral growing towards the property and reduce remaining crown by 3m and Field Maple: reduce crown by 3m.
- Tree preservation Order Cedar house, Stour Provost to carry out the following work: fell willow tree.
- See attached appendix 1 for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2014/08 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received to report on

2014/09 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- Copy of formal public notice Traffic Regulation Order Draft order 2219/22 The County of Dorset (Various Roads, Todber) (30mph speed limit) Order 201. Providing there are no objections or comments/suggestions this should be in place soon.
- Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan consultation on the Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Plan ends 4pm 13th February 2014.

2014/10 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

2014/11 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Speed restriction request for Stower Provost School. Cllr Ratcliffe said that the arranged Governors' meeting had been overtaken by other events. Another one will be arranged by the end of term. The road past the school is straight from both ends and vehicular drivers tend to drive too fast along the road. Cllr Ratcliffe requested support from the parish council to have a speed limit by the school. **It was resolved** that the Stours Parish Council support the request for a speed limit by Stower Provost Community School. Cllr Ratcliffe will let the Governors know of this support.

2014/12 APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER – PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Footpath N71/64 Meads Farm – does the council support the proposed diversion? This has been discussed at previous meetings. The Ramblers Association support the application. It was agreed that The Stours Parish Council support the proposal at the present time but reserve the right to withdraw support later. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded by Cllr Lady Stagg and agreed by all.

2014/13 CODE OF CONDUCT (LOCALISM ACT)

Principles of The Code and Member Obligations (brief summary of Code of Conduct session). Deferred to the next meeting.

2014/14 EAST STOUR VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

Cllr Little reported on the progress of the action plan. In summary: - The Village History Group has submitted an application for a grant of £7500 to the Heritage Lottery. The playing field has had its trees pruned. Projects are being looked into to improve the facilities, e.g. a circular path around the field, baby swing, replacing the disintegrating commemorative stone, the planting of 4000 bulbs and planting 4000 more later. Dr Austin-Joes will be providing two seats in memory of her late husband. The land by Oswald Barn, A30 will be landscaped. He said that he is now Chairman of East Stour Village Hall Committee and that Oliver Salisbury has stepped down. There will be a meeting in a few weeks' time to discuss hall improvements. Ideas welcomed. Cllr Little was thanked for his report.

2014/15 PURCHASE OF PICNIC TABLE/BENCH AT EAST STOUR PLAYING FIELD

Deferred to the next meeting.

2014/16 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR EAST STOUR AND STOUR PROVOST PLAYING FIELDS

It was agreed at their respective parish meetings to continue to use Philip Buttress to maintain the playing fields. East Stour price per cut £70 and Stour Provost £50. The council is pleased with Philip's work and complimentary comments have been made by the members of the public.

2014/17 PURCHASE OF NALC's BOOK LOCAL COUNCILS EXPLAINED

This is a useful publication for councillors and has the latest Model standing Orders. It was **resolved** to purchase a copy of this publication at £49.99. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan.

2014/18 TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2014/15

At their respective parish meetings the following precepts were agreed –East Stour parish - £5000, Stour Provost parish - £4500, Todber – £690 and West Stour parish - £750.

The precept could not be decided at this meeting due as the figures for 2014/15 was unclear.

Cllr Cowan and the Clerk will meet to look at the figures/presentation which will be distributed again in a clearer format. As Financial Services, North Dorset District Council would like to know our precept requirements by 31st January it was agreed to hold another meeting on Monday 27th January 2014 at 7pm at East Stour Village Hall to set the precept.

2014/19 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS for the period 1 November 2013 – 31 December 2013

Payments

DD	TalkTalk broadband	28.48
1565	Western Counties cleaning of bus shelters	48.00
1566	DAPTC budget training course	25.00
1567	Mrs M Cox reimburse pavilion elec & stationery	7.62
1568	West Stour Village Hall hire	11.00
1569	Stour Row PCC grant	250.00
1570	Stour Provost PCC grant	200.00
1571	Society Local Council Clerks purchase manual	35.50
1572	East Stour PCC	300.00
1573	Phoenix services M Green grass cutting	40.00
1574	Mrs M Cox reimburse printer	161.96
1575	Mrs M Cox reimburse printer cable	6.98
1576	Mrs M Cox sal & exp October	432.37
1577	D Little reimburse ESVA Plan hall hedge work	274.78
1578	St Mary's PCC West Stour grant	300.00
1579	West Stour Village Hall grant	300.00
1580	West Stour Village Hall hire	8.00
1581	Francis Carne Assoc purchase of dog stickers	19.81
1582	Mrs M Cox sal & exp November	392.12
1583	HMRC 3 months tax	275.60
Total		3117.22

Receipts

Stour Provost FC	45.00
East Stour Village Hall	10.00
Total	55.00

Balances of Accounts as at 31 December 2013 – NSB £4854.86. Scottish Widows Bank – £13988.26. Lloyds plc – £4524.46.

Included in these balances is £2740.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's pension (min ref 2010/94).

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

2014/20 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- Dorset Association of Parish & Town councils - £75 (Code of Conduct session).
- To renew SLCC membership £101.
- Viking - £75.68 (stationery).
- West Stour Village Hall - £11 (Parish Council Meeting).
- Southern electric - £5.25 (pavilion).

It was resolved to authorise the above payments Proposed by Cllr Mrs Scott, seconded by Cllr T Jones & agreed by all.

2014/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

- a) Chairman's – The Chairman said that she attended the brilliant Christmas Fairs held in the Stours Villages. She thanked them all for their hard work. Members present were also reminded about the trouble experienced recently at Stour Row Village Hall with a birthday party and the licensing law including the serving of alcoholic drinks.
- b) Clerk's
- Local Councils Update. Community.com. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.
 - DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated.

- c) Playing Fields –
East Stour – nothing further to report.
Stour Provost- Are looking to add another playground equipment to the swings. Cllr Ratcliffe will liaise with Philip Buttress about the replacing the wood on the 2 seats when he replaces the gates and makes good the entrance to the field.
- d) Crime
No other reports received other than E-mails already circulated.
- e) DAPTC
The next Northern Area meeting is on Tuesday 14 January at Sturminster Newton.
- f) CPRE

2014/22 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Code of Conduct (Localism Act 2011).
- Replacement of picnic bench/table at East Stour.
- Gypsy and Travellers

2014/23 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

13 March 2014 at East Stour, 8 May 2014 at Stour Row, 10 July 2014 at West Stour, 11 September 2014 at Stour Provost, 13 November 2014 at East Stour.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman Date