

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th March 2013
in Stour Row Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Parker (Chairman of the meeting), Mrs D Chard, R Cowan, Mrs B Edwards, P Gould, G Herring, T Jones, Mrs V Jones, D Little, Miss H O'Sullivan, Mrs E Newton, M Rymill, Mrs M Rymill, Lady Stagg and Mrs C Wilkins.

Also, DCCllr A Cattaway, Clerk Mrs M Cox and 11 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Traci Handford, Conservative candidate for the District Council and those present. Traci introduced herself to the members present. Traci has lived in Dorset for 25 years and is a local business woman. Her priorities will be to ensure that she supports our local community and promoting the rural economy.

Reports, Pre-business matters items and Public participation

DCC MEMBER'S REPORT – Cllr Cattaway said the County Council at their full meeting on 4th February set the council tax for 2013/14. It has been frozen for the third year running. The Government grant has been taken advantage of which has been passed on in full to the council tax payers. However the grant does not cover inflation. The Government has finally authorised that local authorities can help financially with the installation of Superfast broadband. Dorset County Council which is leading the project aims to ensure that 95% of the county should have access to superfast broadband available which will be supplied by BT. The programme is worth almost £19m. Installation should be complete by the end of 2014. The service will need to be bought and it is expected to have 24 mgbs.

The District Council by election will be held on Thursday 21st March 2013. The County council elections will be held on 2nd May 2013. Cllr Cattaway said he is seeking re-election.

NDDC WARD MEMBER'S REPORT.

Cllr Webb has resigned from the District Council.

Public Discussion –

Appeal decision. The Planning Inspectorate's decision to allow and grant planning permission to station one mobile home for use by agricultural worker, erect one poultry house and form access track on Land at Butts Lane, Stour Provost. The Chairman explained to the meeting that parish councils are only asked for their views on all planning applications. The Stours Parish Council made representations on this application and opposed it. NDDC refused the application and the applicant made an appeal which was granted by the Planning Inspectorate. There are a series of conditions, which were read out. It was requested that the Parish Council write to the District Council to ensure that these conditions are met. This would be decided during the business agenda.

Footpath and Tree Liaison Officer's report

Mr Hibbert said that the footpaths have been extremely wet and the weather has meant that only a limited amount of maintenance has been done. Generally the paths are in a reasonable shape. FP 20 Stour Row, Tile House Farm; over 10 years ago a pond was put in which inadvertently was placed where the footpath is. Peter Stratton of Tile House Farm is about to submit an application to divert footpath 20 away from the pond and his garden. The proposed route seems satisfactory. This will be discussed under item 19.

Flood Wardens' report – no report

Transport – Cllr Mrs Newton said there has not been a meeting; therefore there is no analysis of the survey.

Business Agenda

2013/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs P Sealy and Mrs E Scott, also NDDCllr G Miller.

2013/27 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are 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.

2013/28 TO CONSIDER GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2013/29 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2013.

Under 2013/08 the sentence to read "Solicitors acting for Church Close residents and Cllr Webb have written powerful letters of objections". This was duly amended.

The minutes were then **agreed** to be a correct record of the meeting and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan and agreed by all.

2013/30 MATTERS ARISING

- Stour Lane, Woodville. The road has been re-surfaced some of the passing bays have had tarmac laid and the others will be done when the conditions improve as they are too muddy at present.
- Boundary Commission Electoral Review of North Dorset has been postponed until 2018.
- East Stour Allotments. A letter has been received from Annabel Hull, Solicitor, Spectrum Housing Group with draft proposed terms should the parish council agree to use the land as allotments. This document needs to be studied and a solicitor might be required. Interests for allotments were shown in the East Stour Village Plan, however no one has responded. This will be discussed further at East Stour parish meeting and will be a future agenda item. Should there be no interest it might not be followed up.
- Inspection contract sent to SD Playground Services for the period 1/4/2013 – 31/3/2014. The inspection work will be monitored by the playing field committee. The playing field committee would like to meet with Mr Day at some point.
- Wessex Cross Boundary. Cllr Mrs Wilkins said that she was not impressed with the last meeting she attended. It was not a productive meeting. Lester Dibben and two of his colleagues spoke mainly about Shaftesbury Town Council matters. The A350 did not come to anything. No further developments on the Gypsy and Travellers that are illegally camping at Cann Common and Five Bridges, the problem being insufficient authorised sites. However Lester Dibben has 2 MPs and a MEP attending and taking interest in the meetings.

2013/31 CASUAL VACANCY FOR STOUR PROVOST WARD

This can now be filled by co-option.

2013/32 TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR CPRE

Defer to the Annual Parish Council meeting.

2013/33 PLANNING MATTERS

- Henstridge Airfield. NDDC has turned down this application due to the nature of the development; i.e. change of operating hours and allowing aerobatic flying. Still awaiting decision. Kington Magna suffers more with the noise and they have had several meetings, engaged a Q.C and have objected to the application. The Stours Parish Council responded that the airfield is fine as it is. However we are concerned with the aerobatics, which are limited.
- 1 Church Close, Todber appeal re APP/N1215/A/12/2185637/NWF. A site visit took place on 11th March 2013. Awaiting decision.
- Appeal by Mr Chris Lyle, Coking Farm (APP/N1215/C/12/2190176 & APP/N1215/C/12/2190177) alleged breach of planning control. To be determined by way of Written Representation. The caravans are supposed to be for tourist use, however there has been evidence of workers living in the caravans and farm equipment which is against regulations. The neighbouring farm has had problems getting into his farm because his access has sometimes been blocked being a shared driveway.
- Section 211: Notification of Intent to carry out works to trees within a conservation area Church House, Stour Provost remove 1 x ash, 1 x Portuguese laurel stumps, 4 x leylandii, 2 x lawsonia completely. The owners are sorting out their trees and replanting. Barnwell House, Stour Provost parrotia persica reduce the overall height by 4m to a formative shape. Trees being reduced for safety reasons.
- Section 211 Notification of Intent to carry out works to trees within a conservation area Kings Provost, Stour Provost Ligustrum Lucidum (Chinese privet) x 10. Crown reduce by maximum of 30%. Formative pruning. Eucalyptus reduce height by 40% of total height.
- Planning Inspectorate's decision on the appeal by Mr M Wallis site at Land at Butts Lane Stour Provost. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted to station one mobile home for use by agricultural worker, erect one poultry house and from access track on Land at Butts Lane in accordance with the terms of the

application 2/2011/1001/PLNG dated 24 August 2011 subject to the conditions contained with the attached schedule. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to North Dorset District Council and remind them of their obligation that the 15 conditions set by the Planning Inspectorate are met, particularly those before work commences. The main concern is that the work is carried out in a proper manner and not retrospectively.

- See attached appendix 1 for list of applications and decisions received since last meeting.

2013/34 CORRESPONDENCE

- Sadly Laurence Payne has resigned from the Parish Council. NDDC has been advised. Laurence was a great asset in respect of footpaths, as flood warden and his input to East Stour Village Plan.
- Data Protection Act confirmation of renewal expires 23 February 2014.
- Spring edition of Parish Matters from Came & Company, Parish Council Insurance. (previously circulated by e-mail).

2013/35 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

None came to our attention.

2013/36 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- Peter Webb has resigned as District Councillor
- Election for a District Councillor will be held Thursday 21st March 2013.

2013/37 CLERK'S PENSION

The Chairman, Cllr Parker and the Clerk to meet to discuss the way forward.

2013/38 THE COUNCIL TO AGREE TO THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPUTER/LAP TOP FOR THE CLERK

The present lap top has lived its useful life. A quote from PC World of £670 including vat as been received, this has been recommended by Tony Gibb who was responsible for Connecting Dorset and providing most of the parish councils with laptops & broadband. It was proposed by Cllr Herring and seconded by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan that in principle that the lap top be replaced.

2013/39 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Stour Provost, temporary road closure Stour Lane (6th – 8th March) and Scotchey Lane (8th -12th March) between 8.00hrs and 17.00 hrs. (previously circulated).
- Dorset Highways capital programme 2013/14 (previously circulated) A30 Stour Hill, Fifehead Magdalen (27/6/13) and B3092 East Stour Crossroads to Stour Provost (29/7/13).
- Speed along the A30 King's Arms to East Stour Crossroads. Clerk to ask PC Maureen Hayward if some speed checks could be carried out.

2013/40 STOUR PROVOST PAVILION

A new water main pipe has been installed by NPB Utilities.
Refund of £79.32 received from Wessex Water.

2013/41 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman said that this is going really well. The site can be developed as it goes on. It can be linked to East Stour's website & Facebook. If there is anything to go on the Stours Parish Council website please let Cllr Parker know.

2013/42 STOUR PROVOST BUS SHELTER

Cllr Mrs Wilkins said that she is still checking usage. Stour Provost parish has very limited funds as there has been a lot spent on the pavilion. The school children do use the existing shelter as the bus comes that way.

2013/43 EAST STOUR VILLAGE/PARISH PLAN

Cllr Little's report previously circulated by e-mail. He also said that the Village Hall hedge was removed on the 1st March. Permission was granted by a DCC ecologist. The hedge will be replaced with beech and there will also be fencing. The reason for this urgency is to be in time for the planting season in March and that the Villagers would see some action. The first fund raising event raised £400. A dying tree (originally planted in memory of Major Dixon) has had to be removed. It was asked if anybody had any information about Major Dixon. The tree will be replaced. It was proposed by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr T Jones that £800 be spent on replacing the fence and hedge.

2013/44 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 20 TILE HOUSE FARM STOUR ROW

The map showed the proposed route, which diverts from the existing route at A to an existing stile at B, then to an existing pedestrian gate at C, to join the service road at D and rejoin the existing route at E. (At present the path goes through a pond).

It was agreed in principle that footpath 20 be diverted. Clerk to write to Mr Stratton.

2013/45 RISK ASSESSMENT

The list was perused and accepted. Clerk to add the Millennium Green, Todber fencing. Proposed Cllr Mrs Newton, seconded Cllr Mrs Wilkins.

2013/46 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS for the period 1 January 2013 – 28 February 2013.

Payments

DD	TalkTalk broadband	17.82
1476	Society Local Council Clerks renew membership	100.00
1477	West Stour Village Hall hire	11.00
1478	Mrs C Wilkins –reimburse key cutting	7.00
1479	Mrs A Morpew (duplicate for lost chq 1471)	69.40
1480	Mrs M Cox reimburse folder & poly pockets	7.99
1481	SD Playgrounds inspection	75.60
1482	R Cowan- travel expenses Dorchester	21.15
1483	Shelagh Corfield cleaning pavilion	20.00
1484	Mrs M Cox sal & exp Dec	412.50
1485	Southern electric pavilion.	7.39
1486	NPB Utilities SP pavilion pipe work	3570.00
1487	Mrs M Cox sal & exp Jan	402.80
DD	Information Commissioners Data Protection	35.00
DD	TalkTalk broadband	18.85
Total		4776.50

Receipts

Scot Widows Interest	55.11
Stour Provost football	45.00
Nat Savs Interest	25.99
Fast Feet	100.00
Total	226.10

Balances of Accounts as at 28 February 2013 – NSB £4854.76. Scottish Widows Bank – £9931.58. Lloyds TSB plc – £3343.13.

Included in these balances is £2055.00 which has been ring fenced for Clerk's pension (min ref 2010/94).

Copy of accounts reconciliation and comparison of expenditure to budget to 28.2.13.

Cllr Cowan explained that the Millennium Green is cut 6 times a year by DCC and Todber parish supplements the grass cutting costs at other times and should there be a need the parish could come back to the parish council.

The accounts were **accepted**. Proposed by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton & agreed by all. The Councillors were each given a copy of accounts reconciliation and comparison of expenditure to budget as at 28th February 2013.

2013/47 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- ESE Direct - £127.44 for grit bin purchased for Stour Row.
- Shelagh Corfield £30 domestic duties Stour Provost pavilion.
- Grant of £500 to North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Grant of £500 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.
- Grant of £200 to Toby's Young People's Project.

The above were all **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr Herring, seconded by Cllr Miss O'Sullivan.

- Grounds Maintenance East Stour and Stour Provost for 2013/14. Proposed contract received from Dorset County Council £787.00 plus vat and £813.00 + vat respectively. Proposed contract received from P M Buttress Landscape Gardening Ltd – East Stour price per cut £70, Stour Provost £50. At East Stour and Stour Provost

parish meetings it was agreed to use Philip Buttress. It was **agreed** that Mr Buttress be used for the financial year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. Clerk to write to Mr Buttress.

- Buckhorn Weston & Kington Magna Parish Council requested a financial contribution to the £1000 legal fee in respect of the expansion plans at Henstridge Airfield. It was **agreed not** to make a financial contribution as this would set precedence. Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton.

2013/48 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

a) Chairman's –

The Chairman report (previously circulated) was read to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Watkins apologised missing the meeting as she had arranged to go away after the meeting but had the date wrong. She said that she attended the Chicken farm appeal which was held in Motcombe Village Hall, which was well attended. Cllr Mrs Wilkins and herself oversaw the replacement of the water main at Stour Provost Playing field. She has met with Roland Skeats, DCC, Arabella Stagg and a representative from Stower Provost Community School regarding Stour Lane and its lay-bys. Also Cllr Mrs Watkins showed Mr Skeats the problems in Scotchey Lane and Brown's Lane. He has agreed to do work on both of them. With her Conservative hat on she has proposed Traci Handford as District Councillor for the Stours ward. Finally she publically thanked Peter Webb very much for all his hard work over the last few years on behalf of the Council and wished him and his wife all the best in their new life.

b) Clerk's

- Local Councils Update. Community.com issue 131 & 132. Clerk & Councils Direct. All available at the meeting or from Clerk.
- DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circulars – previously circulated. The Newsletter can be viewed on the DAPTC website – www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

c) Playing Fields –

East Stour - SD Playground Inspection sheet.
Stour Provost and the pavilion – SD Playground Inspection sheet.

d) Crime

Homewatch reports are circulated via e-mail. It was noted that there has not been a presence of a PCSO or PC Maureen Hayward lately.

e) DAPTC

The next Northern Area Meeting is on Monday 13th May 2013 at Gillingham.

f) CPRE

- The AGM will take place at 5pm on Tuesday, 26th March at Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster, DT11 8LL, by kind permission of the Headmaster. After official business Heather Gordon of English Heritage will speak on Protection of Heritage Buildings in Dorset.
- E-mail received today from Dorset CPRE regarding the planning application for Planning permission is being sought for what would be Dorset's largest wind farm. Proposed for a site in West Dorset, in open country just north of Tolpuddle, it would comprise nine 126.5 metres/415 feet high industrial-scale turbines. West Dorset District Council is asking for comments on the proposal by 15 March 2013.

2013/49 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting.

- Gypsy and Travellers
- Clerk's Pension
- Allotments, East Stour

2013/50 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ALL THURSDAYS AT 7.30pm

9 May 2013 at Stour Provost, 11 July 2013 at East Stour, 12 September 2013 at Stour Row, 14 November 2013 at West Stour.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50PM and thanked everyone for attending.

.....Chairman Date