

Minutes of East Stour Virtual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th December 2020

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs B Edwards, (Chairman), Mrs L Bennett, G Jenkins, R McConnell, J Pitman, R Robson and Mrs J Uden. Also, Clerk Mrs M Cox and two members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. – Cllr P Gould, (Chairman, Stours Parish Council), Mrs M Dowding, Mrs A Morphey and Mr G Gilding.

2. PLAYING FIELD OFFICER VACANCY – Guy Gilding is relinquishing his post with effect from January 2021. It is a great shame, but understand his reasons. Clerk to write to Guy in January thanking him for all that he has done on the playing field committee. Names are needed to be put forward for the Stours Parish Council’s agenda in January to be formalised. Maybe contact East Stour parents. Three is an ideal number for the committee, at least one councillor. To use social media as a way of communication. Councillors to look into this. David Little gave thanks to Guy Gilding as he does a lot for the playing field, clearing rubbish. Guy will still continue his Dorset Lengthsman work and also the Community Speedwatch.

3. ACCOUNTS Balance as at 30 November 2020 - £7,735.15.
The Chairman produced figures and went through them. The accounts were discussed for the period until March 2021. For 2021/22, the usual running costs East Stour PCC - £300, WI newsletter - £500. Mowing (includes playing field, verge outside playing field, kiosk corner, verge wild flower meadow, Pleck £2919, hedge cutting - £100, litter bin emptying - £145, SID deployment - £250, Wild flower meadow & Pleck - £100, Dorset Lengthsman - £1000, kiosk lightening - £100, hire of hall - £30. Contingency fence £2000 and reserve - £2000, renovation of bus shelter - £500. As we did not have firm figures and not knowing the costs for the extension of the path around the playing field or the improvement of the existing path, it was agreed that we could not precept for this, this year, especially in these times of Covid-19. It was agreed to research extra funding for the existing path and path extension.
In conclusion it was **agreed** to raise a precept of £6000 for the year 2021/22. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins, second by Mr B Partridge.
The annual grant of £300 can now be paid to East Stour PCC.

There being no further matters, the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

.....Chairman

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