

**Minutes of the Todber Parish Virtual Meeting held at 7.30pm on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Bowe (Chairman) and R King. Also, the Clerk Mrs M Cox, DCCllr Jane Somper and 4 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr P Gould (Chairman of The Stours Parish Council), Mr & Mrs Matcham and Martin Hibbert (RoWLO).

2. MINUTES of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 (previously circulated) were **agreed** to be a correct record and duly virtually signed. Proposed Mrs Warne, seconded Mrs Webb.

3. MATTERS ARISING –

The Queen's Silver Jubilee bench needs re-coating and this will be sorted between Cllrs Bowe and King.

The Todber lay-by. At the last meeting Roger Bell, DC Highways warned the parish that there had been complaints from haulage association that the lay-by could not be used and it is a recognised stop. (to prevent illegal encampment of Travellers). The Chairman said he has not heard nothing further.

4. REPORTS FROM RIGHT OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER AND TREE WARDEN

Footpaths. Nothing really to report. Except following the death of Gordon Spicer, there is now a need to keep an eye on the footpath next to his house, as Gordon used to look after it.

Trees. Mr & Mrs Matcham said to keep an eye out for Oak moth and Ash dieback.

5. CASUAL VACANCY

There is still a vacancy for the Stours Parish Council and if anybody is interested please talk to Paul or Richard.

6. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR

DCCllr Jane Somper sends her reports for onward transmission to councillors. Also, regular updates which are of interest and of importance. Encouraged people to complete the Dorset Action Climate Plan survey. The fire at Crookhill waste depot, Weymouth, where 16 vehicles were damaged, amazingly they have managed to find vehicles to be deployed and there has been little disruption to the area.

Also, a shoppers' permit survey is being circulated.

Planning is busy and there are more enforcements being dealt with. (None in Todber).

Jane was thanked for her report and sending on information.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

i) Community Speedwatch Cllr Richard King said Dorset police have stopped all CSW sessions until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Our team hasn't been out since February because of COVID-19. I'm on the Dorset Co-ordinators Committee so get regular updates from the police. We still have only five on the Todber Team. It would be very helpful if others offered help. Please contact me for more details.

ii) SID – Our Speed Indication Device is deployed in Red Lane on a six weeks on/six weeks off rota according to Dorset Highways guidelines. Currently down but due to be deployed again this week ending Friday 20112020. Recorded speeds from last deployment: maximum 67 mph; 85% of traffic up to and including 36 mph which is the minimum reporting speed for CSW.

If we have a second pole, our expensive SID will be working for us all the time instead of languishing in its case for half the time. Some time ago, Dorset Highways agreed a possible site in Church Lane. A traffic survey must be done to check that the site comes up to the minimum requirements for traffic volume and speed. If the site is eligible, a new pole will be installed and I can start deploying the SID there. We have the money for this, the last quote from Highways was £250 for the survey and £300 for the pole plus VAT.

#### 8. PLANNING MATTERS

Unit 1, Church Close erect porch/reception area – granted.

Meadow Cottage erect replacement shed (retrospective) – withdrawn. The shed has been placed on agricultural land. Todber parish opposed the application, as the land is agricultural land and the applicants were circumventing the proper procedure and the proper procedure was not being followed. Should the application return at a later date the Parish will take into consideration these facts.

#### 9. MILLENNIUM GREEN

At the last meeting the Chairman spoke about investigating having a wild flower meadow to make it more of a feature for the Village. The Chairman apologised for not following this up but he will do so.

Mr Nigel Byrne is still doing a good job of cutting the Green and has agreed to continue cutting it. The Millennium wood next to that needs care and attention. It has been discovered that someone has chopped a tree down in the middle of the wood, when or who it is not known. The Chairman and Richard will have a look at the wood and see what is required. This probably will be quite expensive. The Parish did not realise that the wood belongs to them.

#### 10. ACCOUNTS – Balance as at 31 October 2020 – £1506.13

The accounts and the setting of the Precept for 2021-2022 was discussed. Grass cutting and grant to the Church £200 and the use of the Church £70, grass cutting, SID pole purchase £250/£300. There has never been a contingency fund and it was agreed that it would be sensible to have one, as there is the wildflower meadow and maintenance of the wood to consider. £1560 was proposed by Mr Warne, seconded by Mrs Webb and agreed by all.

#### 11. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

The East Stour Post Office at the Village Hall, is open Wednesdays 10am – 12pm. Alos First Class coffee (when open, depending on lockdowns).

Census 2021, information will be coming out in January. It will be mainly online. There might be some people who are not computer literate and might require help in the completing of the Census. Councillors are willing to help. Also, there is a digital hotline, where people can call up 10am to 12pm. Jane said that Dorset Council will be employing more people to help with the Census.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15PM and thanked everybody for attending.

.....Chairman

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