

THE STOURS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 14th January 2021 on Zoom. Us at 7.30 pm

Present :

Cllr P Gould (Chair)
Cllr L Bennett
Cllr B Edwards
Cllr R King
Cllr J Nalty
Cllr R Robson
Cllr A Stagg
Cllr F Stanford
Cllr C Wilkins

Cllr D Amlót
Cllr P Bowe
Cllr G Jenkins
Cllr McConnell
Cllr J Pitman
Cllr P Sealy
Cllr E Scott
Cllr J Watkins (Deputy Chair)
Cllr J Uden

Also present: M Cox (Outgoing Parish Clerk) K Squire (Incoming Parish Clerk) Dorset Cllr B Ridout
M Hibbert (Rights of Way Officer)

RESOLUTION
for each item the proposer is
named first followed by the
seconded

PUBLIC SESSION

- Dorset Cllr Ridout gave a verbal update regarding the Draft Climate Consultation and the Dorset Local Plan
- The Rights of Way Officer Mr Hibbert have a verbal report of current footpath issues.

21/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
All Councillors present.

21/2 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.

21/3 GRANTS OF DISPENSATIONS
no written requests for dispensation had been received.

21/4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12.11.20 having been circulated and publicised prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Cllr Amlót
Cllr Jenkins

21/5 MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr Edwards updated the Council that she was still sourcing a best value bench and investigating the legal ownership of land behind the East Stour village hall.
- Cllr Sealy asked for an update on the Dorset Showground lights. The Clerk advised she had not received a reply from the enforcement team.

21/6 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK TO THE STOURS PARISH COUNCIL
The Council welcomed Kate Squire as new Stours Parish Clerk.

21/7 CASUAL VACANCY FOR STOUR PROVOST WARD
The Council welcomed Olwen (known as Polly) Patrick as a Co-opted Councillor. Cllr Patrick signed her declaration of office form remotely by webcam in front of the Council.



- 21/8 PLAYING FIELD OFFICERS FOR EAST STOUR**
 Cllr McConnell requested an additional Councillor to become a playing field officer. Cllr Pitman put himself forward for the role.
The Council RESOLVED to ACCEPT Cllr Pitman as a playing field officer for East Stour Cllr Edwards
 Cllr Bennett
- 21/9 PLANNING MATTERS**
 The Council note the contents of a report circulated with the meeting papers regarding planning applications and decisions received since the last meeting.
- 21/10 DORSET COUNCIL MATTERS**
 The Council asked the Clerk to thank Roger Bell in writing for his work as Community Highways Officer and wish his well with his promotion.
- 21/11 STREET NAME PLATE – LYNCH LANE WEST STOUR**
 The Council considered at length a request to purchase a legal road sign for Lynch Lane, West Stour due to confusion caused by a recent alteration of postcode.
The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of a legal road sign for Lynch Lane, West Stour at a cost to the West Stour ward of approximately £70. Cllr Robson
 Cllr Pitman
- 21/12 STOUR PROVOST BUS SHELTER**
 Cllr Watkins updated the Council that the person who drove their car into the bus shelter had not come forward to the police. An insurance claim would cover the repairs less the excess. This would be done shortly.
- 21/13 STOUR PROVOST PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION ISSUES**
- Cllr Nalty advised the Council that he is in the process of identifying some works to be completed at the Stour Provost playing field. He will update the Stour Provost Councillors at the next parish meeting and come back to Council with final costings for approval.
 - The Clerk suggested that the annual play equipment inspections continue to be carried out by The Play Inspection Company who have provided a good service previously. Kate Squire agreed that she would look into the protocols other Councils use for regular checking of play equipment and come back to Council with suggestions
- ACTION: Clerk to look at Play Equipment protocols
- 21/14 FINANCE**
- ACCOUNTS
 The account balances as presented on the agenda were noted by the Council.
 - PAYMENTS
The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE payments as listed on the agenda Cllr Edwards
 Cllr Wilkins
 - BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 21/22
The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the budget for 21/22 and request a precept as follows: Cllr Edwards
 Cllr Bowe
£6000 East Stour
£4000 Stour Provost
£1560 Todber
£1800 West Stour
£9600 The Stours Group
£22960 TOTAL



- **INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**
The Council noted the internal auditors report which had been previously circulated.

21/15 DAPTC
Cllrs Bowe and Wilkins updated the Council regarding the recent DAPTC AGM.

21/16 HIGHWAY MATTERS
The highways subcommittee will report to the Council at the next meeting.

21/17 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Council for all her work and dedication.

21/18 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
Cllr Sealy requested that Traveller sites be considered at the next meeting.

21/19 DATE OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
11.03.21 By Zoom US

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2105

Approved on Chair's signature.....