

# **THE STOURS PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 on Zoom. US at 7.30 pm

Present :

Cllr P Gould (Chairman)

Cllr L Bennett

Cllr B Edwards

Cllr R King

Cllr J Nalty

Cllr R Robson

Cllr A Stagg

Cllr J Uden

Cllr C Wilkins

Cllr P Patrick

Cllr P Bowe

Cllr G Jenkins

Cllr McConnell

Cllr J Pitman

Cllr P Sealy

Cllr E Scott

Cllr J Watkins (Deputy Chairman)

Also present:

K Squire (Parish Clerk)

Absent:

Cllr F Stanford

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

**21/20**

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

**21/21**

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Stanford and were accepted by those present.

**21/22**

### **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR RIDOUT**

Report Attached

**21/23**

### **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR SOMPER.**

No report received

**21/24**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None received.

**21/25**

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 Jan 21 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 Wilkins

Cllr Jenkins

**21/26**

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- **ACCOUNTS**

The account balances as listed at the end of these minutes were noted by the Council.

- **PAYMENTS**

**The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the payments as listed at the end of these minutes**

Cllr Nalty

Cllr Bowe

**21/27**

### **PLANNING**

Report Attached

**21/28**

### **HIGHWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr McConnell verbally updated the Council regarding a meeting with the Dorset Council Highways Officer to discuss speeding and



other current highway issues. The Highways Officer is investigating solutions to the issues and will report back to the Clerk.

- 21/29 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**  
Mr Mark Elsworth expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor for West Stour. The Council will vote on this matter at the next meeting.
- 21/30 STANDING ORDERS**  
The updated version of the NALC model Standing Orders had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.  
**The Council RESOLVED to ADOPT the updated standing orders, however it was agreed that clarification on some aspects of the orders would be helpful at a later meeting**
- 21/31 CODE OF CONDUCT**  
The latest version of the NALC model Code of Conduct had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.  
**The Council RESOLVED to ADOPT this Code of Conduct.**
- 21/32 PROCEDURES FOR THE DEATH OF A SENIOR ROYAL**  
The Council considered the protocols issued by the Royal Family. Cllr King suggested contacted the local Vicar regarding arrangements in place for the Stours Churches. The Clerk will do this and report back to Councillors. Cllrs Watkins and Jenkins will meet with the Clerk to confirm arrangements.
- 21/33 STOUR PROVOST PLAYING FIELD SUBCOMMITTEE**  
The Stour Provost Playing Field Subcommittee members agreed to meet when Covid-19 guidelines allowed.
- 21/34 GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS SITE**  
The Clerk advised that due to the current pandemic Dorset Council were not able to take action regarding the site. She had emailed the local MP who had previously been helping the Council regarding the site. Cllr Gould asked the Clerk to make enquiries regarding possible adoption of the land by the Parish Council.
- 21/35 NOTICEBOARDS**  
Cllr Sealey advised that the West Stour noticeboard needed to be replaced as it had rotted and was unsafe so had been taken down.  
**The Council AGREED to PURCHASE a replacement noticeboard from the West Stour budget.**
- 21/36 CLERKS REPORT**  
The Clerk thanked the Council for their patience in settling in to her new role.
- 21/37 CHAIRMANS REPORT**  
The Chairman had nothing to report that had not already been covered
- 21/38 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS AND PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE BUSINESS**  
Cllr Watkins - reported that the damaged bus shelter in Stour Provost had now been repaired. She asked the Clerk to check arrangements for the bin there to be emptied and cutting back of brambles around the shelter. She had noted that the footpaths officer had not been invited to the meeting, the Clerk will ensure he is invited next time.  
Cllr King – advised that he was part of the Highways Speedwatch group.

Cllr Nalty  
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Cllr Patrick

Cllr Gould  
Cllr Watkins



Cllr Edwards – had received correspondence reading a campaign to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph through the villages along the B3092 and would forward the details to Councillors.

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2055**

Approved on ..... Chair’s signature.....

**Gillingham Ward Monthly Report**  
**Cllr Belinda Ridout – March 21**

**Dorset Local Plan Consultation finishes on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.** As at 8<sup>th</sup> March, Dorset Council has received over 1,700 responses, equating to over 10,000 comments. Many comments around housing figures (Standard Methodology) and making developers build carbon neutral homes. Dorset Council can only encourage and support carbon neutral development at this current time, it cannot be mandated. Change in the Standard Methodology and building regulations has to come from central government. Still awaiting details of the government’s new ‘Homes Standard’ policy.

**COVID update** – As at 5<sup>th</sup> March, the case rate for the Dorset Council area is 51.3 per 100,000 population and for BCP, 63.0 per 100,000 population. The rate for the South West is 46.1 per 100,000 and for England its 86.4. Covid-19 patients in hospital beds in Dorset: 68 (compared to 147 as at 26<sup>th</sup> February). This shows the continued decline of COVID cases locally, thanks to lockdown measures. Over a quarter of a million local people have had at least one dose of the vaccination!

**Household Recycling Centres (HRC’s)** - DC has made the plea for residents **not** to visit a household recycling centre right now unless waste cannot be stored safely at home. This is due to rising visitor numbers following recent warm weather, as visitors drop off their items, primarily garden waste and wood, which is starting to cause long queues, creating access problems for residents, businesses and kerbside collection vehicles. England is still very much in lockdown and social distancing measures are important to help contain the virus. Public health guidance states we should all be avoiding unnecessary travel right now, including the local HRC.

**Climate Change Consultation update** - a Climate Change & Ecological Executive Advisory Panel meeting took place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February to receive a briefing on the consultations, (the main consultation and the Youth Survey), and to agree amendments to the Strategy and Action Plan documents.

**Main Consultation** – 1519 responses received from all over Dorset. A breakdown of the individual responses showed that the 45-64 and 65+ age groups were the main responders. Broken down into categories: 1359 members of the public, followed by organisations, 53 (which included Extinction Rebellion, RSPB, CPRE, National Trust, and community groups), Businesses 16 and Parish Councils, 40. The amended Strategy document and Action Plan will be will be scrutinised at the next Scrutiny and Overview committees on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Results indicated an overall broad agreement with the approach of the Strategy Document and Action Plan. The main negative comments related to the Carbon targets set for Dorset Council itself at 2040 and the Dorset Council area at 2050 (which would require the support of central Government and everyone in Dorset taking action. Members were reminded that these targets are not fixed, that Dorset Council’s aim is to reduce its carbon footprint before these deadlines. Note: Dorset Council is responsible for only 1% of Dorset’s carbon footprint.

**Youth Survey** - this has been a great success. **It is still live until the end of March.** 1495 responses so far. 87.3% of respondents felt that tackling climate change is vitally important. 92% felt that Dorset Council’s target to be carbon neutral by 2040 is a good idea and very important.

**New Trees Policy** – this will be going to Cabinet shortly. This document outlines the approach taken in the management of Council owned trees, covering replacement of trees felled, climate change tree planting, large scale tree planting linking into Climate Change policy, nitrate mitigation, bio-diversity, long term sustainable tree works.

### **Gypsy & Traveller update**

I have spoken with Paula Clover recently, Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer. As you know, one of the gypsies died and his partner is still very depressed about that. Paula has not started any legal work with them yet because of lockdown but will make progress on this towards the end of April/May as lockdown eases. The courts are very backed up at the moment and the council would have to present a very good reason for moving people on. With regard to litter, Paula received a complaint from the gypsies about the fly tipping in the other layby. They normally try to clear it up but it is so much they cannot cope with it. Paula is to investigate this week.

**CLlr Belinda Ridout**

**10th March 2021**

### **21/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **Payments to approve**

7760.04 Former Clerks Gratuity (NS&I Account)  
300 Read Easy Grant Request (previously £300)  
100 Mrs J Watkins reimbursement for Clerks Leaving Gift  
49.98 Mrs L Bennett reimbursement for Paint for East Stour Phone Box  
Magna Metal Craft SP Bus Shelter Repairs (insurance claim for £1465  
1590 received)

#### **Account Balances**

Lloyds **9192.97** balance at bank

Stours Group	4064.51
East Stour	1674.09
Stour Provost	2651.34
Todber	506.13
West Stour	296.9
	<b>9192.97</b>

Scottish Widows 27242.2 to 31 Dec (quarterly statement)  
NS&I 12773.42 to 31 Dec

### **21/27 PLANNING**

#### **Planning Decisions Between 13 November 2020 and 9 March 2021**

P/HOU/2020/00334 Ploughmans Rest Access Road To Church Farm West Stour SP8 5RL Proposal: Insert 2 no. additional rooflights in the west roof elevation Decision: Withdrawn Decision Date: 22/02/2021

P/HOU/2020/00261 Summer Lodge Church Farm Estate Church Street West Stour Dorset SP8 5FT Proposal: Erect garage / car port Decision: Granted Decision Date: 02/02/2021



P/TRC/2020/00243 2 Church Street, Salvington, West Stour, Dorset, SP8 5RL Proposal: T1 - Sycamore - Pollard to 3m from ground level due to excessive shading, weak unions, crown spreading over neighbouring properties and girdled stem overhanging roof of property to rear. Decision: Tree Works - CA - No Objection Decision Date: 11/12/2020

2/2020/0604/FUL Land North Of Church House Church Street West Stour Dorset Proposal: Erect 1 No. dwelling and create 2 No. parking spaces. Decision: Refused Decision Date: 14/01/2021

2/2020/0377/VARIA Weir Lodge Church Street West Stour Gillingham Dorset SP8 5RL Proposal: The construction of a dwelling house (without complying with Condition No. 2 of Planning Permission No. APP/C/96/N1215/642520 and 642544 that restricts occupancy of the dwelling to persons working at or enjoying the facilities of the stables and cross-country course at Church Farm). Decision: Granted Decision Date: 03/02/2021

2/2020/0327/FUL Church Farm, The Dorset Showground Sherborne Road West Stour SP8 5RJ Proposal: Erect stable block and workshop with garage (Retrospective) Decision: Granted Decision Date: 14/01/2021

P/PAAC/2020/00114 20 Shredlands Red Lane Todber Dorset DT10 1HT Proposal: Change of use & conversion of agricultural building to dwelling Decision: Prior Approval Granted Decision Date: 22/12/2020

P/HOU/2020/00178 Yew Tree Cottage Green Lane Stour Row SP7 0QD Proposal: Erection of barn for tractor store and storage Decision: Granted Decision Date: 29/01/2021

2/2020/1321/DOC Duncliffe Home Farm Dover Street Stour Row SP7 0QW Proposal: Discharge of condition No 3 - approval of material samples for walls and roofs on listed building consent 2/2020/0442/LBC. Decision: Granted Decision Date: 15/01/2021

2/2020/1025/FUL Buildings At Lower Hartgrove Farm Green Lane Stour Row Dorset Proposal: Demolish existing agricultural buildings. Erect 4 No. dwellings with associated carport, curtilages and access; conversion of barns to carports. Decision: Granted Decision Date: 27/01/2021

P/NMA/2020/00468 Lyde Hill Farm Lyde Hill Farm Access Road Woodville Stour Provost Dorset SP8 5LX Proposal: Non material amendment against Planning Permission 2/2020/0889/FUL to allow a different design of camping pod. Decision: Granted Decision Date: 02/03/2021

P/PAPA/2020/00368 Land Near Duncliffe Wood New Lane To Duncliffe Wood - Track Stour Provost Dorset Proposal: Construct hard surface to form extension to car park Decision: Prior Approval Required Decision Date: 04/01/2021

P/TRC/2020/00354 Church House, The Street, Stour Provost, Gillingham, SP8 5RZ Proposal: T1 - Lawsonia - Fell. Decision: Tree Works - CA - No Objection Decision Date: 07/01/2021

P/HOU/2020/00258 Woodville, Bridewell House Stour Lane Stour Provost SP8 5LY Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension Decision: Granted Decision Date: 02/02/2021

2/2020/1060/FUL White Post Trill Bridge To White Post - Lane Stour Provost DT10 1HY Proposal: Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erect triple garage including room above. Decision: Granted Decision Date: 23/11/2020

2/2020/1105/HOUSE Mill House And Mill Cottage Mill Lane Stour Provost SP8 5RX Proposal: Internal reconfiguration of two existing residential buildings (one a family home and one as ancillary guest accommodation). Demolition of rear conservatory and porch (Mill House). Full external refurbishment - to facades, roofs and windows of both buildings. Decision: Granted Decision Date: 07/12/2020

2/2020/1106/LBC Mill House Mill Lane Stour Provost SP8 5RX Proposal: Internal reconfiguration of two existing residential buildings (one a family home and one as ancillary guest accommodation). Demolition of rear conservatory and porch (Mill House). Full external refurbishment - to facades, roofs and windows of both buildings and carry out associated internal and external alterations. Decision: Granted Decision Date: 07/12/2020

2/2020/0889/FUL Land At E 380460 N 121725 Lyde Hill Farm Lyde Hill Farm Access Road Stour Provost Dorset Proposal: Change of use of land to site 5 camping pods Decision: Granted Decision Date: 08/12/2020

#### Outstanding Planning Applications as at 9 March 2021

P/CLP/2020/0403 Coking Farm Shaftesbury Road West Stour Dorset SP8 5SF Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness to change the use of fishing tackle shop to cafe and the butchers shop to a fishing tackle shop to be used ancillary to fishery and associated caravan park

P/VOC/2020/00161 Weir Lodge Church Street West Stour Dorset SP8 5RL Proposal: Demolish barn and erect 1



No. dwelling, form parking spaces. (Variation of condition No. 2, from planning permission 2/2018/0253/FUL to allow the design to be amended of the approved dwelling and vary condition 3 and 4 for prior approval of materials and landscaping details).

P/FUL/2021/00088 Coking Farm Shaftesbury Road West Stour Dorset SP8 5SF Proposal: Extend the size of 5 No. existing caravan stands.

P/FUL/2020/00357 Hunger Hill Farmhouse Hunger Hill Farm Hunger Hill East Stour Dorset SP8 5JR Proposal: Convert and change of use of barn to 1 No. dwelling. Create 1 No parking space to provide 3 in total.

P/FUL/2020/00284 The Udder Farm Shop Front Street East Stour SP8 5LQ Proposal: Erection of a block of 6no retail & office units (Use Class E)

P/PAAC/2021/00616 Yew Tree Farmhouse Access To Yew Tree Farm Stour Row Dorset SP7 0QW Proposal: Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings into 1 No. dwelling (Class C3)

P/FUL/2020/00383 Duncliffe Home Farm Green Lane To Foyle Hill Stour Row SP7 0QW Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to garden land and construction of tennis court

P/PAAC/2021/00374 New Gate Farm Scotchey Lane Stour Provost SP8 5LT Proposal: Change of use and conversion of agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling (Class C3)

P/FUL/2020/00301 Chequers Farm Scotchey Lane Stour Provost SP8 5LT Proposal: Erection of replacement barn and extension to existing barn (demolition of existing barn)

2/2020/0266/DCC Shadehouse Farm Shade House Lane Stour Provost SP8 5LX Proposal: Variation of Condition No. s (Time Limit - Operations) of Planning Permission No.

2/2015/1690/DCC to allow a further 12 months to September 2021 to complete works and reinstatement.

P/FUL/2020/00286 Todber Manor Fisheries Hunts Hill Todber Dorset Proposal: Erection of steel framed building for storage of fishing tackle and equipment for internet sales.

