Todber Parish Meeting

Minutes of Todber Parish meeting

 Held on the 18th of October 2021 at 7.00pm at St Andrews Church

Present: Cllr Bowe – Chairman Stours Parish Council and six members of the Parish.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and Dorset Council Cllr J Somper

Cllr Bowe welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Clerk.

**1/21. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr R King, Doreen and John Penn, Jacintha Bowe, Chris Warne and Cllr J Watkins – Stours Parish Council Chairman sent their apologies.

**2/21. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

3/21. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 25ty of May 2021.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Bowe and all members of the Parish agreed they are a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman (3/21)

4/21. Matters arising.

* Vacancies for Councillors to join Stours Parish Council – the Chairman reported that a member of the Parish has come forward showing interest in the vacancy and will be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 4th of November at 7pm held at Stour Provost village hall.
* Millennium Green and Woods – the Chairman reported that a meeting has been arranged for 27th October 2021 to discuss what can be grown and the cost involved for this project. Action – Cllr Bowe
* Notice Board – the Chairman proposed while looking at repairing or replacing the notice board, the position of the board should also be considered. The proposal is to move the Parish notice board from outside the church to the area of the millennium green. All members of the Parish agreed. –

 Action – Cllr Bowe

5/21.Officers report:

* Highway liaison officer – the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council will appoint a highways officer that covers all of the Parishes so that any highways matter that needs to be reported goes through the Clerk, to ensure that the reports to Dorset Council are filed and chased up if necessary. The Clerk also reminded residents that as well as reported matters to the Parish Council, they can also report it directly to Dorset Council website.
* Rights of way officer and trees liaison officer – The Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council rangers are responsible for any Rights of way was in the village unless it is privately owned. The Chairman read out the following report from Mr Martin Hibbert:
1. The finger post from Church Close has been replaced
2. The path to the fishing lake is passable, but will need some management over the winter
3. The path from the fishing lakes to the field beyond will also need management over the winter
4. The paths from the fishing lakes towards Hayes Farm has been clocked by maize crop. There is a narrow path through the maise but will need some clearance in the near future.
5. Is still awaiting action for the Rangers regarding the dilapidated field gate on the path from Shave Lane junction to Pigeon House Farm.
* SID Management – Speed Watch – The Chairman reported on behalf of Cllr King the speed watch report was that around 50% of people are speeding. Speeds of up to 68MPH have been recorded. The speed watch team need more volunteers, so if you can spare a little bit of time and would like to do something positive for the village, please contact the Chairman or Cllr King for more information on joint the speed watch team.

6/21. Finance

To consider budget and agree precept for 2022/2023 – the Clerk had circulated a detailed proposal for the budget for 2022/2023 and for setting the precept against the budget. After debate, Cllr Bower proposed to set the precept for 2022/2023 to the sum of £1560.00 (no increase in precept from 2021/2022), this was agreed by all Parish members. This will be proposed at the Parish Council meeting in November for resolution.

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper had circulated her report, which can be obtained by the Clerk on viewed on the Parish Council website. Cllr Somper reported that on the 28th of September, The PCC, David Sidwick attended a meeting with Chairmen and representatives from Speed Watch teams, including Cllr King, held in Fontmell Magna.

There was an exceptionally good turnout. Cllr King represented the village well and there were several areas of concern brought up for the PCC with some of the concerns being related to Dorset Council Highways. Cllr Jespersen and Cllr Somper are compiling a list to discuss with senior officers at the Highways Team and David Sidwick will return to meet with residents again some time in spring next year, when he can report on action taken.

Cllr Somper reported that she has just accepted the new role with Dorset Council as Lead Member for Adults Social Care and Health.

Chairman – the Chairman reported that the Church is in the process of proposing a re-ordering of the use of the Church, to look at ways to make the Church more usable for the community as a whole. A questionaire will be going to all of the residents of the village for their support. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council are in support of this project, as this is the only meeting place for the village, and it would be great to see it used for community benefit. The Chairman also proposed that the annual donation for the Church is raised from £200.00 a year to £300.00 for 2022/2023. This was agreed by all members of the Parish present. Action - Clerk

7/21. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting on 7th of April 2022 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.32

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