

Stours Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on the 6th of January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman – Cllr J Watkins – Chairman, Cllr M Elsworth, Cllr P Sealy, Cllr R McConnell, Cllr J Pitman, Cllr R Robson, Cllr J Uden, Cllr H Wakefield, Cllr E Scott, Cllr C Wilkins.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk. One member of the public and Dorset Councillor Jane Somper

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New year and hope everyone keeps well.

Public Consultation:

The Chairman introduced Jennifer Morisetti, who is interested in joining the Parish Council. Jennifer reported that she is sustainability champion and trustee of sustainable Dorset and a member of the action group waste and energy team for Dorset Climate network. Jennifer also runs a sustainable sewing centre and is very interested in all matters on sustainability. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council will need to look at ways to improve try and promote villages becoming zero carbon. The Chairman confirmed that having Jennifer join the Parish Council would help in taking these projects further. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council are unable to co-opt any members at this meeting, due to it being a Zoom meeting and not a face-to-face meeting. Jennifer will be invited to attend the meeting in March to be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

23/21. Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Bowe, Cllr P Gould, Cllr M Elsworth, Cllr B Church, Cllr P Patrick, Cllr A Stagg and Dorset Councillor Belinda Ridout

24/21. Declaration of interest and dispensations

There were none.

25/21. Co-option for new members.

This agenda item will be deferred to the meeting on the 3rd of March 2022.

26/21. Approve minutes from the 4th of November 2021 and matters arising.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr E Scott and seconded by Cllr H Wakefield, all agreed that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the 4th of November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman (26/21 – no budgetary requirements).

Matters arising:

Speeding matters within the villages – The Clerk confirmed that she will be meeting with the Road Safety team at Dorset Council, to go through the villages to see what can be done to improve the ongoing problems of speeding traffic. The Clerk is waiting for confirmation of when this meeting will take place.

Cllr P Sealy reported that since the new houses have been built on the village, there seem to be an increase of speeding traffic.

Cllr R King reported that Todber community speed watch has not be in operation. The SID is currently in its case waiting to be deployed in Red Lane. It was reported that Dorset Council's highways officer has been informed of the surface of Shave Lane near Tanzey Cottage breaking up. Cllr R King reported that he has been invited to attend a meeting with the Police Commissioner regarding speeding traffic.

Cllr R McConnell reported that the person running the community speed watch team for East Stour has left, along with one other member who has moved out of the village. The training for new members for the CSW has been postponed until February.

27/21. Bullet Points from the report given by Dorset Council Councillor: The full report can be obtained by the Clerk and viewed on the Parish Council's website.

Domestic Abuse Strategy - The consultation can be found on the Dorset Council website (link below), and I'd encourage this to be shared with as wider engagement in the community as possible 2021 (snapsurveys.com)

Gore Clump. Local consultation is currently under way for approval on the improvement works at Gore Clump by Compton Abbas airfield.

Winter Highways – Gritters - The routes are all carefully planned with priority routes (school bus routes, and Main

Precautionary Priority Salting Network (1100km of road) being where you will get the gritters out and along the main road networks. The operatives are on standby and informed around 1pm on the day if they need to go out and this is determined naturally by the weather forecast showing the temperatures likely to drop below freezing.

Funding agreed for SEND Strategy - Dorset Council has agreed £37.5m over the next five years to help deliver its new strategy for children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND).

Grant to develop former council office buildings - Dorset Council has been awarded £2.3m following a bid to the Government's Brownfield Land Release Fund.

NHS Outpatient Assessment Centre - South Walks House, the Dorset Council office in Dorchester, is to become an NHS Outpatient Assessment Centre for six months.

Funding to improve insulation - DC has also been awarded £98,000 of Government funding to insulate the most poorly insulated rented homes in Dorset.

Dorset Library Consultation – What do you want from your library - It's important to hear from as many people as possible including people who don't ever use the service to understand why and what can DC do to encourage more use. 2021 (snapsurveys.com) There is also a link for 5–15-year-olds to feed their own views in to 2021 (snapsurveys.com).

Help Available – Household Support Fund - Dorset Council has been awarded £2,294,941 from the Government's Household Support Fund which has been set up to help vulnerable households across the country in need of financial support.

Cllr Jane Somper wished everyone a Happy New Year

28/21. Finance

To confirm payments agreed by email for November 2021. This was confirmed.

To agree: Payment Schedule - The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule for December 2021 for the sum of £1282.49. It was proposed by Cllr E Scott and seconded by Cllr R Robson, all agreed for the payments on the payment schedule to be paid, the schedule was duly signed by Chairman.

Payee	Detail	Expense Amount
N Phillips	Clerk wages Dec	£ 963.56
Eon	Electric (SP)	£ 5.00
J M & S J Uden (ap)	Notice Board (es)	£ 54.42
N Phillips	Clerk expenses Dec	£ 66.25
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator 4 year support	£ 162.00
H M Revenue NI	Employers NI	£ 31.26
Total		£1,282.49

RESOLVED: to pay the payments on the schedule to the total sum of £ 1282.49 (28/21 current account)

The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget/precept for 2022-2023 for the Councillors. Cllr R Robson proposed that the Parish Council precept is increased from £22960.00 to £26404.00, this was seconded by Cllr R McConnell and all Councillors had agreed.

RESOLVED: for the Parish Council to set their precept for 2022/2023 at £26404.00. (28/21 – Budget)

29/21. Planning: review of working group recommendations:

- P/HOU/2021/04027 Wadmill Farm. - Erect side extension - Approved
- P/HOU/2021/04807 Little Brimble - Erect new dormer window - Approved
- P/FUL/2021/01888 Lyde Hill Farm - -Change of use - Approved
- P/FUL/2021/03051 Land Near Duncliffe Wood -re-surface path - Approved
- P/FUL/2021/03629 Coking Farm - -Excavation of a pond - Approved
- P/FUL/2021/04411 Weir Lodge - Change of use - Objected
- P/PAAC/2021/04801 Manor Farm - Change of use for barn – information only.
- P/VOC/2021/04973 Little Meadow Back Street - Erect 1 No. dwelling – Approved
- P/CLP/2021/05440 Rockmead Church Road Todber - Site 1 no Mobile Home- No Comments
- P/HOU/2021/04892 Hartgill Farm Browns Lane - Erection of garage 30 – Approved

30/21. Chairman's report.

Nothing to report.

31/21. Ward and Officers' Reports

Stour Provost – asked when the Donations to the Church will be paid. The Clerk confirmed that Donations and Grants

will be paid out in March for 2021-2022.

East Stour – nothing further to report.

Todber – nothing further to report.

West Stour – reported that under SECTION 53, WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 the bridle way through the village should be designated as a bridle way instead of an unmaintained right of way.

32/21. Clerk Report and correspondence:

All correspondence gets circulated to Councillors and actioned.

The Clerk had received an email from the Chairman of West Stour Village Hall Committee, Mr J Parker regarding the elected member from the Parish Council for the Village Hall Committee the Committee provides an 'ex-officio' membership for the Chairman of the parish meeting. In West Stour the convention has always been that the Chairman of the parish meeting is one of the three West Stour councillors who sit on the Stours Parish Council (currently Cllr. Paul Gould). This is an important appointment for us as it links the village hall with the parish council, a relationship which we welcome. The Clerk will contact Cllr P Gould to see if he is happy to continue with attending the Village Hall Meetings or if the role needs to be allocated to another Councillor who may have more time to attend. **Action – Clerk**

The Clerk asked for all Parishes to think about where they could plant a tree for the Queens Jubilee. Other ideas and information regarding the Queens Jubilee will be circulated as they come through.

The Clerk will follow up the complaint sent to Dorset Council regarding flooding in East Stour. **Action – Clerk**

The Clerk will also arrange a site visit with the Dorset Council Highways officer to discuss a site for a new grit bin in Stour Provost.

Cllr R King suggested that a meeting with the local police would be a good idea, once a report is given on agreed actions from Dorset Council's road safety team. This was agreed.

33/21. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting – Grants

Parish Council meeting will be held on 3rd March 2022 at West Stour Village Hall at 19.30
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20

Signed.....

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