Stour Provost Parish

Minutes of Sour Provost Parish meeting

 Held on the 7th of April 2022 at 6.30pm

at Stour Row Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Watkins, Cllr P Patrick, Cllr E Scott and Cllr C Wilkins

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, Dorset Councillor Jane Somper, two members of the public

**19/21. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Stagg and Cllr J Morisetti sent their apologies.

**20/21. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

**21/21. Election of Chairman**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman, Cllr Patrick nominated Cllr Watkins, this was seconded by Cllr Scott, all in favour.

 **RESOLVED**: Cllr J Watkins but elected for Chairman of Stour Provost Parish

22/21. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 5th of October 2021.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Scott, all agreed they are a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman duly signed them

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

23/21. Matters arising.

* Dog Bins - The Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council will be replacing the old Dog bins for larger multi-purpose bins.
* Road Safety – The Clerk and Stours Parish Councillor R King attended a site meeting with Dorset Council’s Road Safety Team. Details of the proposed road marking were tabled. It is hopeful that the new road markings coming up to junctions and speed limits will make people think more and slow the traffic down.

24/21. Election of Officer’s roles

Mr Martin Hibbert – Foot Path liaison officer reported that he is retiring this year and is looking for volunteers to take over. It was agreed that Cllr Patrick will pop a note on the village Google page requesting volunteers to come forward. The Chairman gave a massive thanks to Mr Hibbert for all the years of volunteering as the footpath liaison officer and keeping the footpath safe and clear. Mr Hibbert reported that a footpath in Stour Row has been fenced off by a resident. This matter has been reported to Dorset Council Rangers and has been forwarded to the footpath definitive map team, before any further action is taken. Another resident in Stour Provost is looking at options to re-route a foot path that passes through their property.

There were no other officers required for the village.

25/21 District Councillors report:

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper had circulated her full report, which will be available to view on the Parish Councils’ website. Cllr Somper highlighted the following from her report:

* Thanked everyone for the continued support regarding Ukraine. As well as people donating items and money, people have come forward as sponsors for family’s looking for refuge in the UK, even going over to Poland to help with Ukraine families submitting their visas. Dorset Council received some government guidance on the Homes for Ukraine scheme, and we are awaiting further detailed government guidance on some aspects of the support programme including pre-arrival/post-arrival checks, wraparound support, administering funds, fallback accommodation, and data management.
* Letter to Michael Gove following a meeting between the Leader and Officers of Dorset Council (regarding Planning). Dorset Council would like to use the pilot to develop a Local Plan which would run to 2050 and including the new settlement or settlements for Dorset. Dorset Council are working with your officials and Homes England to review sites for a new settlement, and we have identified a number of potentially sustainable sites in Dorset. However, in order to make a reality of this more ambitious approach, we need some flexibility to our current Local Plan process. We are seeking an extension to the timeframe of two years to May 2026 and freedoms and flexibilities from the five-year local housing supply and delivery requirements.
* Concerns were raised over the speed limit outside the school being 60mph. Cllr Somper will look at what measures are in place to keep the Children safe, as the school in right on the road.

26/21 Current Planning Applications



27/21. Officers Report

This was covered under Election of Officer roles.

28/21. Accounts for the end of the year

The Clerk had tabled information on the end of year against budget.



At this point it was agreed to purchase the new bench for the recreation area for the sum of £495.87 inc vat, monies had been allocated for this under projects/reserve.

29/21. Matters of interest and information

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have awarded £200.00 for each village under the Stours Parish Council for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Chairman reported that Stour Row are looking into planting two Cherry Blossom Trees in the village and the remaining funds will be used for the party.

The Clerk had circulated cost for replacing the Gate at the recreation ground at Stour Provost and also putting up a fence along the south side of the field. The Clerk also informed the Parish that she is obtaining the deeds for the recreation ground from Lloyds in London and once these have been received will make sure the boundary is where the fencing that has been quoted for is correct. In the meantime, it was agreed to instruct the contractor to do the gate and agree with the quote for the fencing, but to wait until the Clerk can clarify the boundary. The Clerk had also circulated costs for felling an Ash Tree and top the hedge adjacent to the pavilion and to clear out the rear of the pavilion. These works were agreed.

The matter of grass cutting from the recreation area/cricket pitch was raised. The Chairman asked if the Cricket Club could look into composing the cuttings. Concerns over the reduction of water pressure since Wessex Water fitted a meter for the Pavilion was raised. The Clerk has this matter in hand.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council do a risk assessment for the running of the Council and assets. The Cricket Club need to do a risk assessment for their matched and practicing. It was also agreed for Cllr Patrick to arrange for the equipment in the Pavilion to have its electric test.

Concerns were raised over the continued issue of dog mess being left around the recreation area and cricket pitch. It is not acceptable for dog owners not to pick up after their dogs, there is a bin provided at the recreation area to use or you can take it home and use your land fill wheely bin. This matter has been reported to the Dog Warden at Dorset Council and they will be visiting the recreation area from time to time. The Dog Warden has the power to issue on the spot fines if warnings are not abided to. Please help to make sure the recreation area can be used for everyone, as if it does not improve, the Parish Council will need to consider a no Dog order to protect the Children and others using the recreation area.

30/21 Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting to be held in October 2022 (date TBC)

Budget – Matters of interest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.30

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