The Stours Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE STOURS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on the 7th of July 2022

**7.30pm at East Stour Village Hall, East Stour**

Present: Acting Chair – Cllr P Sealy, Cllr M Elsworth, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr R Robson, Cllr H Wakeford, Cllr J Uden, Cllr P Patrick and Cllr P Stride

Due to the Chairman and Vice Chairman sending their apologies due to Covid, Cllr Sealy agreed to stand in as acting Chair for this meeting.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) - There was one member of the public

**Public Consultation:** There were no comments.

22/17. To receive and accept apologies of absence

Cllr J Watkins, Cllr P Bowe Cllr R McConnell Cllr J Morisetti, Cllr R King, Cllr E Scott, Cllr C Wilkins, Cllr A Stagg, Cllr P Gould and Dorset Councillors Cllr Somper and Cllr Ridout sent their apologies.

22/18. Receive declaration of interest.

There were none

22/19. Co-option for new members for East Stour and Tobder.

There were no applicants present.

22/20. To approve the minutes dated the 5th of May 2022

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Uden and seconded by Cllr Wakeford, all agreed that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Cllr Sealy

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Cllr Sealy (22/6 – no budgetary allocations required)

Matters arising from the said meeting:

Consider: Todber Layby- as there were no representative from Todber, the Clerk reported that this matter has been raised with Dorset Council Highways team, who are looking into the pro and cons of making the layby accessible again. The Clerk will chase them up.

Consider: Three Rivers Unity Lottery Community Fund – after debate it was agreed for the Clerk to apply to the Community Fund towards some repairs to the Play Area at East Stour. Action – Clerk

Consider: Request from Stour Provost Cricket Club – the Parish Council have received request from Stour Provost Cricket Club. The following was agreed by Stour Provost Parish:

* Not to promote advertising on the recreation area.
* Are happy for the youth teams to use the recreation area occasionally on Fridays and Sunday’s.
* Due to this being a public open space, it is felt it would not be suitable for cricket tournament in August 2023.
* The matter of rabbits in the recreation area will have to be looked at in more detail.
* Stour Provost Parish have agreed to purchase an additional bench for the recreation area, cost are being sort. Action – Clerk
* Consideration is being taken to supply dog bags for the public to use, to try and encourage dog walkers to pick up after themselves. This item will be discussed further with the Stours Parish Councillors.

Update: DAPTC – the Clerk circulates information for Councillors from DAPTC.

Update: Environmental Issues – Cllr Morisetti had circulated information and some proposals to the Councillors. These are the bullet points from the report:

Highlighting ways to save money on fuel these winters, in turn this will ease our environmental impact and start our journey towards zero carbon villages. A quote to remember from Michael Gove, when he introduced the Levelling Up White Paper he told parliament that we need “every individual and community to achieve everything of which they are capable. We need to fire up every resource we have.”

What resources do we have available:

* Dorset and BCP Councils run a successful retrofit scheme offering free insulation, and boiler upgrades: <https://www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk/>
* The Centre for Sustainable Energy, based in Bristol has developed an excellent tool to show each Parish the distribution of its energy use: <https://impact-tool.org.uk/report?regionId=E04003441&geography=parish>
* Sustainable Dorset’s Green Living Guide, a free resource available online: <https://greenliving.sustainabledorset.org/> This is a money saving guide that encourages communities to work together to live more sustainably.

Local Energy events:

* Energy Security & Net Zero in Dorset - Thurs July 14th 7:00-8:30pm - Online Event. Exploring the opportunities and challenges for energy security and net zero in Dorset. Organised by Dorset Climate Action Network & Planet Purbeck. Event Registration <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtfu2vqTsuH9xjq0SF-_XDgEuwDZ-CA4nl>. The format will be informal and conversational with plenty of time for questions. We guarantee a very lively debate! Speakers; Chris Goodhall, Poppy Maltby, Prof Rear Admiral Neil Morisetti, Ralph Watts.

Maya Turner from Stour Row and Will Austen from Fontmell Magna have taken on the role of running DorsetCAN’s Youth Team and held a successful Youth Climate Conference with councillors in June.

Report of Dorset Climate Action Network’s Youth Conference, 7th June. The full reported can be seen on the Parish Council website.

22/21. Reports from Dorset Councillors Cllr B Ridout and Cllr J Somper.

The Dorset Councillors reports will be available to view on the Parish Council’s website.

22/22. Finance

To record: Payments paid between meetings – The Clerk had circulated payment schedule since May meeting, these had been approved via email.

To agree: Payment Schedule for June 2022 - The Clerk had tabled the Payment Schedule for June 2022 for the sum of £33941.11. This was proposed by Cllr Robson and seconded by Cllr Sealy, all agreed for the payments on the payment schedule be paid, the schedule was duly signed.



RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule to the total sum of £3394.11 (22/22 current account)

Cllr Edwards proposed for the members of East Stour Parish to award the village newsletter a further £250.00 as they are awarded £250.00 grant for the last financial year, where in the past £500.00 was always awarded. After debate, this was seconded by Cllr Wakeford, all member in favour.

RESOLVED: to award East Stour newsletter team an additional £250.00 towards the running of the village newsletter (22/22a – East Stour Grants)

22/23. Planning: review of applications received

P/PAAC/2022/03012 - Pennymoor Pit Farmhouse - Change of use - duly noted

P/FUL/2021/02116 - Site adjacent Church House - Notification of appeal - duly noted

P/FUL/2021/02046 - Land at Park Farm Access - Notification of appeal - duly noted

P/FUL/2022/02536 - Woodville Farm - Change of use – no objections

P/RES/2022/00263 - Land SE Lodden Lake - Notification of appeal - duly noted

P/FUL/2022/03063 - The Winchester – demolish old milking parlour, replace with dwelling – no objections

P/NMA/2022/04084 – Riversdale Farm – nonmaterial amendment to original application – no objections

P/FUL/2022/04066 – Rivendell Ridge – erect a dwelling – no objections

The Clerk received correspondence from Mr John Parker, resident from West Stour, informing the Parish Council that he has forwarded a letter to Dorset Council Planning Team in respect of planning application P/FUL/2022/01205. In the letter, it highlights inconsistency in the Parish Councils response to the application when taken against a recent application (and indeed many others in the past). Mr Parker request an explanation of this inconsistency and what steps are going to be taken to prevent such inconsistency in the future.

The Parish Council have acknowledged Mr Parkers correspondence. When the Parish Council received a planning application, the application is sent to the relevant Parish Councillors for their consideration and comments. When the Councillor look at the application, they take into account the factors that the Parish Council are able to comment on and also look at each application in it own rights. The Councillors are volunteers and are not trained planning advisors, that is why the Parish Councils are consultees only and Dorset Council Planning Team have the final say on approving or objecting to an application, once taking into consideration comments left by neighbours and consultees. The Parish Council will be offering additional training for Councillors through DAPTC, for planning.

22/24. Chairman’s report

The Chairman reported the following:

* Thanked her fellow Councillors and Clerk for their support in the past 12 months.
* Is looking forward to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations that have been arranged in the villages.

21/25. Wards and officers’ reports

* Stour Row – Cllr Patrick asked for an update on the road safety lines which have still not been painted on

the main road, which had been agreed with Dorset Council. The Clerk confirmed that they have not forgotten, they have just been delayed.

* East Stour – Cllr Wakeford reported that the footpath Browns Lane, on the left-hand side, just after the pub car park, the entrance to the field gates have been padlocked, which is a right of way. The Clerk has reported this to Dorset Council for their action.

The Clerk had tabled a proposed agreement for any persons or organisations to use the recreation field for events or sports clubs. After debate the agreement was agreed, and the Clerk will send them to the relevant organisations for signing. It was also noted that dogs are being walked across the recreation area, even though there are signs stating they should not. It was agreed for the East Stour Councillors to produce a questionnaire to ask residents if they would like to see the recreation area (not play area as this area must be dog free) open for dog walkers or for a full dog order to be placed on the land preventing any dog walking.

* Todber – Cllr King circulated the following report:

Latest SID results for last deployment ending 29th May: Average speed – 31, Maximum - 72

Almost 50% were over the 30mph limit.

Grass has been cut at the end of Shave Lane and B3092 lay-by border.

The B3092 has a new surface and new markings as previously promised by Highways. The surface is noisier than before. No evidence that there has been any reduction in speed as a result of the new Slow markings. It will be interesting to see the results of SID's next deployment due up on Friday 15th July for six weeks. Todber Community Speed Watch (CSW) is still not operational. Is hoping for a new recruit. Training is now undertaken by the Trucam operator Janice Beck. The whole team will need a refresher after our long break. Is in touch with the police CSW co-ordinator Maria-Louise Attwood.

CSW groups are active throughout Dorset. Continuous monitoring does make a difference. The idea is to deter and educate. Groups can be subjected to abuse which is surprising when you consider that we are only trying to make local roads safer for all. This is why it is preferred to operate with a team of four rather than the permitted minimum of three.

* West Stour – The Queens platinum jubilee celebrations were successful, and Cllr Sealy planted a tree.

21/26. Clerk Report- correspondence

The Clerk had circulated a request for a grant towards Marnhull Horse Riders & Ramblers to create safer off-road riding/ better bridleways. After debating it was agreed to ask Todber Parish Councillor if they are interested in supporting this project at the other Parishes would not benefit from it. A person has come forward to be the new footpath officer for the Stours.

21/27. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting. TBC.

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 8th September 2022 at Stour Row Village Hall at 19.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.38.

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………

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