Todber Parish Meeting

Minutes of Todber Parish meeting

Held on the 17th of October 2023 at 7.00pm at St Andrews Church

Present: Cllr June Watkins, Chairman Stours Parish Council, Cllr Bowe – Vice-Chairman Stours Parish Council, Cllr R King, Cllr Matcham and twelve members of the Parish.

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

Cllr Watkins opened the Parish Meeting

**1/23. Apologies for Absence**

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper, Penny and Morris Perks, Trefer and Sallie Bryay

**2/23. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

2/23. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 20th of April 2023.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman (2/23)

3/23. Matters arising.

• 20MPH speed limit scheme – the Clerk confirmed that Central Government have now changed their support for 20MPH schemes at this moment in time. The Clerk will be working with Dorset Council, Cllr J Somper in looking at improvements to the speed on the B0392, as this matter has also been raised at Stour Provost. It was also agreed for the Clerk to request 30MPH painted on the start of the 30MPH speed limits in the village, as the verge signs are not sufficient. Action - Clerk

• Update on the Millennium Green and Woods – Cllr Matcham displayed the old plan and new plan for the Millennium Green and Woods. It was reported that thanks for volunteers, there has been bulbs and wildflowers planted and now the area gets regular cuts, it is looking a lot better. The idea for the new plan is to add a few more mowed areas for people to be able to walk around and to have a bark footpath around the woodland. It was also reported that more flowers will be planted and proposal for a bench to be installed was tabled. Well done to all those that have been involved.

• Todber Church proposal to use for village hub – Cllr Bowe reported that this is an ongoing project, which could be promoted by everyone, not just religious people, coming to the event the Church puts on to show that it would be viable for the Church to be used as a community hub.

4/23.Officers report:

* Highway liaison officer – Cllr King reported that he continues to reported issues on the local highways to Dorset Council, but reminded everyone that if there any highways concerns, to report them direct to Dorset Council <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/contact-roads-highways> or to Cllr King.
* Rights of way officer and trees liaison officer – No rights of way officer. If any resident has an issue with trees or footpaths, please contact the Clerk or Dorset Council Rangers direct.
* Sid Management - Cllr Matcham has taken over the responsibility of the Speed Indicator Devise unit for the Village. A question was raised of where does the data go? Cllr King informed the resident that the date is kept on the unit but can be downloaded. It was noted that the information from SID units are not totally accurate so do not get used by Dorset Council for measuring speed, this needs to be done by the speed traffic devise which go across the roads. It was also noted how dangerous Redlane road is and asked if anything can be done to improve the speeding along this road? The Clerk advised all resident to report any kind of highways concerns to Dorset Council regarding near misses, or dangerous driving, as the more date Dorset Council have, improves the chances of any speed measures being put into place. This is the link for reports to be sent to https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/contact-roads-highway

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper had circulated her report, which can be obtained by the Clerk on viewed on the Parish Council website.

5/23. Finance

To consider budget and agree precept for 2024/2025– the Clerk had circulated a detailed proposal for the budget for 2024/2025 and for setting the precept against the budget. Cllr Bowe went through the proposal for works for a new sign for the village and works to the Millennium Green and Woods. After debate, Cllr Bowe proposed to set the precept for 2024/2025 to the sum of £2500.00, an increase of £940.00, this was agreed by all Parish members attending. This will be proposed at the Parish Council meeting in November for resolution.

Any other business

Cllr King reminded everyone that he sends out relevant information via email to residents. If you have not already given Cllr King you details and wish to be added, please contact him direct. Cllr King also suggested producing a 3 monthly Newsletter. This was welcomed and if you have any ideas for the name of the Newsletter, please let Cllr King know. The Clerk confirmed that this is a great way to communicate with the village and that in the future the Parish Council will also be looking at producing an emergency plan for the Village, where the email and Newsletter will be used to inform the residents of the plan.

A member of the public asked if it would be possible to investigate having a Defibrillator for the Village at the Church? Cllr Watkins confirmed talks are taking place with Wessex Internet to try and obtain funds for a Defibrillator for Stour Row. Cllr Watkins will also request one for Tobder.

6/23. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting on date in May 2023 (due to elections) TBA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.44.

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