The Stours Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE STOURS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on the 4th of January 2024

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

Present: Cllr P Bowe – Vice Chairman, Cllr P Sealy, Cllr M Elsworth, Cllr R McConnell, Cllr A Stagg, Cllr J Uden, Cllr P Stride, Cllr J Pitman, Cllr J Morisetti, Cllr P Matcham and Cllr M Kirkham

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk), There were no members of the public

**Public Consultation:** None

23/49. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Cllr J Watkins – Chairman, Cllr P Gould, Cllr P Patrick, Cllr C Wilkins, Cllr R King and Dorset Councillors Cllr Ridout, Cllr Pothecary and Cllr J Somper

23/50. Receive declaration of interest.

Cllr M Elworth declared a personal interest under agenda item 6. Planning.

23/51. Co-option for new members for Stour Provost

There were none.

23/52. To approve the minutes dated the 2nd of November 2023

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Sealy and seconded by Cllr Morisetti all agreed that the minutes 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 Chairman (23/52 – no budgetary provision.

required)

Matters arising from the said meeting:

Environment team – Cllr Morisetti reported that she will circulate a link to all Councillors of the COP Climate awareness meeting so that they can browse through the days events in their own time.

Cllr Morisetti reported that the environment working group for Shaftesbury Town Council have put forward a proposed policy that is under consideration by the Town Council. Cllr Morisetti asked for the Councillors to consider holding a meeting between Parish Council meetings to discuss environmental issues for their villages. This will be reviewed after the elections in May.

To do list for works, circulated by the Clerk – the Chairman tabled the to do list and the following was noted:

Stour Row/Provost - Wessex internet is coming to the villages – The Parish Council have now received £382.00 towards supplying a defibrillator for Stour Row and Todber.

Road Safety Team – Dorset Council will be carrying out a speed survey at Stour Provost junction which the Parish Council will be paying for.

Corner of Hawkers Land and Stour Lane – Rolland Skeats is chasing the environment team up. The Clerk should have an update by the end of the month.

East stour - Play Area – the toddler swing is in place. The grass cutting contractor removed the lower dead branches of the trees in the recreation area.

Todber - The Clerk will be having the initial meeting with Dorset Council new Highways officer for the area and will chase up the request that 30MPH is painted on the roads at the entrance of the village.

Works will continue on the millennium green/wooded area and grass cutting contract has been agreed.

Church – Councillor Bowe will continue to work on applying for the Church to be able to be used as a village hub as well as a church.

Defibrillator – resident of the village have asked for a defibrillator, to be put in the porch of the Church. The Church will be contacted to ask permission before looking into purchasing a defibrillator for the village.

West Stour - Conservation area –Martin is working on producing a new map.

The Clerk will discuss the ongoing issues at The Lynch with the new Highways officer along with the request for 30MPH painted on the road at the entrances of the village. Cllr Sealy requested that the Clerk also asks for new Slow Down Signs. Cllr Elworth reported that there are some branches overhanging the A30, which need attention and the white lines at the entrance/exit of the garage need still to be done. The Clerk will also raise these matters with the new Highways officer.

23/53. Reports from Dorset Councillors Cllr B Ridout and Cllr J Somper.

There were none.

23/54. Finance

To record: Payments paid between meetings – The Clerk had circulated payment schedule for November 2023 which had been approved via email for payment.

To agree: Payment Schedule for December 2023 - The Clerk had tabled the Payment Schedule for December 2023 for the sum of £1635.43. This was proposed by Cllr Bowe and seconded by Cllr Stride all agreed for the payments on the payment schedule be paid, the schedule was duly signed.

RESOLVED: to ratify the November payment and agreed the December payments (23/54 – current account)





The bank reconciliation had been circulated and agreed at the meeting.

To confirm that Mrs Michelle Cox is removed from the NS&I account and the Clerk is added for correspondence and as a signatory. “Nicola Phillips is the named account and signatory for the NS&I Parish Councils account”. This was agreed by all.

23/55. Planning: review of applications received (DC = Dorset Council)



23/56. Chairman’s report

Nothing to report.

23/57. Wards and officers’ reports

Stour Row/Stour Provost – nothing further to report.

Todber – will be providing a new Todber sign to replace the existing one that is not very legible anymore.

West Stour – concerns were raised that there seems to be unsociable behaviour happening at the 5 bridges area, in between 2 and 3pm. The Clerk will inform the local police and Dorset Council. Action - Clerk

East Stour – nothing further to report.

23/58. Clerk Report- correspondence – all correspondence has been circulated.

23/59. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting. Update to do list – information on local elections

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at East Stour Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at pm

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

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