Todber Parish Meeting

Minutes of Todber Parish meeting

Held on the 28th of May 2024 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 and sixteen members of the Public.

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

As Cllr Bowe is the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, he opened the Parish Meeting

**1/24. Apologies for Absence**

Chris Warne

**2/24. Welcome by the Vice-Chairman of Stours Parish Council**

3/24. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 17th of October 2023.

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice - Chairman

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman (3/24)

4/24. Matters arising.

• Road Safety and Signage - the Clerk reported that a request has gone into the Road Safety Team at Dorset Council to paint 30MPH roundels at the entrance of the village.

The Clerk noted that Dorset Council road safety team did their survey at the junction at Stour Provost and reported that the road safety team are in the process of analysing over 40 sites across the county, these are sites that have received 4 or more injury collisions in the past 5 years within 30 metres. They are also looking at 14 routes across the county that have a high number of injury collisions per km. Having conducted an analysis of this route and a site visit they are satisfied that the current speed limits that are in force are appropriate. The speed survey data shows that mean speeds are 40.1mph and 37.7mph which are lower than the current 60mph speed limit in force. It has been recommended for members of the public to report ‘near misses’ and damage only collisions on our website, as Dorset Council do not receive police data for collisions that do not record an injury at this time. This near miss facility allows us to build a picture of areas that may need measures implemented, our data shows no near misses have been reported on this stretch of road. They would encourage you or any of your parishioners to report any near misses here - Road safety - Dorset Council – They are satisfied that current street signing and lining is adequate. Please report any near misses/incidents to Dorset Council using the following link

<https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-non-injury-collision-or-near-miss>

If Dorset Council receive more evidence that there are issues on this road they are then required to review it. It was reported that the triangle warning signs at Red Lane need to be replaced. The Clerk will contact Dorset Council and request this. Action - Clerk

• Update on the Millennium Green and Woods – Mr Matcham displayed the old plan and new plan for the Millennium Green and Woods, this project is now in its second year. A request for volunteers was tabled, to come along in the autumn to plant more wildflowers/bulbs. A bench has been purchased and will be put in place in due course. The area has additional footpaths cut through, to allow better access around the green. Well done to all those that have been involved.

• Consider defibrillator for the village – as a defibrillator needs to have power, there is nowhere in the village where this could be placed. The nearest defibrillator is at Stour Row Village Hall.

5/24. Representative from Wessex Internet

Wessex Internet have already done an open meeting at the Church so felt they did not need to attend the Parish Meeting. The Clerk tabled a bit of information for those that did not attend the open meeting.

* Wessex Internet is a local company based in Blandford Forum who have been awarded the contract from Central Government to supply fast fibre services to rural areas.

6/24. Reports from representative form local organisations and Councillors:

* Todber Church proposal to use for village hall - 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 could help prove that this is a great venue for a village hall and to show that it would be viable for the Church to be used as a community hub.

7/24. Dorset Councillor Jane Somper report:

Congratulations to Cllr Somper for winning the local election for her ward. There is no report to give at the present time as there are a lot of changes happening at Dorset Council and new polices and procedures that will be put in place under the new leader. Cllr Somper will continue to support her ward as their voice at Dorset Council.

8/24. Planning update

The Clerk tabled all of the planning applications received for Todber Parish for 2023-2024, which is as follows:



9/24. Finance

The Clerk had tabled the end of year summary for Todber Parish, which is as follows:



10/24. Matters of interest and information

* Todber Times Newsletter has been produced to try and get relevant information and events promotion out to the residents of the village. There are a few hard copies available, but if you email Cllr Richard King, he can add you to the email circulation list. On the 14th and 15th June, an event on the History of Todber will be held at the Church.
* Update on what is happening at the layby that had been filled to prevent travellers camping there. The layby is the property of Dorset Council Highways, and they have a right to open it, but at the moment there does not seem to be any reasons why they would need to use it unless the road was to be re-surfaced and they would need it for machinery and materials.
* Plans are underway to hold another picnic on the green, more details will be announced once confirmed.
* Concerns were raised over the drains along Red Lane constantly been filled up with mud and Dorset Council having to come out and clean the drains on a regular basis. It was reported that in the recent past the stream that flowed behind some of the houses along Red Lane used to carry surface water off the fields preventing the water flooding the gardens and the road. The Clerk will obtain the information of those affected and report it to the flood team and environmental team at Dorset Council as the water is very brown and is flooding a septic tank, which is an environmental concern. Cllr King will be included so that he is able to chase this matter up for the resident concerned. It was also reported that the stream has been blocked by materials from the new house development. Action - Clerk

11/24. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting on date in October 2024 TBA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.48

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