Todber Parish Meeting

Minutes of Todber Parish meeting

 Held on the 3rd of April 2025 at 7.00pm at St Andrews Church

Present: Vice - Chairman Stours Parish Council, Cllr Bowe – Cllr R King and eleven members of the Public.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk

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

**1/25. Apologies for Absence**

Richard Parke, Mrs and Mrs Penn and Dorset Councillor J Somper

**2/25. Declaration of Interest and dispensations**

There were none

3/25. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 17th of October 2024.

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice - Chairman

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman (3/25)

4/25. Matters arising.

Update on the Millennium Green and Woods – Cllr Matcham gave the following update:

* The Millennium Green and Woods area will continue to have the grass cut and areas around the woods will have the grass cut back to form a path.
* Will be working on the green and woods on the 10th of April, volunteers are welcome to join a working party.
* More wildflower seeds and bulbs will be planted in the Autumn. The maintenance on the Millennium Green and Woods is on the Parish Council budget annually.

Signs and village gate around the village – The Chairman reported the following:

* Dorset Council have confirmed that they will now not pay for the repairs to the village gate sign. A member of the Parish has offered to do the necessary repairs, the costs will come out of the Parish Council budget.
* The other sign directing people to the school, will be replaced by Dorset Council.

Todber Church proposal to use for village hub – Cllr King reported the following:

* Meetings have taken place regarding sorting permission to re-order the Church for a community hub. This will be a long process but is progressing forward.
* There are works that need to be completed to the roof of the Church, funds are being sort for this project.

Proposed speed reduction on the B3092 – Cllr Matcham reported the following:

* An email from James Hussey – Road Safety technician officer had been received and circulated to all Councillors. Mr James Hussey has provided a proposal for speed reduction along the B3902, before and after the crossroads at Stour Provost and also to put 20MPH in areas around the village.
* Cllr Matcham and Cllr Patrick have been working on a document to submit to Dorset Council, which gives more evidence to request the 40MPH from East Stour Crossroads, all the way to Marhnhull. Meetings between the Councillors and Dorset Council will be held.
* Continued issues with flooding on Red Lane – a local resident give details of reports that he has sent to Dorset Council Highways team, requesting that the drains are cleared and checked for damage. Dorset Council have come out to clear the drains, but this has not worked, as there are still flooding on Red Lane. The resident will send the Clerk a detailed report, so the information can be forwarded on to Dorset Councillor Jane Somper and the flood team at Dorset as this matter has not been resolved to date.

5/25. District Councillor Report – there were none.

6/25. Update on Planning Applications



7/25. Reports from representative from local organisations and Councillors:

Cllr King reported that the Parish speed watch team has been disbursed, as there is not enough volunteers to keep the watches covered and that the equipment used was borrowed from the Police, who have not asked for it back. It was agreed that residents that would be interested8in starting up the speed watch, to contact Cllr King direct.

* 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.

8/52. Finance

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



9/24. Matters of interest and information

* Member of the public highlighted the importance of the Parish having a defibrillator. This had been looked into before, as power needs to the available for a defibrillator. The Clerk was asked to investigate the option to have a defibrillator that is powered by solar panels to report back at the next Parish Meeting. Action – Clerk

11/24. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting on a date in October 2024 to be confirmed. Ageda items – Defibrillator, Budget

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.05

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

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