

Minutes of the Todber Parish Annual Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd May 2019 in St Andrew's Church Todber

PRESENT: Cllrs P Bowe (Chairman), R King, Mr M Hibbert, Rights of Way Liaison officer, and 12 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr P Bowe was nominated by Mrs Webb, seconded by Mr G Spicer and agreed by all. Elected unopposed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr P Gould, (Chairman, Stours Parish Council), DC Cllr Jane Somper, Mrs J Bowe, Mr P Matcham, Mr & Mrs J Penn and Mr M Courtney.

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 15th November 2018 (previously circulated), under item the precept figure should read £1310 and not £650. This was duly amended and then were **agreed** to be a correct record and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Mrs Webb.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman said that he e-mailed Ryder Cowan thanking him. There were no further matters which would not be dealt with under tabled agenda items.

5. ELECTION OF RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER AND TREE WARDEN

Mr Martin Hibbert said that he would be happy to continue as footpath officer. Martin was thanked for continuing this role.

Tree Warden – Paul Matcham agreed to remain in this role. Paul was thanked. Proposed by Cllr King seconded by Mrs Spicer and agreed by all.

6. CASUAL VACANCY

Should anybody be interested in filling this vacancy please contact either The Chairman or Cllr King.

7. FOOTPATH AND TREE MATTERS

Footpaths - Martin Hibbert said that he had not visited the other side of the fishing lake lately, but thinks it is ok now, if not please let him know. He is keeping an eye on the footpath at Trill Bridge. There is still one outstanding problem at Pigeon House Farm.

The Stour Vale Walkers meet next Monday 27th May at 11am at Stourpaine Village Hall. Should there be any footpath issues please let Martin know.

Martin also said that the proposed solar farm application at Fifehead Magdalen will have less impact on West Stour than Stour Provost. It will impact on the footpath from West Stour to Stour Provost. The footpath through Fifehead Magdalen will be badly affected. Some views will be obliterated. There have been over 230 objections and 20 or so in favour of the application. With the new council in place, it probably will take time for the decision to be made. The Stours Parish Council objected with the following reasons that the solar farm does not fit in, there are Grade I listed buildings, view is spoilt and access to the site (the Transport Manager is involved). A meeting was held at West Stour on 17th April, Mr Roy Amner, Planning & Development, Intelligent Alternatives (on behalf of the applicant) was in attendance. Any objections must be planning related, so it is difficult to object to this

application. Martin said that it appeared that the deadline for comments has been extended and there will be more impact if people objected in person.

Trees – Mrs Matcham spoke about Ash die back disease, what to do and to look for. Forestry Commission leaflets were handed out.

Both Martin & Mrs Matcham were thanked for their reports.

8. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR

Cllr Jane Somper sent her apologies. She did attend the Stours Parish Council meeting and introduced herself having attended an induction meeting the same day. She will be liaising with Jane Westbrook.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Community Speedwatch

Cllr King (co-ordinator) reported that an unpleasant driver (who was speeding at 56mph) had a go at him. The team carry out their speedwatches along Redland and by the junction Church Close.

More volunteers are needed, if interested please contact Cllr King.

Deployment of Speed Indication Device (SID)

Cllr King went on to report that we share the SID with West Stour. The SID is presently deployed at West Stour, but is due back soon. Speeds are recorded and there are some in the high sixties, especially early in the morning.

10. CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS

Rockmead - withdrawn

Field View – erect 1 NO. dwelling and garage, create new vehicular access & 2 parking spaces (variation of condition 2/2017/0833). We responded that we are happy with the proposal to change the garage facing to timber cladding as this matches the garage construction of the adjacent house. However, we are concerned about the proposal to change the drive from tarmac to gravel, and would propose that there should be at least several metres of tarmac at the entrance to the drive to minimise loose chips getting onto the road. It is busy road and also used regularly by pedestrians.

11. QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE BENCH

The bench, which is owned by the parish is broken and is rotted. It was suggested to move it onto the Millennium Green, however the sides are concreted in and it cannot be easily moved. Cllr King has received one estimate to repair like for like in oak - £685. Martin Hibbert will contact Men's Sheds at Marnhull or Sturminster Newton, as this is the kind of projects they do. The Chairman did say that we budgeted £600 in case there was an election in the parish, which did not happen and those funds could be used. Agreed to explore further.

12. TRAVELLERS

The Travellers are presently at St James' Common Shaftesbury. The eviction process is likely to happen shortly and they could go to Five Bridges, West Stour. We now know the Landowner of Five Bridges, who will be liaising with Wessex Water, Paula Clover, Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer in order to come to an agreement to stop up part of the lay-by. It is hoped that a legal site is found for the Travellers.

13. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Has been mowed by Nigel Byrne.

14. ACCOUNTS – Balance as at 31 March 2019 – £111.13.

£90 has been paid for the grass cutting. On 1st May we received £655 which is the first half of the precept.

The annual grant to St Andrew's Church (Todber PCC) of £150 can now be paid. Also it was agreed to give £50 to St Andrew's Church (Todber PCC) in recognition of the Church being used for the parish meetings. Proposed by Mr Spicer, seconded by Mrs Webb.

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15. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- The East Stour Post Office at East Stour Village Hall, is open Wednesdays 10am – 12pm. Also First Class Coffee.
- Rubbish in the layby, the problem can be reported on the Dorsetforyou website.
- June's edition of Octavo is available for collection.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 PM and thanked everybody for attending.

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