

Minutes of the Todber Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th November 2018 in St Andrew's Church, Todber

PRESENT: Cllrs P Bowe (Chairman) and R King. Also the Clerk Mrs M Cox, Martin Hibbert (RoWLO) and 13 members of the public.

Cllr Paul Bowe welcomed those present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Paul Bowe was proposed by Cllr R King, seconded by Mrs F Herring and agreed by all. Elected unopposed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr P Gould (Chairman of The Stours Parish Council), NDDCllr Jane Westbrook, Mr & Mrs J Candy, Mr & Mrs R Candy, Mr & Mrs P Matcham, Mr & Mrs C Warne and Mrs J Bowe.

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 19th April 2018 (previously circulated) were **agreed** to be a correct record and duly signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING – resignation of Ryder Cowan. It was agreed that Cllr Bowe send Ryder an e-mail thanking him for all that he has done as Chairman for Todber parish.

5. CASUAL VACANCY

As there is less than six months until the elections in May 2019 there is not a requirement to fill the vacancy, however if there is interest, a Todber parishioner can still be co-opted.

6. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

NDDCllr Jane Westbrook sent her apologies and her report was read to the meeting. The main points were Dorset Council has now been informed of the boundary changes, and work towards delivery a unitary council which is taking up most of everyone's time. There is not much details how this will affect parishes. There will be many fewer councillors within the Dorset Councils partnership. Locally, the large planning applications for housing in Marnhull are still being examined and reports are still awaited. It is not anticipated they will be coming before the planning committee before next year. The works agreed to be done in our area by Mike Potter, DCC Highways are in order and will be done. The chippings in the lay-by are still in place and it would be wise to continue to store them there as the Travellers are likely to be evicted from St James' Common and we are attempting to prevent them returning to Five Bridges. We are seeking assistance from Simon Hoare MP. Thee Taylor Wimpey site at Lodden Lakes has planning permission for 90 houses, 18 of which will be affordable. It is anticipated that the build out will begin in the New Year.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Hunt's Hill Contracting Services, Well Common Yard Station 1 No. mobile home for a workers dwelling and erect carport with binstore/recycling area. Form 2 No. car parking spaces, install decking and wood fencing (retrospective).has been permitted.

Shredlands, Red Lane was refused, another application will be re-submitted with some changes.

Bushey erect 2 No. shepherd's huts for visitor accommodation has been permitted.

Land adjacent Shredlands, Todber develop land by the erection of 1No. dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) was refused. Another application with amendments might be resubmitted in the future.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There is now a 'Give Way' sign at the end of Shave Lane. The 'Slow' markings have been refreshed.

Community Speedwatch Cllr Richard King said they have not been out as much due to lack of volunteers. Volunteers are needed. Along Red Lane, the fastest speed of a vehicle recorded was 67mph. He gave further statistics with a few drivers going over 40mph. Cllr King did say that it is worth doing a Speedwatch at peak times.

SID – is shared with West Stour. A replacement screen at the cost of £150 had to be purchased from Morelock, which took a long time to arrive. The SID is at West Stour but will be back in Todber shortly. There was talk about the possibility of purchasing another SID to be used along Church Lane/Hambledon Close, however there is insufficient traffic movement to warrant one. Also it would mean the parish would have to pay approximately £2000 for it, which is a lot of money to raise. (Marnhull Parish Council suggested that they shared the purchase of the SID, however Marnhull P C has now decided to go down the route of CSW). Cllr King was thanked for his efforts with Community Speed Watch and SID.

The possibility of a 40mph speed limit on the B3092 from Marnhull to East Stour is unlikely, there might be a possibility of 50mph which is being worked on. However there are many traffic regulations. We will have to wait and see what develops.

9. TRAVELLERS

Cllr Jane Westbrook gave an update in her report.

10. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Mr Nigel Byrne is doing a good job cutting the Green.

11. FOOTPATH AND TREE MATTERS

Mr Martin Hibbert said there is not a great deal to report and there aren't any major issues. He has been doing the usual clearing, particularly through the fishing lakes to Stour Row, also at Trill Bridge. The footpath from Shave Lane, the field has been ploughed but the path is walkable. The footpath legally runs along the edge of the field. The issue with Pigeon House Farm has been resolved.

The next Stour Vale Walking Group's walk is from West Stour Village Hall on 24th November. The walks will be held the last Saturday of the month. Martin said that he has signed up as a walk leader for the Walking for Health scheme. These are shorter walks taking about 90 minutes. If there are problems with footpaths or if interested in the walks please contact Martin.

Martin was thanked for all his hard work that he does in continuing maintaining the footpaths for the Stours and for organising the Village walks.

Trees – no report received.

12. ACCOUNTS – Balance as at 31 October 2018 – £191.13

The setting of the Precept for 2019-2020 was discussed. Figures were produced by the Chairman, which included annual grant to the Church, use of Church for meetings, Millennium Green maintenance and budgeting for election costs. The Clerk explained that in May 2019 when the elections are being held there might be a possibility of a contested election. Also should a vacancy ever arise and parishioners request an election, election cost will have to be paid. Unlike in the past where NDDC has paid for elections, when Dorset changes to a Unitary Council, it will then be up to the parishes to pay for them. Members present were not

happy with this shifting of this funding and thought it unlikely that there will be an election, however agreed to budget for half the published cost, i.e. £608. This would be approximately an extra £20 per year for Band D council tax. It was agreed that the Parish Precept for 2019-2020 be £650. Proposed by Mr M Courtney, seconded by Mrs F Herring.

13. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

The East Stour Post Office at the Village Hall, is open Wednesdays 10am – 12pm. Also First Class Coffee.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35PM and thanked everybody for attending.

.....Chairman

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