Stour Provost/Stour Row Parish

Minutes of Stour Provost/Stour Row Parish meeting

 Held on the 23rd of April 2025 at 7.00pm

at Stour Row Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Watkins – Chairman Stours Parish Council, Cllr P Patrick, Cllr C Wilkins, Cllr A Stagg and Cllr Mitcham

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and 9 members of the public and Dorset Councillor J Somper

**1/25. Apologies for Absence**

There were none

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

There were none.

3/25. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 9th of October 2025

The minutes were agreed, and they are a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman duly signed them

RESOLVED: that the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman (3/25)

4/25. Matters arising.

* Update on 40MPH proposal for Stour Provost crossroads – Cllr Mitcham reported that with the intivatoin from Dorset Councillor Jane Somper, Dorset Council have proposed Stour Provost village to have a speed limit reduction to 20MPH, in certain areas and for the B3092 to have a speed reduction on the cross roads to 40MPH. Cllr Mitcham reported that a detailed report is being produced, which will be presented to Dorset Council for their consideration to increase the areas along the B3092 from West Stour up to Marnhull, to 40MPH. Cllr J Somper suggested that the proposal from Dorset Council should be strongly considered and that any additional request should be made separate to the proposal in place.
* Consider design for Stour Provost recreation area/play area. It was agreed for the Clerk to produce a design to that would be suitable for the area and to ensure that there is at least one piece of equipment that can be used for those with disabilities which prevents them using the standard equipment, this will be sent out to the residents of the village for their consideration. Action – Clerk
* Update on Phone Box refurbishment Stour Row. The phone box refurbishment is underway.
* Notice Board at Stour Provost replacement. Cllr Patrick will take a photo of the existing notice board that is attached to the Church railings. Permission will be sort from the Church before any decisions are made on purchasing a replacement notice board. Action – Cllr Patrick
* Update on proposals for the Pavillion in Stour Provost. Members of the Cricket Club asked the Parish if they would be in support for the Cricket Club to lead a project to renovate/replace the Cricket Club. After debate, it was agreed that the Cricket Club, along with one member of the Parish Council from Stour Provost/Stour Row to start by producing a detailed proposal that can be put to the residents of Stour Provost to obtain their support before taking this project further.

5/25. Reports from representative from local organisations and Councillors. Nothing to report.

6/25. District Councillors report:

Cllr J Somper had already spoken about the proposed 20MPH/40MPH scheme in Stour Provost.

The following bullet points were tabled:

* Continue speaking to the relevant authorities regarding the flooding matters in her Ward.
* Dorset Council local plan time frame for consultation August 2026 and potential adoption in 2027.
* Continue to highlight the importance for rural villages to have more regular public transport.
* Dorset Council have appointed a new CEO – Dr Catherine Howe.
* Tabled a report on the energy supply for rural areas and how this could effect residents in rural villages, as rural areas do not have enough clean energy supplies, eg, wind turbines, solar panels ect.

Full reports will be published on the Parish Council website.

7/25. Planning Applications for 2023-2024



Great House farm has been approved by Dorset Council.

Concerns were raised over the proposed Solar Panel farm near Duncliffe. A member of the public expressed concerns over the proposed farm and suggested that there are other sustainable alternatives that could be considered. The Clerk confirmed that the Solar Farm application has not been officially submitted out for public consultation yet and they are required to hold public consultations with the parishes that are affected by their proposal. The Clerk have contacted them to ensure that the Parishes are kept informed and will also discuss any community benefit if the application were to be approved by Dorset Council.

8/25. Accounts for the end of the year

The Clerk had tabled information on the end of year cash book



9/25. Matters of interest and information

A handman has been instructed to repair the broken gate sign in Todber and is looking at repairing the bus shelter at the junction at Sour Provost.

A thank you to Mr Lewis from Stour Row who has kindly volunteered to maintain the cemetery area and the grass outside the Village Hall.

10/25. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting to be held in October 2025 (date TBC)

Budget – Play Area – 40 MPH request – Solar Farm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.59

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

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