Stour Row and Stour Provost Parish

 Minutes of Stour Row and Stour Provost at

 Stour Row Village Hall on the 8th of October 2025

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and no members of the public

**1/25. Apologies for Absence**

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper

**2/65. Welcome by the Chairman**

Cllr J Watkins, Chairman of the Stours Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr J Watkins reported that she had attended a meeting with Dorset Councillors to discuss the proposed Dorset Councils, Dorset Local Plan. There was concern raised over the proposal for allocations of sites for new developments throughout Dorset. It was noted that instead of large sites being allocated to large towns where more infrastructure is already available they have scattered the allocations to smaller towns and villages that do not have the infrastructure to cope with additional housing. Another matter raised was that Planning Officers at Dorset Council allocated land that had not been put forward for development, without consulting with the landowners first. This has caused issues within villages, where landowners were not aware of their land being proposed and local residents complaining to those landowners. Dorset Councillors have taken this back to Dorset Council and all landowners that have been highlighted can contact Dorset Council to request the land allocation is removed.

Cllr P Mitcham has produced a report on behalf of the Parish Council that will be submitted to Dorset Council, which includes concerns raised over the land allocation in Marnhull and the proposed Gypsy Site.

Cllr Mitcham and Cllr Patrick had also attended meetings or pop-up event regarding Dorset Local Plan, who have or will be submitting their personal comments to Dorset Council.

All members of the public are encouraged to look and comment on the draft Dorset Local Plan consultation, the link is <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan>. If you miss commenting on the first consultation, there will be more to follow from Dorset Council.

3/25. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 23rd of April 2025.

The minutes were agreed by all.

4/25. Matters arising.

To agree the budget for Stour Row/Stour Provost 2026 – The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget for Stour Row/Stour Provost requirements, this does not include the percentage that is added for the running cost of the Parish Council, this will be confirmed at the Parish Council meeting in November. After debate, all present agreed to increase the budget for Stour Row/Stour Provost from £6000.00 to £6500.00. The increase is to keep in line with inflation for services within the villages.

 RESOLVED to increase Stour Row/Stour Provost budget from £6000.00 to £6500.00 for 2026-2027 (4/25)

Update on proposed new play equipment for Stour Provost – Cllr Patrick reported that after sending out the information for the proposed update of the play area in Stour Provost the comments back from local residents have been more positive than negative. The Clerk will now apply for grants to have the play area updated. Action - Clerk

Update on proposed 40MPH speed limit on the B3092 and 20MPH for Stour Provost village – this is great news that Dorset Council have agreed to introduce a new speed limit of 40MPH on the B3092 coming into Stour Provost crossroads and just beyond. It is also great news that they have also agreed to introduce a new speed limit of 20MPH within certain areas of the village.

Update on proposal from the Cricket Club to upgrade the pavilion – The Clerk is awaiting more quotes for renovating the pavilion from the Cricket Club, in order to apply for grants.

To agree to replace the Stour Provost noticeboard – The Clerk circulated information for a new noticeboard. After debate, it was agreed for Cllr Partick to obtain permission from the Church for the noticeboard to be erected on the railings. If permission is granted the Clerk will order the new noticeboard with the brackets for it to the fitted to the railings.

Any other business – Cllr Watkins reported that the finishing touches have been completed to the phone box in Stour Row with the new heading showing it is a book exchange.

5/25. Reports from representative form local organisations and Councillors

There were none.

6/25. District Councillors report.

There were none.

7/25. Update on Planning since the last Parish Meeting.

Here is the up do date planning applications for Stours Parish Council



8/25. Matters of Interest & information

9/25. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting in 15th of April 2026 - AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.05

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