

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Stour Provost Parish Assembly held at 7.30pm
on
Tuesday 14th May 2019 in Stour Row Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs V Jones, Mrs L Newton, Mrs E Scott, Mrs F Stanford, and Mrs C Wilkins. Also the Clerk, Mrs M Cox and 2 member of the public (Mr B Marks).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mrs Stanford proposed Cllr Mrs J Watkins as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Scott and agreed by all. Elected unopposed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs P Gould (Chairman, Stours Parish Council), J Nalty, DCCllr Jane Somper and Martin Hibbert (RoWLO) (subsequent).

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 13th November 2018, previously circulated were **approved** and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING – Duncliffe Wood, there has been an increase of walking of dogs and consequently there is a huge increase in dog faeces and number of discarded waste bags. The waste bin has finally been installed. Cllr Mrs Stanford agreed to keep an eye on the amount of litter/waste that is left. It was reported that one morning at 6am there was a man with a gun culling deer. Cllr Mrs Stanford will contact Sarah Stebbings, Manager Woodland Trust with our concerns about safety.

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

Rights of Way Liaison Officer, Mr Martin Hibbert agreed to continue the post for both Stour Provost and Stour Row. Cllr Mrs Scott agreed to be the Tree Warden for Stour Provost and Stour Row. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkins and agreed by all.

6. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEES

Cllr Mrs V Jones (Stour Row) and Cllr Mrs Wilkins (Stour Provost) were elected. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Scott.

7. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that Jane Somper is the representative for The Beacons. Todber parish is also in The Beacon ward. As only recently elected and new to the post, Jane does not have a lot to report. She did attend the Stours Parish Council meeting (9/5/19) and introduced herself, having attended the second day of her induction training.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

No issues arose.

9. CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS

Woodville Farm, Stour Row relocate existing agricultural barn & construct horse walker, Permitted
Duncliffe Wood, New Lane to Duncliffe Wood – track erect 2 non-illuminated free standing signs, Permitted

Dormers, Green Lane, Stour Row Change of use of land to continue running a dog training business. Erect polytunnel, 2 No. sheds and parking and turning area following temporary permission granted on Planning Application 2/2017/0100/FUL (with variation of condition no. 1 - approved drawing of planning permission 2/2018/0581/FUL - to allow amendment to Plan 3 Proposed Structures - Plan & Elevations (retrospective), Permitted

All Saints Church, Stour Row convert former church to 1 No. dwelling. Erect 1 No. single storey extension and create layby for 1 no. vehicle, awaiting decision.

Hill Farm Green Lane to Foyle Hill Stour Row Form new highway access, field track and erect gate, permitted.

Angel Farm Angel Lane Stour Provost Convert former cottage to a one bedroom holiday unit, Application Reference Number: 2/2000/0832, Date of Decision: 06/03/2001. (Removal of condition applying to remove condition No 2, holiday let condition to allow the cottage to be used as a dwelling without the holiday let restrictions). Condition Number(s): Condition 2) The accommodation hereby approved shall be used solely for holiday letting and shall not be used for the purpose of providing permanent residential accommodation. Such accommodation shall not be let to any individual or group of individuals for any period which exceeds 28 consecutive days and there shall be no return by any (unless agreed beforehand in writing with the Local Planning Authority) such party within further 28 days. The accommodation shall be available for such letting throughout the year, permitted.

Pigeon House Farm, Todber to restore redundant quarry to agricultural production land through the importation and placement of clean uncontaminated soils, sub-soils, sand, gravel, stones, aggregates & other inert wastes, permitted.

Chequers Farm, Barn at Scotchey Lane, Stour Provost for new vehicular access, permitted
Land east of New Gate Farm, Stour Provost erect 1 No. agricultural building for the housing of livestock, permitted.

Woodville Farm, Stour Row Convert and extend existing barn to form 1 No. dwelling and create 1 No. additional parking space, refused.

11 College Arms Close, Stour Row Develop land by the erection of 1 No. dwelling (Outline application to determine access and scale), refused.

Tennis Court 60M from Hill Farm, Green Lane To Foyle Hill, Stour Row Erect 1 No. dwelling, create new access and 2 No. parking spaces, awaiting decision. Stour Provost councillors made a site visit and have objected to this on the grounds that it would set a bad precedent for permission to be given to build on the tennis court site, which is well out of line of the curtilage of the village. They appreciate the fact that it cannot probably be seen from elsewhere but it doesn't alter the fact that converting the site of a tennis court to a house would be a major change to planning and to the village boundary. The design of the bungalow was admired and acceptable if a site within the village boundary could be found on their land. Awaiting decision.

Land at E 378449 N 121922, Higher Farm, Fifehead Magdalen Construct solar farm and associated development, including perimeter fencing, CCTV cameras and landscaping, awaiting decision. The Stours Parish Council has objected to this for the following reasons, visual impact, biodiversity, the effect on tourism (the site is part of the Stour Valley Way), archaeological interest, proximity to grade 1 listed church and Stour Provost Mill (listed in the Domesday Book). Awaiting decision.

10. FOOTPATH AND TREE MATTERS

The Clerk said that she had received communication from Dorset Council about the parts of Footpaths 30 (Stour Lane at Woodville), 31 (Shadehouse Farm) & 33 (Shadehouse Farm) Stour Provost, Public Path Diversion Order.

11. ALL SAINTS, STOUR ROW

No update received.

12. STOUR ROW WEBSITE

At the request of The Stours Parish Council Steve Veness and Wendy Robinson attended this meeting to explain to the meeting the reason behind the request for £250 grant funding. It was thought it would be nice for Stour Row to have its own website and the proposal was put to the Village Hall Committee (with the aim to promote the hall), who agreed. The website went live in February and has 10/12 pages with the history and information of the Village. The grant request of £250 is to cover the website hosting costs and the domain (website address) registration costs for the Stour Row Village Community website, for five years. Mr Veness said that he needs to recoup his out of pocket expenses. It was agreed to support this venture and that a grant be made and this decision will be taken to the Stours Parish Council meeting for a final decision.

13. PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

i) Pavilion. Possible woodworm in the pavilion, Mr Belcher (Rabs) has quoted £1500 to replace/ paint door frames & to dump infested frames. The meeting agreed that a pest control company could have a look if there is woodworm and give a quote to fumigate the pavilion, as it was felt that there is not a need. There is a need to check there is sufficient ventilation in the building. Before contacting a fumigator the Chairman and Rabs will investigate the top little shed above the pavilion and will go from there.

Clerk to order purple waste bags.

ii) Wessex Water. Following the very large bill received in April £317.92 (when it has been about £16) and following a visit from Wessex Water it has been suggested to reposition the meter. Stour Provost Cricket Club did make a gratuitous payment of £150, even though that had not used their sprinkler during the period of the bill (thought they had used it the previous period, but the bill was still about £16).. It is thought that the meter readings have been estimated but there is no proof. The Clerk and Chairman are meeting with Wessex Water again, to see where the existing meter can be repositioned in order that it can be accessed easily to make meter readings. At present the meter is inaccessible as it is in the hedge and very close to the B3092 which is a dangerous place to stop to read the meter. Maybe they could provide a Smart meter free of charge? There is a book in the pavilion for meter readings to be recorded when the pavilion has been used.

ii) Review of hiring fees/usage of water. The following was **agreed**:- Non-residents - £25, residents of Stour Provost & Stour Row - £15, Cricket Club - £20, girls football - £15 (training evening £7), which includes utility usage. However if the Cricket Club use the Sprinkler they must read the water meter before & after and record usage in the book and pay the basic water rates.

iv) The playing field is in good condition. However the cutting programme by Countrywide Grounds Maintenance is out of synch meaning that the grass is not cut on a Friday just before a cricket match. Cllr Nalty will contact the company.

v) Play equipment. Swings appear to be ok. The cricket nets are up. Stour Row all is fine.

vi) Boundary hedge/tree works a lot of work has been done by David Braybon. £2592 has been spent. The hedge height has been reduced also some ash and dead elms cut down. The hedge should look a lot better next year after these works. The Chairman said that Steve Stokes is a lot better, which is good news and hopes to be back next year hedge cutting.

14. ACCOUNTS – Balance as at 31.3.19 – £3109.80. Precept for the year 2019/2020 is £7270.

17. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

East Stour Post Office opening hours Wednesdays 10AM - 12PM. Also First Class Coffee.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

.....Chairman

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