

**Minutes of the Stour Provost Parish Assembly held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
13th November 2018 in Stour Provost Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs V Jones, J Nalty, Mrs E Newton, Mrs C Wilkins. Also the Clerk, Mrs M Cox and Mr M Hibbert (RWLO).

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs P Gould (Chairman, Stours Parish Council), L Trowbridge, Cllr Mrs E Scott and NDDCllr Jane Westbrook.

2. MINUTES of the meeting of 22nd May 2018 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

- No solar farm planning applications have been received to date.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR' S REPORT

Cllr Jane Westbrook sent her apologies, however she did give a full report at the Stours Parish Council meeting (8/11/18). It was agreed that Jane has been very helpful to the council and has attended many meetings and she will be greatly missed after the reorganisation in April and elections in May next year.

5. CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS

Summerfield Barn, Stour Provost demolish barn & erect 1 No. dwelling, permitted.

4 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, permitted

Land north of Copse Corner, Stour Provost erect gate, form new vehicular access & parking area for 2 No. cars, permitted.

Yew Tree Farmhouse, Stour Row change of use from agricultural land and buildings to equestrian. Construct 20m x 50m manège and erect perimeter fence (part retrospective), permitted.

Ruddocks Farmhouse, Stour Row erect single storey extension to link house and adjacent barn and convert barn to provide additional accommodation (demolish laundry, summer house, part of existing extension and open sided barn). (Variation of condition no. 2 from /2014/0125/PLNG to vary the layout and design of the link building), permitted.

Ruddocks Farmhouse, Stour Row demolish existing laundry, summer house, part of existing extension to house and open sided barn. Erect single storey extension to link house to barn and convert barn to provide additional accommodation. Carry out internal and external alterations to house and barn. (Variation of condition No. 2 from listed building consent 2/2014/0126/PLNG - to vary the layout and design of the link building), permitted.

Springfield, Stour Provost, erect single rear storey extension, detached studio/store & shed, permitted.

Lyde Hill Farm, Stour Provost erect extension to cattle housing building, permitted.

Woodville Farm, Stour Row relocate existing agricultural barn & construct horse walker, awaiting decision.

Duncliffe Wood, New Lane to Duncliffe Wood – track erect 2 non-illuminated free standing signs, awaiting decision

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), awaiting decision.

Martin Hibbert will ask Sarah Stebbing, Site Manager, Woodland Trust about the proposed erection of an oak finger post and also the request to move logs to be used as seats at Duncliffe Wood.

There was a query about the mobile home at Summerfield Barn, apparently planners have said that if you are carrying out a self-build, permission is not required for the mobile home (which is classed as temporary accommodation) whilst the build is in progress. Once the building is complete the mobile home must be removed.

6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Following Mike Potter, DCC Highways visit Stour Row now has 30mph speed roundels painted on the road.
- DCC is currently repairing bridges along the highway within the Stours.
- Mr Raymond contacted the Clerk and asked about repairing the finger post sign opposite Trewell Lane. He said that he would pay for it. (He did intend to attend the meeting tonight). Should he enquire again the members present said that he should liaise with Cllr Roger Gosney (KM & BC pc) for further information.

7. FOOTPATH AND TREE MATTERS – Mr Hibbert said that there is nothing major to report.

The Chairman said that the yellow marker is missing on the post at Home Farm and is it possible for the post to be moved? Martin said that the legal line of the path is down the side of the property, however a shed has been built upon the path meaning the route is not walkable so there is a need for the landowners to apply for a diversion.

The footpath at The Mill Stour Provost. Three sleepers over the pit are rotten and need replacing, the old owner has agreed to get them replaced and pay for the work and is liaising with DCC. The new owners of The Mill appear to be keen to get everything right and have been in contact with the Clerk and Martin raising this issue.

There is still an issue at Woodville Farm with a fence across the footpath.

The Stour Vale Walkers, the next Village walk is 24th November from West Stour at 10am, a 4½ mile walk.

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.

Martin is still carrying out the weekly maintenance of all the footpaths within the Stours and if there are any issues to contact him.

The Chairman thanked Martin for all his hard and marvellous work that he does, which is really appreciated.

8. ALL SAINTS CHURCH, STOUR ROW

Cllr Mrs Newton said that there was a drop in session held at the Village Hall about the proposal to convert the Church into a dwelling with several constraints. Details are available on the website. It was agreed that the parish approves the planning application when received. The planning application has to be approved before the Church can be sold.

9. THE PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Boundary and Hedges

After some considerable discussions matters are going along nicely. There are restrictions to works carried out because it is in a conservation area. The parish will apply to reduce height of the Elm, Hazel and Field Maple to 4m and also to take out some Ash. Some trimming of the hedge and the infected Dutch Elm by telephone wire has been felled by David Braybon, Arboriculturist, costing £576. We have received a quote of £1680 plus vat to reduce hedge and trees to 4m as it does need tidying up and it is wanted to be more manageable for the future.

The Chairman, Cllr Nalty and David Braybon will complete and submit an application to Development Control. Mr Laurie Copper, the other neighbour will remove the fruit trees he planted and put them behind the Elm. He wants to maintain the area so as to get rid of the nettles. Any future work done by Laurie must have approval in writing from the parish.

Andrew Mills has cut the hedges back and the bit by the gate quite hard.

Playing Field – It was agreed to continue with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, though the cutting has not been perfect, but an improvement. Cllr Nalty will liaise with them and insist that they cut on a Friday before a home match.

Play equipment – Mr Belcher (Rabs) has done a very good job painting. The swing seats have some cracks. We will wait for the Play Inspection's report which is due this month before taking any action.

The Pavilion – agreed that Rabs does a very good job maintaining the pavilion and outside. Clerk to thank him. It was agreed that he only need to clean after a football or cricket match.

Clerk to send him and Councillors schedules when received.

John Bishop has offered to provide and put up another set of coat pegs in one of the changing rooms.

Cricket Club and Football Matters

James Armstrong will getting lagging for the cricket net posts so that they are easily seen. The poles, except the centre one are removable. It was agreed to leave the poles up and review the situation after a year.

10. ACCOUNTS – The balance as at 31 October 2018- £8,860.87.

Precept for the year 2019/2020, the accounts were discussed. There has been a great expense in the tree and hedge maintenance as well as the usual running costs. The pavilion is all ok.

Even though it is unlikely, there is a need to have funds should there be a contested election in May 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Nalty that the precept be £7270, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones and agreed by all.

The annual grant to Stour Provost PCC of £200 can now be paid.

11. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

East Stour Post office is open 10am – 12pm Wednesdays at East Stour Village Hall. First Class Coffee is also held at the same time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The Chairman thanked everybody for attending.

.....Chairman

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