

**Minutes of the Stour Provost Parish Assembly held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
19th November 2019 in Stour Provost Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs V Jones, J Nalty, 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), Mrs F Stanford, Mrs E Scott, Mrs C Wilkins and DCCLr Jane Somper.

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting of 14th May 2019 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Grant of £250 made for Stour Row website

4. DORSET COUNCILLOR' S REPORT

Cllr Jane Somper sent her apologies. She did give a report at The Stours Parish Council meeting of 14th November.

5. CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS

The proposed solar farm at Fifehead Magdalen was refused, however it could go to appeal. There have been two appeal notifications from the Planning Inspectorate: - 2/2019/0345/FUL - Tennis Court 60M from Hill Farm Green Lane to Foyle Hill Stour Row and 2/2019/0270/OUT 11 College Arms Close, Stour Row.

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.

Tennis Court 60M From Hill Farm, Green Lane To Foyle Hill, erect 1 No. dwelling, create new access and 2 No. parking spaces, refused.

Land At E 378449 N 121922, Higher Farm, Fifehead Magdalen Construct solar farm and associated development, including perimeter fencing, CCTV cameras and landscaping, refused.

5 The Street remove existing and install replacement windows to the front, side and rear elevations, permitted.

Springfield, erect detached studio/store, permitted.

Manor Farm, convert barn into 2 No. dwellings (alternative scheme to that approved under Planning Permission No. 2/2015/1385/VARIA for 1 No. dwelling with annexe). (Variation of condition No. 2 on planning permission 2/2017/0569/FUL to change the corrugated sheeting roof to Natural Slate and change cladding to horizontal), permitted.

Land North of 4 Copse Corner, Stour Lane, erect agricultural barn permitted.

Riversdale Farm, Stour Provost Change of use of an agricultural building to holiday accommodation and carry out works to allow the formation of a single pond from several existing ponds, permitted.

Angel Farm, erect single storey extension. (Removal of Condition No. 4 of Planning Permission No. 2/2012/0041/PLNG to enable the extension to be occupied as part of the existing permanent dwelling).permitted.

Corner Cottage, Stour Provost install oil tank, awaiting decision

Corner Cottage, Stour Provost restoration and replacement of ceiling beams, replace plaster on dining room wall, restore fire place, install oil tank and carry out associated internal and external alterations (regularisation of works), awaiting decision.

Loxleigh Stour Row erect 1 No. conservatory (demolish existing porch), awaiting decision.

6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- B3092 – speed restrictions. The Chairman, Cllr Nalty and also Cllr King (Todber parish) attended an interesting meeting with Roger Bell, Dorset Highways to discuss the possibility of introducing a lower speed limit along the B3092 (currently 60mph). It is likely that Stour Provost and Todber parishes will be doing a joint application. Once this is formalised then the parishes will need to gather evidence of incidents such as accidents, near misses. Joe Allen, DC will be asked to do a speed survey and tubes will be placed on the B3092 (location uncertain) and this will depend on which parish will pay for the speed tubes. If sufficient data is collect the evidence is submitted to Traffic Regulation Team at County Hall. A speed limit might make the road safer between Butts Lane and Terrace Lane. There have been accidents on double bend. One bend now has chevrons thanks to Roger Bell, however he is unable to place chevrons on the other side. The problem will not be solved but hopefully managed.
- Fingerpost restoration: - it was agreed that the quote of £1800 per fingerpost from Dorset Fingerpost Restoration is rather high. It was agreed to explore this further as there are 3 that require refurbishment. To ask Kington Magna & Buckhorn Weston Parish council if they can help as they have been restoring theirs and also ask Men's Shed. Cllr Nalty to liaise with Martin Hibbert.

7. FOOTPATH AND TREE MATTERS – Mr Hibbert said that there are no major issues.

The flooding at The Mill, Stour Provost has been referenced. Cllr Nalty thinks that the route has changed on the eastern side, which is now closer to the water, Martin will investigate, as it does appear to be different to the map.

Martin was talking to Mr Watson (has bought the land in front of Duncliffe Wood) who said that he has lost some geese to dogs.

Dog waste is still a problem at Duncliffe Wood despite the signs. It was agreed that these antisocial people do need educating as they are spoiling it for others.

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

The Chairman thanked Martin for all his hard and wonderful work that he does. The Stours Parish Council and BW & KM parish council are really lucky to have him

8. TELEPHONE KIOSK STOUR PROVOST

This was nominated for an award by Dorset Archaeological Trust. It didn't win as not really an archaeological project, but it was pleasing to know it was nominated as an interesting community event. Cllr & Mrs J Nalty attended the enjoyable occasion.

9. STOUR ROW CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

There has been no further developments, no notifications from planning and Liz Newton gets her information from the Diocese. Clerk to ask Cllr Jane Somper to follow this up.

There has been a wonderful clear up in the churchyard and will become a wildflower area. The churchyard will be the responsibility of the village when the church is sold.

10. THE PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Boundary tree and hedges

This is looking much better since David Braybon has carried out the requested works. Steve Stokes is now back at work and is able to do the annual hedge cutting. Clerk to contact Steve to ask if he can cut all 4 sides of the field, especially between the pavilion and Springfields, the cricket nets might be an obstruction.

Playing Field – It was agreed that Countrywide Grounds Maintenance have improved the condition of the field, however it was hoped that they would cut the grass lower before a cricket match. There have been long discussions with Toby Heasman and John Bishop (cricket club) who both do a lot of grass cutting work. The cricket club has invested in gang mowers and therefore are able to cut the grass much shorter. Toby Heasman has suggested that the cricket club uses a contractor (Chris Rabbets) to do the whole field with Country Grounds Maintenance doing fewer cuts, he wondered what the parish thought of this. It was agreed that this needed further exploration which Cllr Nalty agreed to do.

Play equipment – appears to be in good order.

The Pavilion – agreed that Rabs does an excellent job maintaining the pavilion and outside. There is new furniture which has been provided by the cricket club. The pavilion is valued at £77,000 for insurance purposes. The Chairman said that she will try and get a proper valuation.

Cricket Club and Football Matters

There are no football teams using the facilities. It was agreed to advertise in the Blackmore Vale Magazine. The cricket club have more matches to play next season.

10. ACCOUNTS – The balance as at 31 October 2019- £7,535.36.

Precept for the year 2020/2021. The accounts were discussed. As well as the usual running costs the main expenditure is for grass cutting of the playing field and Stour Row Church and Village Hall. The water bill was up compared to the previous year, as more water had been used. The cricket club made a goodwill gesture of £100. We now have a new meter in a new position, which will make it easier to read the meter. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Watkins that that the precept be £5270, seconded by Cllr Nalty 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 8.30pm. The Chairman thanked everybody for attending.

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