

STOURS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Stour Provost Parish Assembly held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 in Stour Row Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Watkins (Chairman), Mrs V Jones, J Nalty, Mrs L Newton, Mrs E Scott, L Trowbridge and Mrs C Wilkins. Also the Clerk, Mrs M Cox and 1 member of the public (Mr B Marks).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Mrs B Edwards (Chairman, Stours Parish Council), NDDCllr Jane Westbrook and Martin Hibbert (RoWLO).

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 21st November 2017, previously circulated were **approved** and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Newton and agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING – The advert regarding the pavilion and playing field in the Blackmore Vale magazine worked well. The new football club are appreciative of the facilities. The cricket club hired a roller which the football club used and paid the cricket club £50. The pitch drains well.

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 Newton and agreed by all.

6. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEES

Cllr Mrs E Newton (Stour Row) and Cllr Mrs Wilkins (Stour Provost) were elected. Proposed by Cllr Nalty, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Jane Westbrook has nothing further to report since the last parish council meeting, where the main issue was illegal encampment of travellers at Five Bridges.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chairman and Cllr Nalty met with Mike Potter, Collision Team Manger DCC Highways to discuss safety improvements. A SID is not viable in Stour Row as there are no verges which meet the criteria. (He is the second person to state this). His observations are as follows:

- Review cross road warning sign location in advance of Church Ln/Stour Ln junction.
- Parish to contact owners of properties Stevenstone and Stour Lodge to see if they can cut back vegetation that is growing out onto the verge restricting visibility to/from Church Ln
- Replace existing 'bends' warning signs either side of bends south of Scotchey Ln jct – new sign to include 'Reduce speed now' plate underneath.
- Four new SLOW markings to be installed on approaches to bends south of Scotchey Ln – two extra for each approach
- Centre lines to be reinstated at 150mm wide on approach to and through the bends south of Scotchey Ln
- Chevron signs at sharpest of the two bends (closest to Scotchey Ln) to be investigated – site visit required with colleagues from sign shop as not yet clear whether sufficient space is available. Also, vegetation at bend could prove restrictive – particularly at the second bend south of Scotchey Ln
- Offside national speed limit terminal sign to be removed – the reason for doing this is too prevent drivers from seeing the national speed limit terminal until they are closer to it.

- Replace 30mph terminal signs west of Stour Row
- Install new painted '30' roundel at each 30mph terminal (Dover St x2 and Green Lane)
- National speed limit terminal signs removed on nearside at Dover St terminals and on Green Lane
- Four new '30' painted roundels on Dover St, Stour Row – two in each location both side of road – site 1 at repeater sign close to Village Hall, site 2 at repeater sign close to access for property, Ash Tree Cottage.

Cllr Nalty did say that Mr Potter didn't offer any suggestions of safety improvements from the Butts Lane junction onto the B3092 and felt that this should be looked at again as traffic travels too fast when driving into Butts Lane from the B3092 and even more dangerous is when turning left out of Butts Lane onto the B3092. The Stours Parish Council will be writing to Mr Potter asking him to revisit this junction.

9. CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS

The Old Post Office, Stour Provost Replace 3 No. first floor windows and 2 No. ground floor windows to rear of property (carry out associated internal and external alterations), approved
 Manor Farm, Stour Provost convert barn into 2 No. dwellings (alternative scheme to that approved under Planning Permission 2/2015/1385/VARIA for 1 No. dwelling with annexe), approved
 Manor Farm, Stour Provost Carry out internal and external alterations associated with the conversion of a barn into 2 No. dwellings (alternative scheme to that approved under Listed Building Consent No. 2/2015/1386/VARIA for 1 No. dwelling with annexe), approved
 Land Adjoining Owl Cottage Green Lane Stour Row Change of use from garage, office and workshop to 1 No. dwelling, refused. The applicant has made an appeal to the Secretary of State.
 Land at Duncliffe Wood, Stour Provost modify existing access, upgrade & resurface car parking & replace kissing gates with wooden posts, Install 2 NO. 3m gates replacing 1 No. single gate, approved

Old Acres Farm, Track off Scotchy Lane, Stour Provost, Change of use from detached outbuilding used for storage to residential annex to be used ancillary to main dwelling. Erect single storey front and rear extensions (demolish existing conservatory, garage and storage annexe). Create 3 No. additional parking spaces to form 6 in total, approved.

Thyme Cottage Stour Lane to Green Lane - Road Stour Row erect double car port (demolish existing garage), approved.

Terrace Farm, Stour Provost erect single storey side extension and two storey rear extension; extension to stables to create additional garage space; erect new glass house, approved.

Church Cross Cottage, Stour Row erect two storey side extension (demolish existing single storey garage, boot room & utility room). Install 2 No. rooflights, approved.

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

Proposed solar farm at Fifehead Magdalen. Development Control has said that there is not a requirement for an EIA (Environment Impact Assessment). To date an application has not been submitted. Cllr Nalty did say that CPRE are happy to support us and will be behind us. The Clerk did read an article from CPRE's Dorset Review which stated that the proposal affects a sensitive location (both Fifehead Magdalen and West Stour) near the River Stour, the development is relatively large and the motivation is not clear as viability is marginal following the withdrawal of subsidies.

The owners of Dormers have reapplied for their planning application now that the first year has passed. (As of today the application has not been received).

10. FOOTPATH AND TREE MATTERS

Mr Hibbert sent in the following report- work continues to improve tracks at Duncliffe Wood, with much improved access from Stour Row and ongoing works elsewhere in the woods, although disruptive should be a great improvement. The car park looks as though it will have to be redone though. The next Stour Vale parishes walk will be in June. Also the next White Hart Link walk is on Bank holiday Monday 28th May starting 2pm from Motcombe Meadows and walking to Shaftesbury via Kingsettle Wood. The White Hart Link an Stour Provost cricket club are 2 projects supported by the Tesco token scheme please support them if you can.

Martin was given a vote of thanks for all his hard work that he does with the footpaths which is really appreciated.

11. ALL SAINTS, STOUR ROW

Cllr Mrs Newton said that the same buyer is interested and there should be a planning application submitted for change of use to a dwelling at the end of the month.

12. BOUNDARY BETWEEN PLAYING FIELD AND NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

There have been a number of issues recently, the owner of Stour Lodge has planted on the roadside, playing field side a couple of trees, which have since been removed, also there are some fruit trees in the corner. The owner, Mr Copper has been asked to remove them from Stours Parish Council land, it appears that the garden is being extended into the recreation ground. Should this be allowed it would be seen as setting a precedence. A letter was sent 16th March requesting that the 2 fruit trees be removed, which has been actioned and also that the daffodil bulbs that were planted be dug up when they have flowered. Also on 23rd April a second letter was sent asking for the other trees and shrubs that had been planted to be removed. It was agreed to leave matters as they are as the letters do state that it parish council land that has been planted without permission.

A letter was sent on 24th April to Mr & Mrs Balchin, thanking them for clearing up the brushwood, but there has been left an ugly area of tree stumps and large branches, also it was requested that any future work done must have written permission from the parish council which has upset them (email received). Cllrs Mrs Wilkins and Nalty did speak to him last Sunday. He said that the big trees are shading his garden and has had to have people in three times to deal with the trees. Mr Balchin has said that in future the parish will have to pay to cut the trees. It was agreed that we must reply to Mr Balchin's email and to reiterate that he must not do anything to the trees (which are on our land) without written permission from the Stours Parish Council.

13. PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

1) Pavilion –Malcolm Belcher, (Rabs) is doing a very good job in maintaining the pavilion, which everybody is pleased about. It was agreed to ask him to use green hammerite paint to paint out the white lettering on the container.

2) Playing field is in good condition. The mowing arrangements by Countrywide maintenance has been re-schedule to coincide with cricket matches. The company did two free cuts. Next year we might have the grass cut more in April & May & less often the following months. Proposal of cricket nets on the field (Cllr Nalty declared an interest as he is a member of the club). Measurements 15m x 6m, about 25 cubic yards and they would be positioned on the site of the old base near the swings. The area will be dug out and marked. Cllr Trowbridge offered to remove the spoil from the site. The surface would be artificial grass. It was agreed that this could go ahead.

Stour Provost Cricket club have their banner displayed on the gate.

There has been an offer of a 20ft tall cherry tree, which is of sentimental value for the owner. The tree is too large for his property so it is being offered to Stour Provost Parish, the owner will pay transportation costs (£2,000). It was agreed to accept the kind offer of the tree and to have it transported when it is in its dormant phase, October time. Cllr Nalty will contact Mr Forrester.

A notice to be put in the pavilion to remind all users to turn off the water heater, also the electricity supply.

Agreed that Steve Stokes has done a very good job with the hedge cutting.

3) Hire of pavilion and field to remain the same £15 for Stour Provost ward and £25 for outsiders.

4) Play Equipment, all appears to be fine. There hasn't been any requests for new play equipment. To ask Rabs if he would repaint the poles of the swings.

16. ACCOUNTS – Balance as at 31.3.18 – £5305.57. Precept for the year 2018/2019 is £5270. These were discussed and in future the clerk will produce the previous year’s accounts so a comparison can be made.

17. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

East Stour Post Office opening hours Wednesdays 10AM - 12PM. Also First Class Coffee. Mr Marks asked why a SID cannot be installed in Stour Row, the Chairman reiterated that the verges do not meet the guidelines set by Highways and that Mr Marks is welcome to discuss the matter with them.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

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