

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
DURWESTON VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM**

Present:	Councillor Scott Norman – Chair, Councillors, Mark Farwell, Peter Partridge and Louise Webb
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In attendance:	Mr P Clark – Parish Clerk, Cllr Sherry Jespersen – NDDC, Hilary Ashwell as a prospective Parish Councillor and 8 members of the public
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Public questions:	<p>During this time the following matter/s were brought to the attention of the Parish Council by members of the public –</p> <p>The members of the public present at the meeting were in attendance to talk with the Parish Council on the subject of planning application 2/2014/0876/FUL – Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins, Stourpaine, Dorset.</p> <p>Notification had been received from North Dorset District Council (NDDC) that the applicant had submitted amendments to the application.</p> <p>Comment was raised by those members of the public on the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That from the information submitted to NDDC, it was not clear what parts of the application were being amended • That the application refers to the proposal as being “Phase Two” and that residents were not made aware that the applicant intended to further develop the site when the development stated by the applicant as “Phase One” was agreed • A query was raised why the surrounding property owners were not made aware by NDDC of the amendments to the application as they had been for the initial application • That nineteen objections to the application had been submitted to NDDC to date • That a letter of objection had been submitted to NDDC from the Council for the Protection of Rural England • The commitments given by the applicant in the S106. Agreement in January 2000 were highlighted. Those members of the public present were of the opinion that the S106. Agreement should remain in force and that no development should be permitted on the land by NDDC • Cllr Jespersen highlighted to those members of the public present how a S106. Agreement is treated after five years had elapsed • Concern was raised by the members of the public present that the Parish Council were not being listened to by North Dorset District Council • That insufficient regard had been given to highways issues and road safety. In this respect Cllr Jespersen explained the process followed by NDDC on advice by statutory consultees
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there was a link between the planning policy operated by NDDC and the need to protect rural views • Cllr Jespersen was asked to take back to planners at NDDC the feelings of the village by the members of the public present <p>The Parish Clerk outlined to the members of the public present and Parish Councillors that it could be ascertained from the documentation submitted by the applicant there were three amendments proposed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change to the garden boundaries of the proposed properties to put them inside the settlement boundary of the village • A change to the height of the boundary wall to the development along Manor Road • A change to the amount of glass present in the barn conversions <p>Cllr Jespersen outlined to those present the process being followed for approval of the NDDC Local Plan 2011 – 2026 by central government. It was hoped that the plan could be in place by September 2015.</p> <p>A further issue was raised by a member of the public present regarding the future of a bridleway in the village that had been closed for some months due to health and safety concerns. It was feared that the works to rectify the issue might not be completed and the bridleway permanently closed.</p> <p>In response to this issue Cllr Norman stated that these concerns were shared by the Parish Council and the matter was being raised with Dorset County Council (DCC).</p>
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14/11/01	Apologies for Absence Councillor Keith Yarwood and Councillor Deborah Croney – NDDC/DCC
14/11/02	Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations Councillor Scott Norman and Councillor Louise Webb at item 14/11/05 – Planning application 2/2014/0876/FUL as near neighbours. No dispensation was requested neither Councillor Norman nor Webb took part in any decision or voting on this issue.
14/11/03	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th October 2014 Having been distributed beforehand to Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th October 2014 were presented as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were accepted as such by those Councillors present. A copy of the minutes were signed and initialled by Cllr Norman as Chair. #

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14/11/04	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>
14/11/05	<p>Planning Matters as listed on the schedule</p> <p>2/2014/0876/FUL – Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins, Stourpaine Dorset – Erect 5 No. dwellings (2 no. affordable dwellings) and 6 No. garages/car ports. Form vehicular and pedestrian access</p> <p>After consideration and discussion on the amendments submitted by the applicant to NDDC it was agreed by Councillors that the detail did not make it clear what amendments were being sought and the rationale. It was also agreed that the amendments submitted did not fundamentally change the opinion of the Parish Council that the proposal should be rejected by NDDC.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to respond to NDDC raising comment on the quality of the documentation provided in support of the amendments by the applicant and that the response of the Parish Council to NDDC dated 22nd September 2014 should stand.</p> <p>2/2014/0693/FUL – Freedown, Smugglers Lane, Stourpaine. Dorset, DT11 8PW – Erect replacement dwelling (demolish existing dwelling)</p> <p>The Parish Clerk advised that NDDC had now given their approval to the application subject to conditions. Details had been circulated to Parish Councillors.</p> <p>2/2014/1348/CATRE - 1 Hod Drive, Stourpaine, Dorset,DT11 8TJ – Tree works</p> <p>The details of this application having been circulated to Parish Councillors were considered. After discussion it was agreed by all present that the Parish Council give its support to the application.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to advise NDDC of its support to the application</p> <p>2/2014/1429/HOUSE - 4 Shaston Road, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TA – Erect Summerhouse, and new retaining wall with balustrading around new patio area</p> <p>The details of this application having been circulated to Parish Councillors were considered. After discussion it was agreed by all present that the Parish Council give its support to the application.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to advise NDDC of its support to the application</p>
14/11/06	<p>Closure of the C13 and resulting highways issues</p> <p>Cllr Norman gave an update on the current situation with regard to the closure of the C13. Reports on the works required had been submitted to the various landowners affected who had asked for further detail. There is still no firm indication on the timescales involved for commencement of the works, however once agreement can be reached a completion time of 3 to 4 months is estimated.</p> <p>A meeting with representatives of Dorset County Council Highways is pending to discuss the A350 and associated issues. This is likely to take place early in 2015.</p> <p>The new village signs that had been ordered from DCC have now been installed.</p> <p>It was also proposed by Cllr Norman that the Parish Council contact other Parishes along the A350 and arrange for a joint approach to the issues that have arisen due to the closure of the C13</p>

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	<p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to arrange a meeting with Dorset County Council Highways in early 2015 and contact other Parishes along the A350.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that training for Community Speed Watch volunteers had been completed and that the first live session was due to be held on the morning of the 2nd December 2014.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to follow</p>
14/11/07	<p>Flood Protection and Prevention</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted an e-mail that he had recently sent to the Environment Agency (EA) (copied to Oliver Letwin MP), there was still a concern over the lack of co-operation between agencies.</p> <p>A further meeting was now going to be held with the EA on the 28th November 2014 to discuss prevention measures. The outcome of this meeting will be reported at the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Following a meeting attended by Cllr Norman and Derek Gardiner with NDDC it had been stated that any monies left over or not claimed under the DEFRA scheme could be used for a village wide scheme.</p> <p>It was reported that most applicants that have made a claim under the schemes available have now received monies. There was a concern over the cost of surveyors being used by the EA and the admin fees being levied.</p> <p>There has been discussions in the village regarding a scheme that it thought might alleviate flooding issues, further clarification is being sought from the EA.</p> <p>There was a consensus amongst Parish Councillors that too little assistance is being received from agencies and there was a concern that unless there was urgent action taken that the village would be vulnerable to flooding in the winter months 2014/15.</p> <p>The matter continues to be an issue for on-going consideration by the Parish Council</p>
14/11/08	<p>Broadband Project</p> <p>Information had been circulated to Parish Councillors in advance of the meeting by Cllr Norman.</p> <p>At a meeting with DCC it was highlighted that Stourpaine will get a maximum of 2 mbps by 2016.</p> <p>Cllr Norman has sent an e-mail to BT Open Reach for clarification on a number of issues that was then forwarded by BT to Superfast Dorset for response.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Norman proposed that a public meeting be held in early 2015 to discuss the various proposals and projects with regard to broadband in the village. It was highlighted that to date the project was being handled by staff that appeared to have insufficient technical expertise with which to deliver a project in a rural area.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge expressed his disappointment that BT had broken promises made with regard to the delivery of superfast broadband and the exclusion of Stourpaine to the service originally promised.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to contact Penny Syddall at Superfast Dorset and arrange for a public meeting in February 2015.</p>
14/11/09	<p>Street Cleaning/Litter/Hedges and Trees</p> <p>It was noted by Parish Councillors that it would appear that the back roads in Stourpaine had not been swept recently by NDDC.</p> <p>It was also noted that there were several blocked road drains along the A350 Shaston Road.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge agreed to contact the resident who had in the past cleaned the village bus shelter to see if they would be interested in undertaking the role again.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to contact NDDC and request that back roads are swept and DCC to clear blocked road drains.</p> <p>The Dorset County Countryside Rangers are also to be contacted with regard to the road verges in the village.</p>
14/11/10	<p>Best Kept Village 2015</p> <p>Subject to finding out more information on the competition Cllr Norman thought that entering would be a catalyst for residents to make an effort in tidying up the village.</p> <p>An application would need to be submitted in March 2015 for the village to be judged in June/July 2015.</p> <p>It was agreed by Parish Councillors to further consider entering the competition.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to circulate further information once received for further consideration by the Parish Council</p>
14/11/11	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. District Councillor – as circulated</p> <p>b. County Councillor – as circulated</p> <p>c. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</p> <p>Cllr Partridge as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported that there had been a number of sheds broken into over the past few weeks in the North Dorset area. An alert has been issued by Dorset Police.</p>

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The Clerk highlighted that alerts received from Dorset Police and the SNT Home Watch Newsletter would continue to be posted to www.stourpaine.info for information.

d. Village Hall/Stourpaine Playing Fields Association

The sale of the old village hall site to Raglan Housing had been completed.

Work had also started on the Sports Pavilion and new village hall on the Draper Memorial Field. Work on the Sports Pavilion is due to be completed by March 2015 and the village hall in July 2015

e. DT11 Forum/CPEND – as circulated

f. Trailway

Councillors discussed the three outstanding issues relating to the Trailway and Rights of Way in the village -

Temporary Closure of Public Bridleway E18/8, Stourpaine between ST 104 852 and ST 858 066
Footpath to Hod Hill
Surface of the North Dorset Trailway from the playing fields in Stourpaine to the bridge over the River Stour

It would appear that progress on remedying these issues has ground to a halt. Parish Councillors shared the concern of the member of the public who raised the issue of the closed bridle path leading to Hod Hill.

It was agreed by Parish Councillors that a letter would be sent to Debbie Ward, Chief Executive of Dorset County Council raising the outstanding issues for further comment.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to write to Debbie Ward, Chief Executive of Dorset County

g. Rights of Way

See item f. Trailway for further information

h. Allotments

A meeting was held with the Allotment Association immediately before the Parish Council Meeting.

j. Spectrum Housing – Hod View Estate Strategy

The Parish Clerk reported that a request had been sent to Spectrum Housing for a meeting to discuss the works pending at Hod View.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to follow

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14/11/12	<p>Reports on Play Areas</p> <p>a. Kidzone, Playing Field, Havelins</p> <p>Cllr Partridge being responsible for the weekly inspection of this site reported no issues.</p> <p>b. Grace Upward Under 12's Bottom Road</p> <p>Cllr Partridge being responsible for the weekly inspection of this site reported no issues.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that he had received a written report following the recent assessment of the play areas carried out by The Play Inspection Company. A copy had been circulated to Cllr Norman and Cllr Partridge and it was proposed that a meeting be held to discuss the findings. There were no major issues reported, however the report would be used to contribute to a renewal and refurbishment programme.</p>
14/11/13	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Payments to be made as per schedule – for decision</p> <p>It was agreed by Councillors that all payments, bills and invoices listed on the schedule be paid. The payments were then approved by all Parish Councillors present.</p> <p>b. Budgets 2015/16</p> <p>The proposed budget for 2015/16 was discussed by Parish Councillors. The Parish Clerk was in the process drawing up a detailed budget for approval.</p> <p>It was discussed that Parish Councillors would review the beneficiaries of Section 137 and Grant payments for 2015/16.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would take advantage of any Council Tax Support Grant being offered by NDDC for 2015/16, however this was likely to be minimal.</p>
14/11/14	<p>Correspondence not already circulated by the Parish Clerk</p> <p>None</p>
14/11/15	<p>Parish Council Meeting dates 2015/16</p> <p>It was agreed by Parish Councillors that meetings would continue to be held on the third Thursday of every month, that meetings would only be held in August and December 2015 should urgent business need to be discussed.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to draw up a list of meeting dates for 2015/16 to be circulated and published</p>
14/11/16	<p>Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 15th January 2015 at 7.00pm in Durweston Village Hall (there will be no meeting in December 2014 unless urgent business needs to be discussed)</p> <p>None</p>

Initial of Chair:



There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Norman'.

Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

Date:

15th January 2015

Initial of Chair: