

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM IN DURWESTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Cllr Scott Norman – Chair, Councillors, Keith Yarwood, Peter Partridge, Mark Farwell, Louise Webb
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In attendance:	Cllr S Jespersen – NDDC, P Clark – Parish Clerk and 11 members of the public
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Public questions:	<p>During this time the following matters were brought to the attention of the Parish Council by members of the public –</p> <p>All of the members of the public present were in attendance to discuss the proposal by Dorset County Council to withdraw school bus services from Stourpaine to Durweston CE VA Primary School. From February 2015, children would be expected to walk to school using the Trailway and other rights of way.</p> <p>Cllr Norman began by giving an outline of the concerns of the Parish Council and the action taken to date to obtain further information on the decision.</p> <p>A query was raised by Cllr Norman at a recent meeting of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) at the period of notice given to parents by Dorset County Council and the apparent lack of consultation. The DAPTC have agreed to raise the issue with Dorset County Council.</p> <p>It was noted that Dorset County Council had attempted to withdraw school bus services from Charlton Marshall a number a years ago, however due to the pressure from parents and other parties the decision had been withdrawn.</p> <p>Dorset County Council had been invited by the Parish Council to walk the proposed route with Parish Councillors who had significant concerns over flooding on the route and health and safety at Durweston Mill.</p> <p>In addition the following matters were raised and discussed by those present-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It became clear during discussions that Dorset County Council were proposing to withdraw school bus services from Stourpaine to the Blandford School in September 2015. This would require children to walk from the village along the Trailway for a distance of close to 3 miles. Concern was raised on the danger of children walking this unlit route. This would affect some 12 pupils • A petition had been raised in the village shop that had gathered some 107 signatures which should be presented to Dorset County Council. • The Governors at Durweston CE VA Primary School were in the process of writing to Dorset County Council to express their concerns
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appeal process is available to parents, however this would see cases considered on an individual basis and were not appeals on the removal of the bus service. • The Parish Council will provide support to parents on this issue and that it was important that all avenues to publicise the issue be taken.
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15/01/01	Apologies for Absence Cllr Deborah Croney
15/01/02	Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/01/07 - Decision of Dorset County Council to stop the School Bus Service to Durweston as an employee of Dorset County Council Cllr Scott Norman and Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/01/06 – Planning Matters Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins Stourpaine Dorset as near neighbours to the land No dispensations were requested and the Councillors above did not take part in discussions or any voting on these issues
15/01/03	Co-option of Mrs Hilary Ashwell as Parish Councillor Cllr Norman reported that he had been contacted by Mrs Ashwell who had informed him that at this time she was not able to join the Parish Council.
15/01/04	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th November 2014 Having been distributed beforehand to Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 th November 2014 were accepted by all present to be a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by Cllr Norman as Chair.
15/01/05	Matters arising 14/11/09 – Street Cleaning/Litter/Hedges and Trees Cllr Partridge reported that he had made contact with the resident who had in the past undertaken cleaning of the village bus shelter. It would appear that there had been some confusion on the changes of Parish Clerk in 2012/13 and no record could be found of any contact or payment being made with the individual concerned. It was agreed by Councillors that the cleaning of the bus shelter remained important to the village ensuring that the area around the village pub and shop remained presentable. ACTION – Parish Clerk to make contact with the individual concerned to discuss if there was any interest in undertaking this work again on behalf of the Parish Council and arrangements for payment.

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15/01/06	<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 (including 2 No. affordable dwellings) and 6 No. garages/car ports. Form vehicular and pedestrian access – Decision awaited</p> <p>A further application had been received relating to this application – 2/2014/1595/MODPO (see next item).</p> <p>2/2014/1595/MODPO Land at E386023 N109671, Havelins, Stourpaine, Dorset – Request to discharge Planning Obligation No3. of an agreement dated 21 January 2000 under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, requiring the owner not to carry out or permit to be carried out on the 'open space land' any development – Decision awaited</p> <p>It was highlighted by the Parish Clerk that this application related to 2/2014/0876/FUL would appear to have had the intention of clarifying if development could take place on the land. It is not clear who had instigated this further application – the applicant or North Dorset District Council. It was discussed by Councillors that this application gave the Parish Council an opportunity to deal with the fundamental concerns raised by a majority of residents in the village over the Section 106. Agreement.</p> <p>After discussion it was unanimously agreed by Parish Councillors that the S106. Agreement dated 21st January 2000 is valid and serves a useful purpose and should not be varied or removed.</p> <p>There remained a concern that the Parish Council at the time were not given sufficient advice by North Dorset District Council that the S106. Agreement could be varied or removed after a five year period as stated by the applicant/NDCC.</p> <p>It is noted that a significant portion of the Parish Councils response to the related application 2/2014/0876/FUL was concerned with the S106. Agreement.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to issue a response from the Parish Council that it objects to application 2/2014/1595/MODPO and that the S106. Agreement dated 21st January 2000 is valid and serves a useful purpose.</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 – Permission granted by NDCC</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that North Dorset District Council had approved this application.</p> <p>A further discussion took place in which Councillors expressed their concern over the advice, guidance and communication provided to the Parish Council by Officers at North Dorset District Council, particularly in respect of applications 2/2014/0876/FUL and 2/2014/1595/MODPO where it might appear that the applicant had been given undue attention.</p>
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15/01/07	<p>Decision of Dorset County Council to stop the School Bus Service to Durweston</p> <p>Please see section – Public Questions</p> <p>It was agreed by Parish Councillors that it could not support the decision by Dorset County Council to withdraw bus services from the village and that there were significant risks to the health, safety and welfare of children.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to write to Dorset County Council raising the concerns and objections of the Parish Council to the proposal and invite Officers to meet with Councillors to further discuss the issue.</p>
15/01/08	<p>Highways issues – Management of the A350/Closure of the C13/Community Speed Watch</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted the recent update/report from Cllr Croney on the closure of the C13 and the resulting effect on the A350. It was noted that options proposed by Melbury Abbas Parish Council would be at the expense of the villages on the A350.</p> <p>Cllr Jespersen stated that she had raised issues with Dorset County Council Highways over the time taken to date and the time required to resolve the matter. It was important that whilst a solutions were being considered there was a need for the impact of the increase in traffic on the A350 be mitigated.</p> <p>Councillors raised concerns that the longer that the C13 remained closed at Melbury Abbas the more this situation would become "normal" and that there was an urgent need to find a sustainable solution to the issue.</p> <p>Cllr Farwell raised the potential for Wiltshire County Council to impose weight restrictions over Win Green Hill and the impact on goods traffic. There had been no update on this matter from Dorset County Council in recent weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Norman noted that in recent weeks when the A350 had been closed, traffic was diverting along the C13 then down into the village using Bushes Road with the result that banking had been eroded by traffic.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to monitor this issue closely, where possible making the views of the village known to Dorset County Council. It was also considered important that the Parish Council attend any meetings arranged to discuss the closure of the C13 and it continue to work with other Parishes along the A350 to lobby Dorset County Council.</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted a recent meeting with Steve Howard and Rolly Skeats from Dorset County Council that had been useful in raising the Parish Councils concerns over some aspects of the management of the A350 through Stourpaine.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk raised the proposal to plant peace roses on the grass verge by Clerke's Acre along the A350 in memory of those from the village who had fallen in the First World War. After discussion with Rolly Skeats at Dorset County Highways it had been suggested that the Parish Council consider planting on the triangle of grass owned by Dorset County Council at the end of Bottom Road. A Cultivation Licence is required to</p>

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	<p>plant on Dorset County Council Land.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to make arrangements for a Cultivation Licence to be obtained from Dorset County Council.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr Norman to speak with Peter Palmer from the Gardening Club about the purchase and planting of Peace Roses.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch continues to operate through the village. Parish Councillors expressed an interest in any figures or statistics on the speed of traffic passing through the village.</p>
15/01/09	<p>Flood Protection and Prevention</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that the Environment Agency had confirmed that no permission will be given/or money will be spent on a village flood protection and prevention scheme.</p> <p>The property level prevention and protection schemes are likely to be the limit of the assistance that will be provided to the village at this stage.</p>
15/01/10	<p>Broadband</p> <p>A meeting will be arranged for the 24th February 2015 at 7.00pm in Durweston Village Hall for Superfast Dorset to give a presentation on what is on offer to the village. Currently Stourpaine can expect a maximum of 2mbps under current proposals. It is also proposed to invite the Trailway Broadband Group to explain what would be on offer under their project.</p> <p>This will be subject the Durweston Village Hall being free on that evening. The event will be publicised to the village.</p>
15/01/11	<p>Street Cleaning/Litter/Hedges and Trees</p> <p>It was noted that there were parts of the village where litter was becoming an issue, in particular by the bus stop (see item 15/01/05), the bank from Clerke's Acre/A350 Shaston Road and the alley way to the back of the flats in Hod View. Consideration is still being given to a village litter clear at the beginning of Spring 2015.</p> <p>Street sweeping had recently been undertaken by North Dorset District Council and the Parish Clerk had made a request for Dorset County Council to clear the road drains along the A350.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to the hedges at the village end of Bushes Road to be cut back. A quotation will be requested.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to arrange the necessary quotation</p> <p>As part of the recent meeting with Dorset County Council Highways, verges, trees and hedges in Manor Road. The Parish Clerk had been advised that no action could be taken by Dorset County Council on the items identified.</p>

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15/01/12	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. District Councillor</p> <p>As circulated</p> <p>b. County Councillor</p> <p>As circulated</p> <p>c. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</p> <p>Cllr Partridge as Neighbourhood watch Co-ordinator highlighted that Dorset Police had advised that Charity Collectors from Great Ormond Street Hospital would be operating in the village in the next few weeks – details had been posted to the village website.</p> <p>There had also been a number of burglaries in the village in recent months that were being investigated by the Police.</p> <p>d. Village Hall/Stourpaine Playing Fields Association</p> <p>Cllr Yarwood reported that the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion was on schedule with works to be completed in mid-February 2015. It was hoped that it would be available for the use of the Parish Council for the meeting in March 2015</p> <p>Construction of the new village hall is also on schedule.</p> <p>e. DT11 Forum/CPEND</p> <p>As circulated – Cllr Norman highlighted that DEFRA had accepted a bid from the North Dorset LAG for £1.5m over five years and that expressions of interest for schemes were being invited.</p> <p>f. Trailway</p> <p>A response had been received from a letter addressed to Debbie Ward – Chief Executive of Dorset County Council with regard to a number of issues relating to the Trailway and Rights of Way in the village. The response had been received via Graham Stanley - Dorset County Rangers, however there had been little detail given on timescales.</p> <p>It was agreed that a further letter be sent to Debbie Ward requesting further details and clarification of timescales</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to write a further letter</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that he would be attending a meeting with the Shillingstone Station Project to clarify the extent of the permissions granted to use the Trailway. This follows a number of enquiries made to Cllr Norman from residents.</p> <p>g. Rights of Way</p> <p>See above</p> <p>h. Spectrum Housing</p> <p>A meeting had been held with representatives of Spectrum Housing attended by Cllr Norman and the Parish Clerk. Commitments had been by Spectrum Housing on the</p>
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	<p>colour of the render to be used on the flats in Hod View and the management of health and safety on the site.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge expressed a concern that consultation with the residents in Hod View was poor and that a recent event was arranged at a time when many residents might be at work.</p> <p>i. Stourpaine Allotments</p> <p>None</p>
15/01/13	<p>Reports on Play Areas</p> <p>a. Kidzone, Playing Field, Havelins</p> <p>Cllr Partridge reported no issues with regard to maintenance or repair although he had removed a number of old tyres from the area.</p> <p>b. Grace Upward Under 12s, Bottom Road</p> <p>Cllr Partridge reported no issues with regard to maintenance or repair but it had been noted that there had been an increase in the amount of dog faeces on the site. It is suspected that this might relate to one dog owner in the village.</p> <p>A meeting is still pending to discuss a repair and replacement programme for play areas in the village.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cllr Norman and Cllr Partridge to discuss.</p>
15/01/14	<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 authorised by Cllrs Norman and Yarwood.</p> <p>b. Budgets 2015/2016 and the setting of the Precept for 2015/16</p> <p>Being previously circulated to Parish Councillor the Parish Clerk presented a draft budget for 2015/16. It was proposed that the budget would be set at £17300.00 for 2015/16 with some funds being taken from accrued reserves to cover for the repairs and replacement of play equipment.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed by Councillors that the Council Tax Grant offered by North Dorset District Council of £347.50 be rejected and that the precept for 2015/16 be set at £16800 being 2% on the figure for 2014/15. This equates to £69.65 per annum for each Band D equivalent property in the village.</p>
15/01/15	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors item of correspondence received that had not previously been circulated.</p>

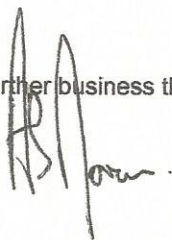
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15/01/16	Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 19th June 2014 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall
	None

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Signed:



Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

Date:

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