

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2015 AT 7.00PM
IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DRAPER MEMORIAL FIELD, STOURPAINE**

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, Mr David Meaden and Ms Gill Cowie as prospective Parish Councillors and one member 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>None</p>
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15/03/01	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllr Deborah Croney</p>
15/03/02	<p>Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>Cllr Scott Norman and Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/03/05 – Planning Matters Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins Stourpaine Dorset, as near neighbours to the land.</p> <p>Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/03/06 - Decision of Dorset County Council to stop the School Bus Service to Durweston, as an employee of Dorset County Council.</p> <p>No dispensations were requested and the Councillors above did not take part in discussions or any voting on these issues.</p>
15/03/03	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th February 2015</p> <p>Having been distributed beforehand to Parish Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th February 2015 were accepted by all present to be a true and accurate record of proceedings, subject to an error at 15/02/16 and signed by Cllr Norman as Chair.</p> <p>15/02/16 should have read –</p> <p>Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the <u>19th March 2015</u> at 7.00pm in The Sports Pavilion, Drapers Memorial Field.</p>

Initials:

15/03/04	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>15/02/04 – Matters arising</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Partridge had now made contact with Mrs Tanya Thorne who had been responsible for cleaning the bus shelter. A backdated payment had been made to Mrs Thorne to cover the period April 2013 to September 2014 with a further payment from October 2014 to March 2015 pending.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge stated that Mrs Thorne will now continue to undertake the cleaning of the bus shelter subject to the agreed payment. In future a receipt will be raised by the Parish Clerk for signature by Mrs Thorne on a quarterly basis to accompany any payment.</p>
15/03/05	<p>Planning Matters as listed on the schedule and Neighbourhood Planning</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 – Refusal by NDDC</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 – Refusal by NDDC</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that North Dorset District Council (NDDC) had refused both related applications. There was no information as at the date of the meeting as to if the applicant would appeal this decision.</p> <p>2/2015/0286/CATREE - Old Thatch, 12 Havelins, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TH – T1 Poplar – Reduce crown by approx. 15m (40%) and reshape the remainder – Decision awaited</p> <p>After discussion and consideration Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to give the support of the Parish Council to this application.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to advise NDDC of the decision of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported Nick Cardnell – Neighbourhood Planning Officer at NDDC had agreed to attend the next meeting of Stourpaine Parish Council on the 16th April 2015 to talk about the concept of Neighbourhood Planning.</p> <p>It was discussed that a number of interested residents of the village be formally invited to come and listen to the presentation.</p> <p>Both Cllr Norman and the Parish Clerk would be attending a course offered by DAPTC on Neighbourhood Planning on the 24th March 2015.</p>

Initials:

15/03/06	<p>Decision of Dorset County Council to stop the School Bus Service to Durweston</p> <p>The proposed walk of the route by Officers and Committee Members from Dorset County Council (DCC) has now taken place. They were accompanied by Cllr Norman, Cllr Jespersen and some invited parents.</p> <p>Following this, the committee will be meeting to discuss the matter further, no date for this meeting has been given and it is not clear if members of the public (including the Parish Council) can be in attendance.</p> <p>It was discussed that if the decision to withdraw the school bus service to Durweston is upheld then this will make the decision to withdraw to school bus service to Blandford difficult to challenge. It was suggested that the issues of the withdrawal of the school bus service from Stourpaine to Blandford be highlighted again with DCC.</p> <p>ACTION - Parish Clerk to follow for the date and time for the proposed DCC Committee meeting and request further information with regard to the withdrawal of the school bus service from Stourpaine to Blandford.</p>
15/03/07	<p>Highways issues – Management of the A350/Closure of the C13/Community Speed Watch</p> <p>Cllr Jespersen highlighted that the objective of the A350 Community Group that consists of Parishes along the A350 and other interested parties was to persuade DCC to open the C13 earlier than planned, pending a final engineering solution being found.</p> <p>There had been a response by DCC to the joint letter sent by the A350 Community Group, it was hoped that the matter of the closure of the C13 would be considered and discussed by DCC during April 2015, however it was acknowledged that it would be more likely to take place in May 2015.</p> <p>Before Easter 2015 Cllr Jespersen expressed an intention for the A350 Community Group to meet again to discuss what options should be considered for further lobbying of DCC and if necessary Central Government.</p> <p>It was discussed that the only viable long term option for traffic management along both the A350 and C13 would be for a north/south route to be found through Dorset.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council the presentation on options for traffic management given to Melbury Abbas by Steve Howard of DCC Highways. A request had been made for Parishes along the A350 to make comment on the proposals to DCC. The information having been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting was discussed and it was agreed that no option presented would be of benefit to Stourpaine and that DCC should be advised accordingly.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to write to Steve Howard at DCC Highways stating that that it was the opinion of Stourpaine Parish Council that none of the options as presented were of benefit and therefore were unacceptable.</p>

Initials:

15/03/08	<p>Flood Protection and Prevention</p> <p>Derek Gardiner recently attended a meeting in Christchurch with reference to the future of the management of the River Stour. At that meeting following a discussion with a manager from the Environment Agency it was reported that they might consider further options for a village protection/prevention scheme using monies left over at NDDC in respect of Stourpaine.</p> <p>Mike Coker at NDDC has stated the Parish Council could make arrangements for a consultant to be engaged to review any options up to £3k. However it was not clear where funds would come from to pay for any scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Norman suggested that Derek Gardiner be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to give further information.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to invite Derek Gardiner to the next Parish Council meeting on the 16th April 2015.</p>
15/03/09	<p>Broadband</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that he had spoken to Dugal Lockhart at DCC with regard to Superfast Broadband in Stourpaine. It was confirmed that there would be little opportunity for a meeting pre the Local and Parliamentary Elections in May 2015. A letter had been drafted on behalf of Cllr Deborah Croney and Cllr Robert Gould by DCC, addressed to British Telecom, expressing disappointment and frustration at the current situation.</p> <p>Dugal Lockhart had informed the Parish Clerk that should a satisfactory response not be forthcoming that there were other options open to DCC to rectify the situation.</p> <p>The recent success of Marsh Vale, a village in West Dorset, in securing Superfast Broadband was discussed.</p> <p>Parish Councillors expressed their disappointment at the current situation, particularly as the promise of Superfast Broadband via British Telecom was the reason why the Trailway Broadband project did not proceed. For British telecom to then state that bringing Superfast Broadband into Stourpaine would be uneconomic is frustrating.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge enquired as to the situation in Durweston with regard to Superfast Broadband and British Telecom and what service if any was expected.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to request an update from Dugal Lockhart at DCC with regard to progress with British Telecom. A public meeting on the issue is pending in May 2015 if no progress is made.</p>

Initials:

15/03/10

Street Cleaning/Litter/Hedges and Trees

Cllr Norman raised an issue with regard to slurry being left on the road in Havelins by farm vehicles muck spreading on nearby fields.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to make contact with Mark Pearson Farms and request that the road surfaces are cleaned once work had been completed.

It was discussed that the gully and drain cleaning along the A350/Shaston Road and in the back roads in the village had not taken place for some time.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to request that DCC take action on the A350/Shaston Road and NDDC/DWP be requested to take action in the side roads in the village.

Cllr Norman stated that he had been contacted by three residents in the village with regard to the site of the old village hall in Bottom Road. Concern had been expressed on the number of trees that had been felled and that the site to date had not been adequately fenced off to ensure health and safety.

Contact had been made with Stephen Clark – Planning Officer at NDDC with regard to the issue of trees. A visit had been made to the site and Stephen Clark had confirmed that all was in order, however there remained outstanding information from the architects/developers with regard to proposed tree works.

It was noted that beyond tree works not further building works had commenced on site, contact would be made with contractors with regard to fencing in due course.

Cllr Partridge raised the issue of the British Telecom phone box next to the bus stop on the Shaston Road. It was noted that it was not coin operated but used phone cards. It was highly unlikely that the box was being used at all. It was suggested that British Telecom be contacted to ascertain if the box was being used, if not consideration should be given to having it removed.

Cllr Norman thanked Cllr Farwell for arranging for trees and hedges to be cut back along the A350 near to Bushes Road, it was agreed that this had improved the area.

Following the granting of a Cultivation Licence by DCC, Peace Roses had been planted by the Gardening Club at the junction of Bottom Road/Shaston Road. It was proposed that further shrubs be planted in the area to provide some screening and protection. It was discussed and agreed that a plaque be purchased to detail why the Peace Roses had been planted in due course.

The Gardening Club has also offered to deal with some of the ingressing verges along the A350.

It was proposed that a community litter pick be held on the 11th April 2015 in an effort to clear/clean up the village. The event would be publicised. Cllr Jespersen stated that equipment could be borrowed from the Dorset Waste Partnership.

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15/03/11	<p>Elections 2015</p> <p>The Parish Clerk handed nomination papers to Parish Councillors and to Mr David Meaden and Ms Gill Cowie as prospective Parish Councillors in Stourpaine.</p> <p>There would be a tight turnaround time for completion of these papers from receipt to submission to NDDC by the 9th April 2015.</p> <p>There had been no further interest from residents wishing to join the Parish Council, however it would be necessary to wait until after the 9th April 2015 to see if an election would be required.</p>
15/03/12	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. District Councillor</p> <p>As circulated – Cllr Jespersen added that whilst the District Council had asked for no increase in Council Tax for 2015/16, the Dorset County Council had asked for an increase.</p> <p>There had been concerns raised by residents in the Blandford area at a proposal that charges might be made for use of the waste disposal site. Cllr Jespersen stressed that this was a proposal and that no decisions had been made on the matter. Concern was expressed by Parish Councillors that charges would increase the likelihood of fly tipping in rural areas.</p> <p>b. County Councillor</p> <p>As circulated.</p> <p>c. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</p> <p>No issues discussed.</p> <p>d. Village Hall/Stourpaine Playing Fields Association</p> <p>Cllr Yarwood reported that the construction of the village hall was still on target for completion in July 2015. It was hoped that the new village hall would be available for even limited use at the village fete on the 28th June 2015.</p> <p>e. DT11 Forum/CPEND</p> <p>Cllr Norman recently attended a meeting of the L.A.G with regard to the LEADER Project. Unfortunately there had been limited information made available by DEFRA. The new L.A.G will be a committee of 18 split between east and west. It had been implied that North Dorset would have a project ready for consideration by DEFRA in September 2015.</p>

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	<p>f. Trailway</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted that work on the river bank had now been completed and showed photographs of the completed works.</p> <p>It was noted that there were a number of overhanging branches coming from land owned by Mark Pearson.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to make contact with Mark Pearson and ask that the trees be cut back.</p> <p>A further issue was noted with regard to a broken water pipe on the Trailway near to the A350 bridge.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to contact DCC Countryside Rangers to report the issue.</p> <p>g. Rights of Way</p> <p>See above.</p> <p>h. Spectrum Housing</p> <p>Work is still under way on the flats in Hod View. Cllr Norman requested that details of the next residents meeting be obtained from Spectrum Housing and that the Parish Council would attend.</p> <p>i. Stourpaine Allotments</p> <p>It was reported that the Chairman of the Stourpaine Allotments Association has changed. Further details are awaited.</p>
15/03/13	<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.</p> <p>b. Grace Upward Under 12s, Bottom Road</p> <p>Cllr Partridge reported no issues with regard to maintenance or repair.</p> <p>A meeting has taken place where the renewal and replacement of equipment was discussed. A formal programme is being devised. It was suggested that Sue Atkinson be contacted with regard to arranging a consultation with children in the village as to what equipment they might like.</p> <p>Cllr Norman will research grant funding for the replacement of equipment.</p> <p>It was agreed that Phil Wigg from Decksterity be contact to undertake any minor repairs necessary to equipment as per the recent inspection.</p>

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15/03/14	<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. Section 137. and Grants – 2014/15</p> <p>After discussion and consideration by Parish Councillors it was agreed that the following payments be made in respect of Section 137./Grants for 2014/15 –</p> <p>Dorset Countryside Rangers - £200.00 Blandford Leisure Centre - £100.00 Blandford Town Council re Public WC's - £100.00 North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau - £100.00 Stourpaine Village Hall - £150.00</p> <p>Dorset Air Ambulance – £100.00 Holy Trinity Church re Babies and Toddlers Group - £150.00 Holy Trinity Church re Churchyard Maintenance - £200.00</p>
15/03/15	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Parish Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors items of correspondence received that had not previously been circulated.</p> <p>An e-mail had been received from Chris Brown from the Holy Trinity Parish Church in Stourpaine. Works will be required to the roof of the Church where planning permission will be required from NDDC. A request had been made for the Parish Council to sponsor the application therefore giving a saving on some fees. It is understood that the Parish Council have provided such sponsorship in the past. It was discussed and agreed by Parish Councillors that as a community building agreement to sponsor the application would be forthcoming from the Parish Council.</p>
15/03/16	<p>Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 21st May 2015 at 7.00pm in The Sports Pavilion, Drapers Memorial Field.</p> <p>None</p>

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

Signed:



Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

Date: 16th APRIL 2015

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