

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM
IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DRAPER MEMORIAL FIELD, STOURPAINE**

Present:	Cllr Scott Norman – Chair, Councillors, Keith Yarwood, Peter Partridge, Mark Farwell
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In attendance:	Cllr S Jespersen – NDDC, P Clark – Parish Clerk, Mr David Meaden and Ms Gill Cowie as Parish Councillors elect. Mr Derek Gardiner and Mrs Julie Wigg. Nick Cardnell – Neighbourhood Planning Officer, North Dorset District Council
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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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15/04/01	<p>Nick Cardnell – Neighbourhood Planning Officer North Dorset District Council</p> <p>Cllr Norman welcomed Mr Cardnell to the meeting who proceeded to give a presentation to the Parish Council on the background to the Localism Act 2011 and the concept of Neighbourhood Planning.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted that it was not certain that Stourpaine would want or need to undertake Neighbourhood Planning in the near future. It was recognised that preparing a Neighbourhood Plan would take time and resources. However it remained an important consideration.</p> <p>Mr Cardnell was thanked for his time by Councillors.</p>
15/04/02	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllr Louise Webb and Cllr Deborah Croney – NDDC/DCC</p>
15/04/03	<p>Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>Cllr Scott Norman at item 15/04/09 – Planning Matters, Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins Stourpaine Dorset, as near neighbours to the land if discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Farwell at item 15/04/09 – Planning Matters, Barn at Bushes Road, Bushes Farm to Bushes Road Track, Stourpaine, Dorset as applicant.</p>

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	No dispensations were requested and the Councillors above did not take part in discussions or any voting on these issues.
15/04/04	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th March 2015</p> <p>Having been distributed beforehand to Parish Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2015 were accepted by all present to be a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>
15/04/05	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>
15/04/06	<p>Flood Protection and Prevention</p> <p>Cllr Norman invited Mr Derek Gardiner to give an update on conversations that had been held with the Environment Agency (EA) and North Dorset District Council (NDDC).</p> <p>Mr Gardiner restated a long-standing message given by the EA that there was not enough funding available for a village wide flood protection scheme. After the flooding in December 2013 to January 2014, Stourpaine was brought up the list from 15th in line for Property Level Protection (PLP) to 1st.</p> <p>The last few items of PLP were being installed to flood affected properties in the village and EA appointed surveyors would shortly be called to inspect and sign off the works.</p> <p>At some point in the near future the EA would carry out a flood exercise in the village that is likely to need to assistance of the Parish Council, appointed Flood Wardens and residents in the village.</p> <p>There is a proposal that a “flood buddy” scheme be set up in the village in order that another resident would install PLP to a property should the occupier be away from the village. It was likely for this scheme to work that a wider network of residents would need to sign up to the EA Flood Warning Scheme. More information is required.</p> <p>11 properties in the village had taken up the offer of PLP from the EA, one property has so far refused. Concern was expressed by Parish Councillors over the likely implications on insurance and re-sale value of the property for the occupier.</p> <p>An option has arisen through the NDDC Renewal and Repair Grant that affected properties can nominate to use funds for a village wide protection/prevention scheme.</p> <p>Mr Gardiner has spoken with Mike Coker at NDDC who has given agreement for a consultant to prepare a report on a proposed flap valve scheme for the village.</p> <p>Cllr Norman pointed out that the EA have in the past dismissed such a scheme, however</p>

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	<p>following a conversation that Mr Gardiner has had with a Manager from the EA, subject to a consultant report this decision may be reconsidered.</p> <p>It was highlighted by both Mr Gardiner and Cllr Norman that this was the start of a process and that funding would need to be secured to fund the actual scheme, on-going maintenance and repair. Liability for any failure would also be a consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Norman thanked Mr Gardiner for all his hard work on behalf of the village</p> <p>Cllr Yarwood reported that he was aware that the EA would be installing a temporary monitoring system at the top end of Manor Road within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Mr Gardiner will investigate a river monitoring system for the village and report back to the Parish Council.</p>
15/04/07	<p>Decision of Dorset County Council to stop the School Bus Service to Durweston</p> <p>Following the visit to the village by Dorset County Council (DCC) to assess the proposed route from Stourpaine to Durweston a meeting will be held on the 27th April 2015 when the Dorset County Council Children’s and Adult Services Appeal Committee will meet to discuss the issue.</p> <p>It was not clear if the Parish Council or members of the public would be able to attend this meeting or make any representation. The Parish Clerk had been given a negative response to a request to attend the meeting by DCC Officers, however Mrs Wigg as a parent had been given a different response.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to clarify</p>
15/04/08	<p>Highways issues – Management of the A350/Closure of the C13/Community Speed Watch</p> <p>It was reported by Cllr Jespersen that the DCC Cabinet would be meeting on the 13th May 2015 to discuss the current situation. Cllr Norman suggested that Parish Councillors might wish to attend this meeting to represent the village.</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that the proposal for a co-ordinated Community Speed watch day had met with disapproval by Dorset Police.</p> <p>In general Community Speed Watch was working well but there had been some issues with the equipment supplied.</p> <p>An invitation had been received from Melbury Abbas Parish Council to attend a meeting to be chaired by a person independent from either Melbury Abbas or villages on the A350. It was agreed by Parish Council that this invitation should be refused pending the outcome of the DCC meeting on the 13th May 2015</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to refuse the invitation to meet with Melbury Abbas Parish Council</p>

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15/04/09	<p>Planning Matters as listed on the schedule and Neighbourhood Planning</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 – Permission granted by NDDC</p> <p>2/2015/0438/FUL- Barn at, Bushes Farm, Bushes Farm to Bushes Road, Track, Stourpaine, Dorset – Carry out alterations to convert barn in 1 No. dwelling with double car port (demolish modern agricultural buildings). – Decision awaited</p> <p>The application was reviewed and discussed by Parish Councillors who unanimously supported the application as presented.</p> <p>Cllr Farwell as applicant did not take part in discussions and deliberations on the decision to support the application beyond giving an outline of the proposal as applicant.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to respond to NDDC with the support of the Parish Council to the proposal.</p>
15/04/10	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Parish Councillors expressed disappointment that no responses had been received to e-mails requesting an update from DCC Superfast Broadband on conversations with British Telecom.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to chase once again for a response.</p>
15/04/11	<p>Street Cleaning/Litter/Hedges and Trees</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that a request had been made of DCC to sweep and clear the drains on the A350 Shaston Road (ref.1035253) and NDDC had been asked to sweep and clean the back roads in the village (ref.101001050535).</p> <p>Cllr Norman stated that a Community Litter Pick Day had been arranged for Saturday 2nd May 2015. Publicity would be placed around the village and on stourpaine.info. The Parish Clerk had arranged to borrow equipment from Dorset Waste Partnership. A risk assessment of the activity would be required before the event and insurance arranged if necessary.</p>
15/04/12	<p>Elections 2015</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that all election nomination forms had been submitted to NDDC. As there were only 7 Parish Councillors required in Stourpaine and 7 nomination forms had been received there would be an uncontested election in May 2015.</p> <p>Mr David Meaden and Ms Gill Cowie would join the Parish Council with effect from the 7th May 2015.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reminded Parish Councillors that paperwork would be required from them in the coming weeks that would need to be submitted to NDDC.</p>

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Reports

a. District Councillor

As circulated to Parish Councillors in advance of the meeting.

b. County Councillor

As circulated.

c. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Cllr Partridge as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported that a new PCSO had joined the Dorset Police Safer Neighbourhood Team for the village – Mike Sinnick.

There had been reported attempted break-ins in the village and children had been spotted on the roof of the new village hall. A portaloo at the playing fields had also been vandalised. As a result Dorset Police would monitor the area on a more regular basis.

Concern was expressed over security at the Stonewater site at Clerke's Acre.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to contact Brookvale (appointed building contractors) to discuss site security.

d. Village Hall/Stourpaine Playing Fields Association

Cllr Yarwood reported that the construction of the village hall was still on target for completion in July 2015 and on budget.

Some funding had been applied for, in one case whilst successful less funds had been advanced than requested.

Local interest in the project was being generated and the walkway at the front of the new village hall is to be extended.

Options for heating the premises was being discussed, with LPG the likely solution however an long-term option might be a water source heating system however at this stage the cost was prohibitive at £20,000 but subsidy would apply.

e. DT11 Forum/CPEND

Minutes circulated

f. Trailway

Works to the bridle path to Hod View and the river bank along the Iwerne were now complete and both routes were re-open and safe.

The Parish Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to DCC Countryside Rangers thanking them for their efforts.

Cllr Norman had recently met with Hugh De Longe (NDDC) and Giles Nicholson and Graham Stanley (DCC Countryside Rangers) where it had been highlighted that the remit of the DCC Countryside Rangers was being widened.

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	<p>Graham Stanley is applying for grant funding to improve the stretch of Trailway in the Havelins and had spoken with the adjacent landowner (Mark Pearson) with regard to debris from farm vehicles being deposited on the Trailway.</p> <p>It was suggested that Wessex Water be contacted with regard to pot holes along the route to see if they would repair.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to contact Wessex Water</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 suggested that a meeting be held with Spectrum Housing on the conclusion of works to review their Estate Strategy.</p> <p>i. Stourpaine Allotments</p> <p>It was reported that the Chairman of the Stourpaine Allotments Association has changed it is now Tony Whiteland.</p>
15/04/14	<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, however the grass would need cutting shortly.</p>
15/04/15	<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. Internal and External Audit Arrangements 2014/15</p> <p>The Parish Clerk outlined the audit arrangements for 2014/15 and highlighted that the annual accounts of the Parish Council would be subject to routine sampling by BDO Stoy Hayward which would result in more information than usual being submitted.</p>

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15/04/16	Correspondence .All correspondence received has been circulated to Parish Councillors
15/04/17	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. Parish Councillors requested that Superfast Dorset be once again contacted and asked to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 21 st May 2015

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

Signed:

Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

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