

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM
IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DRAPER MEMORIAL FIELD, STOURPAINE**

Present:	Cllr Scott Norman – Chair, Councillors, Keith Yarwood, Peter Partridge, Louise Webb, David Meaden and Gill Cowie
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In attendance:	Cllr Deborah Croney DCC/NDDC, Mr Derek Gardiner (for item 15/06/05), Paul Clark – Parish Clerk, 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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15/06/01	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllr Mark Farwell who is unwell</p>
15/06/02	<p>Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>Cllr Scott Norman and Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/06/06 – Planning Matters 2/2014/0595/MODPO, Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins Stourpaine Dorset, as near neighbours to the land if discussed.</p> <p>Cllr David Meaden at item 15/06/06 – Planning Matters, 2/2015/0516/OUT, Norton View as an employee of the applicants agent.</p> <p>Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/06/06 – Planning Matters, 2/2015/0705/HOUSE, as an owner of an adjacent property</p> <p>Cllr Louise Webb and Cllr Gill Cowie at item 15/06/08 – School Bus Services, Stourpaine to Blandford School as employees 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>
15/06/03	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st May 2015</p> <p>Having been distributed beforehand to Parish Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st May 2015 were accepted by all present to be a true and accurate record of proceedings and were signed and initialled by Cllr Scott Norman as Chair.</p>

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15/06/04	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>
15/06/05	<p>Flood Prevention and Protection</p> <p>Mr Derek Gardiner was in attendance to give a short presentation to Parish Councillors on matters relating to flood prevention and protection in the village. A written summary was circulated to Parish Councillors for their information.</p> <p>The expected land survey has now been carried out with regard to a proposed flap valve scheme. The report is now at the stage of 2nd draft. Mr Gardiner is of the understanding that the conclusion of the report will be that improvements can be made with a flap valve scheme.</p> <p>The final report is awaited, once received the findings are to be discussed with the Environment Agency (EA) and Mike Coker at North Dorset District Council (NDDC).</p> <p>It was discussed with Parish Councillors that a Stourpaine Flood Group be convened consisting of Mr Gardiner, Cllr Norman, Lyle Adlem – Village Flood Warden with Mike Coker at NDDC being invited to take part. Mr Gardiner would arrange a meeting in due course.</p> <p>It was reported that the EA have installed on a temporary basis, river monitoring equipment in Manor Road. Any data collected is awaited with interest.</p> <p>The Parish Council has previously discussed installing river monitoring/alert equipment. This equipment is intended to give residents a warning that their property could be a risk of flooding and that action is required. Following discussions with Guy Parker at the EA it would appear that funding may be available from the EA to purchase and install such equipment. It was discussed by Parish Councillors that the purchase and installation of such equipment would benefit the village.</p> <p>If the EA were to contribute to the capital purchase and installation of the equipment the Parish Council would be asked to consider providing finance in respect of maintenance for a period of five years estimated to be £200.00 per annum.</p> <p>Parish Councillors discussed the merit of the scheme and if the Parish Council would be in a position to pay for the capital cost of £2230.00 exc. VAT if the EA could or would not pay for the equipment.</p> <p>After consideration it was agreed unanimously that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of the EA being not able to pay for the equipment Parish Councillors agreed to fund the capital cost to a sum of £2250.00 exc. VAT. • Whoever paid for the capital cost of the equipment, Parish Councillors agreed to pay the maintenance costs associated with the equipment for a five year period from installation and commissioning to a sum of £250.00 per annum. <p>Recent issues were discussed with regard to the River Iwerne, a letter of apology via the EA is awaited from the landowner who was responsible for stopping the flow of the River Iwerne whilst undertaking works on their land.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Norman asked Cllr Croney to take back the thanks of Stourpaine Parish Council to Mike Coker at NDDC for all his efforts on behalf of the village.</p>
15/06/06	<p>Planning Matters as listed on the schedule</p> <p>2/2015/0595/HOUSE - Bushes Farm, Bushes Road, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8SU – Erect single storey rear extension including integral garage (convert existing garage into bedroom). – NDDC approved</p> <p>2/2015/0620/HOUSE - Manor Farm, Manor Road, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TQ – Erect replacement garden shed (demolish existing shed) – NDDC approved</p> <p>2/2015/0516/OUT - Norton View, Shaston Road, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TA – Demolish outbuildings and develop land by the erection of 4 No. dwellings (Outline planning permission to determine layout) – Decision awaited (discussed at the Parish Council meeting of the 21st May 2015 and decision communicated to NDDC)</p> <p>2/2015/0705/HOUSE – 19 South Holme, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TG – Conversion of outbuilding to form additional living accommodation – Decision awaited</p> <p>After discussion and consideration of the proposal 2/2015/0705/HOUSE as submitted to NDDC, Parish Councillors voted unanimously to support the application as presented.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to advise NDDC of the decision of the Parish Council</p>
15/06/07	<p>Electoral Review of Dorset – Draft recommendations</p> <p>Following circulation details of this consultation to Parish Councillors, it was discussed and agreed that there were no objections to the recommendations as presented. Details of the consultation had been made available to the village via the Parish Council Notice Board and Village website.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to inform the Local Government Boundary Commission for England of the decision of the Parish Council.</p>
15/06/08	<p>School Bus Services – Stourpaine to Blandford School</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed by Parish Council that representation be made to Dorset County Council outlining its objection to a proposal to remove the school bus service from Stourpaine to Blandford School. Reservations over the suitability of the North Dorset Trailway to safeguard children walking to and from Blandford School were highlighted.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to write to Dorset County Council (DCC) detailing concerns over the suitability and safety of the North Dorset Trailway as a route to and from Blandford School. The School is to be contacted to ascertain the action being taken by the management and governors.</p>

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15/06/09	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Cllr Croney stated that Matt Prosser – Chief Executive of North Dorset District Council had written to Ed Vaizey – Minister for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and the Department for Business Innovation and Skills. The letter outlines the difficulty of some rural areas in North Dorset in accessing adequate and cost effective broadband services. Stourpaine and Motcombe have been given as examples. Simon Hoare – Member of Parliament has also been copied in.</p> <p>Cllr Norman had recently received contact from Dugal Lockhart at Dorset County Council giving an update on the current situation, there had been little progress made with British Telecom. It was hoped by Parish Councillors that the letter sent to Ed Vaizey would illicit more detailed information.</p> <p>Cllr Yarwood stated that the installation of broadband was being considered by the Village Hall Committee for the new Village Hall. Wessex Broadband had been approached and it was understood that a repeater could be located on a nearby house that would give broadband access to the village hall and improve services for some nearby houses. There would be a cost associated with the installation and it was hoped that this cost be completed via the Parish Council to assist with the VAT element. It was discussed and agreed that the Parish Council could make use of broadband at the Village Hall, but that further information should be awaited with regard to British Telecom as above before any decisions are made.</p>
15/06/10	<p>Closure of the C13/Management of the A350</p> <p>Cllr Croney highlighted that the C13 would reopen to all traffic with effect from the 6th July 2015 a week later than originally expected.</p> <p>Cllr Norman stated that the Chairs from Parish Councils representing village along the A350 would be meeting the week commencing 22nd June 2015 to discuss issues.</p>
15/06/11	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. District and County Councillor</p> <p>Having been circulated beforehand to Parish Councillors, Cllr Croney summarised the recent report written with Cllr Jespersen.</p> <p>Cllr Croney highlighted the financial pressures on Dorset County Council and the setting of budgets and the implications on the required cost savings.</p> <p>In 2014/15 the County Council overspent by several million. This year's budget requires the council to deliver £15m of savings, £5m of which are at risk. Uncommitted reserves are down to £10m so, if the Council overspend again this year by £3m and the £5m risk materialises the County reserves will be reduced to £2m.</p> <p>In the next financial year (16/17) the County need to find £12m of additional savings, the year after that, a further £11m of savings are required and possible the same again the following year.</p>

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This is the driver for the Forward Together Programme; a radical and reforming Programme which will redesign services for the long term.

b. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Cllr Partridge a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator gave a summary of recent communications received from Dorset Police, including National Home Watch/Neighbourhood Watch Week, Dorset Police Sheduction Events and an alert with regard to a cheap flights scam.

A recent issue where damage to the gate to the allotments was discussed. The matter had not been reported to the Police by the Allotment Association.

c. Village Hall/Stourpaine Playing Field Association

Cllr Yarwood stated that there would be a 2 week delay on the completion of the new Village Hall as delivery of the windows from Germany had been put back.

Cllr Norman raised a question over the use of pine to clad the new Village Hall as opposed to the original choice of Cedar. Cllr Yarwood has assured Parish Councillors that the pine would weather in the same way as cedar and would last as long.

An approach to the Parish Council had been made by Mrs Sue Atkinson to assist with the purchase of junior goal posts to be sited on the playing field. The cost of this equipment would be approx. £400.00 including VAT. After discussion it was agreed by Parish Councillors to purchase this equipment on behalf of the village.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to liaise with Mrs Atkinson with regard to the purchase, installation, and on-going responsibility for the equipment.

d. DT11 Forum Community Partnership/CPEND

As previously circulated to Parish Councillors

e. Trailway/Rights of Way

Cllr Norman reported that Dorset County Council – Countryside Rangers had now been given an increased remit.

There had been some discussion with regard to a Trailway Visitors Centre and art installations along the Trailway with the North Dorset Trailway Group and that funding was been considered.

Cllr Meaden highlighted the issue of Japanese Knotweed along the Trailway near to the Cyclists Installation (Manor France Farm).

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	<p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to report the issue to Graham Stanley at Dorset Countryside Rangers.</p> <p>Cllr Norman requested that Graham Stanley be chased up for progress with replacing the gate by the church (the Parish Council has previously indicated that it would be willing to pay for the replacement).</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to chase Graham Stanley, Dorset Countryside Rangers.</p> <p>f. Spectrum Housing – Hod View Estate Strategy</p> <p>Works at the flats in Hod View were progressing, although no timescale can be given for completion. The new render had been installed with the lower brick slips pending.</p> <p>Cllr Cowie raised a concern over progress of the reinstatement of the landscaping around the flats.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to liaise with Simon Worfolk at Spectrum Housing with regard to works.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge raised an issue with regard to the hedges at the bottom of Hod View. The hedges and bushes were becoming top heavy and were at risk of collapse. It was unclear who has the responsibility for the hedge.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to check who is responsible and request that the hedges/bushes be maintained.</p> <p>g. Stourpaine Allotments</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that the source of the water leak on the supply to the allotments had now been identified and that works were pending to resolve the issue.</p> <p>A revised bill from Wessex Water is to follow for payment.</p>
15/06/12	<p>Reports on Play Areas</p> <p>a. Kidzone</p> <p>Cllr Partridge reported no health and safety concerns for Kidzone. The grass was due to be mown shortly. Whilst not unsafe replacement parts for the Typhoon would be purchased shortly. The litter bin will be monitored and emptied on a regular basis</p> <p>b. Grace Upward Under 12's</p> <p>Replacement of part of the "Clatter Bridge" should be undertaken shortly as one of the planks was deteriorating. Phil Wigg had been asked recently to review the Annual Health & safety Inspection with a view to dealing with</p>

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	this and other issues regarding wooden play equipment.
15/06/13	<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 authorised by Cllrs Norman and Yarwood.</p> <p>b. Approval of Section 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2014/15</p> <p>Having been circulated beforehand Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2014/15 were approved by Parish Councillors and signed by Cllr Scott Norman as Chair.</p>
15/06/14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence received has been circulated to Parish Councillors.</p>
15/06/15	<p>Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 23rd July 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:

Date:

Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

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