

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th AUGUST 2015 AT 7.00PM
IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DRAPER MEMORIAL FIELD, STOURPAINE**

Present:	Cllr Scott Norman – Chair, Councillors, Peter Partridge, David Meaden and Gill Cowie
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In attendance:	Paul Clark – Parish Clerk, and four 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>Members of the public present at the meeting raised with the Parish Council the matter of the outline planning application – 2/2015/1087/OUT for four dwellings at Norton View, Shaston Road, Stourpaine.</p> <p>Particular concerns were raised over the following points –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the changes to the application were little different to that submitted previously under application 2/2015/0516/OUT beyond limited detail on parking and changes to the property proposed at the north of the site. • Concern over the siting of the property to the north of the site and its proximity to property in Church View • That the application gives minimal detail with which to ascertain the scale of the development and allay fear over “development creep” on the plot and adjacent land. • Not enough information given on arrangements for car parking, visitors parking, turning for deliveries and if garages or parking spaces are proposed. • The impact of the development on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. <p>Cllr Norman thanked those members of the public for their contribution, the comments put forward would be considered by Parish Councillors at item 15/08/05.</p> <p>Cllr Norman also raised the matter of Neighbourhood Planning and the fact that despite appeals to the village little appetite had been shown for the initiative. Cllr Norman stated that a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be a way of the village having a say over future development in the village.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask a Jo Witherden a Planning Consultant who had been involved with the Cerne Abbas Neighbourhood Development Plan to come and talk with the village on the issue.</p>
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15/08/01	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllr Keith Yarwood, Cllr Mark Farwell, Cllr Louise Webb and Cllr Deborah Croney (Dorset County and North Dorset District Council)</p>
15/08/02	<p>Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>Cllr Scott Norman at item 15/08/05 – Planning Matters 2/2014/0595/MODPO and 2/2014/0876/FUL, Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins Stourpaine Dorset, as near neighbours to the land.</p> <p>Cllr David Meaden at item 15/08/05 – Planning Matters, 2/2015/1087/OUT, Norton View as an employee of the applicants agent.</p> <p>No dispensations were requested and the Councillors above did not take part in discussions or any voting on these issues.</p>
15/08/03	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 23rd July 2015</p> <p>Having been distributed beforehand to Parish Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd July 2015 were accepted by all present to be a true and accurate record of proceedings. The minutes were signed and initialled by Cllr Scott Norman as Chair.</p>
15/08/04	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>
15/08/05	<p>Planning Matters as listed on the schedule</p> <p>2/2015/1087/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) –</p> <p>After discussion and careful consideration it was the unanimous opinion of Parish Councillors that it objects to the application as presented and therefore cannot support the proposal. Parish Councillors were of the opinion that comments raised in relation to a previous application relating to the site – 2/2015/0516/OUT remain. Principally, comment was made by Parish Councillors that the information submitted in support of the application does not contain sufficient detail and raises a number of concerns for the village.</p> <p>Further development – based on the location of the proposed dwellings this leads the Parish Council to believe that the whole site (including the area edged in blue on the location plans submitted) will be subject to “development creep” in that there is the potential for applications for additional dwellings to be submitted resulting in high density housing and over development on the site.</p> <p>Should this development be approved a further concern has been raised on the precedent that would be set for adjacent land to the site.</p> <p>Housing need – without detail on what type of property is being proposed, it is not clear if the proposed development is appropriate for the village, which with the lack of amenities, transport etc. is not thought by the Parish Council to be sustainable for further significant development, particularly bearing in mind the pending development at Clerke’s</p>

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Acre in the village.

Access to the site – concern was expressed over road safety with vehicle access to the site directly onto or from the main A350/Shaston Road. It is not clear how the risks to pedestrians, passing traffic and those to residents of the existing and proposed dwellings at Norton View will be mitigated. From the information presented it is difficult to ascertain what arrangements are proposed for larger vehicles making deliveries to be able to turn on the site.

Parking/gardens – whilst in this application some information has been given on parking arrangements no detail has been given as to whether parking spaces or garages are proposed and proposals for guest parking. As for application 2/2015/0516/OUT no information has been given on gardens and outside space for the properties.

Proximity to existing dwellings – the dwelling proposed to the north of the site would appear to have a gable wall that will directly overlook the existing properties in Church View. The scale of the buildings to those in close proximity to the site is also questioned. The Parish Council would also query why this property is not proposed to be located closer to the current dwelling known as Norton View where overlooking adjacent the adjacent properties in Church View would be mitigated.

Important Open and Wooded Area – it is noted that part of the site is designated as an IOWA and in the view of the Parish Council the current open site allows important views to surrounding countryside.

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – the proposed site is in the Dorset AONB and without sufficient detail Parish Councillors are unable to ascertain the impact of the proposal.

Trees – it is acknowledged that some trees on the site are of poor quality, however there is no indication given to replacement or re-planting in other areas of the site to maintain and improve the visual appeal of the site.

Footpath – A question has arisen over the need for consultation with Dorset County Council over any proposal to change the route of the footpath E18/13 across the site.

Parish Councillors were disappointed that to date the applicants nor their agent would appear to have engaged with the village over the proposals for the site, something that the Parish Council would welcome and encourage. The agent highlighted in a letter relating to application 2/2015/0516/OUT dated 31st March 2015, that “The site will provide a valuable resource of housing for the village of Stourpaine.....”, however it was noted that without engagement with the village on its housing needs, this statement is difficult to quantify.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to advise North Dorset District Council of the decision of Stourpaine Parish Council

2/2015/0876/ FUL and 2/2015/1595/MODPO – Land at E386023 N109871, Havelins, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TQ

The Parish Clerk reported that the matter had been discussed with the offices of the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol. The situation is that the appeal has been put into abeyance whilst the applicant submits a further appeal that will include both applications. At present there are no dates for resubmission of representations and further advice would be received from North Dorset District Council.

It was discussed by Parish Councillors that the report on the refusal of the applications by North Dorset District Council appeared to be weak and did not cover in detail the S106. Agreement and its purpose.

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	<p>It was discussed and unanimously agreed that on advice of a further appeal the Parish Council would seek further independent technical advice to guide its response.</p> <p>Cllr Norman did not take part in making this decision.</p> <p>It was also agreed that should North Dorset District Council give its agreement to planning application 2/2015/1087/OUT – Norton View again further independent technical advice could be sought due to the scale of the development and the implications for “development creep” in the area.</p>
15/08/06	<p>Rights of Way/Trailway</p> <p>Following the decision by Mark Pearson a local farmer and landowner to bar access to a number of cultivated fields in the village it was reported by the Parish Clerk that Graham Stanley – Dorset County Council Countryside Ranger had spoken to Mr Pearson who had provided an explanation for his actions. Which is partly to protect livestock, on the advice of Natural England to restrict access to conserve wildlife and to preserve the permissive nature of the paths.</p> <p>It is hoped that many of the gates will shortly be unlocked and Graham Stanley has advised that he is working with Mr Pearson on a number of issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public right of way that heads up Hod hill from the northern end of Hod Drive will be cleared this autumn to reopen it as the gate in the hedge line is not the Right of Way W. It is proposed that the route be waymarked and suitable for use. • The Trailway surface at the field crossing and the track leading from the sewage works to the end of Hod Drive will be surfaced by Dorset County Council after Mr Pearson’s maize crop has been taken. This will be in mid-September. • Mr Pearson’s agreement regarding the bridleway that follows the Steepleton bends from Smugglers Lane to the base of Hod and then Hambledon Hills has been obtained. This is currently not waymarked in any way. There is a legal method that can allow it to be waymarked and improved to allow horse riders to use it whilst remaining a permissive route. <p>It was noted that the Water Bailiff has reinstated access for members of the Royal Dorset Angling Association. It is presumed that he has worked with Mr Pearson to achieve this.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that Dorset Countryside Rangers have now strimmed and cut back the vegetation on the Jubilee Way (near to the Parish Church).</p> <p>The stile on the A350 near to Norton View is reported to need attention, along with another close to the bottom of Hod Hill.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to investigate further</p> <p>Rubbish and other detritus is present near to the old Stourpaine and Durweston Halt that needs the attention of the landowner to clear. Currently items are in danger of slipping down the bank into the field below.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to investigate further</p>

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15/08/07	<p>South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust – incident 5th July 2015</p> <p>It was reported by the Parish Clerk that no response had been received to date to the letter sent to the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust asking for comment on the incident. Simon Hoare MP had also written raising concerns on behalf of the village.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to chase for a response</p> <p>A response to the request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the number of occasions that South Western Ambulance Service has failed to meet its target for Category A19 calls since February 2013 had been received.</p> <p>The data had been circulated to Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek permission to make the data public to provoke a debate with the wider village on the issue and lobby for improved services.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to seek permission to publish the data</p> <p>A general discussion took place on the current cover provided to the village by the South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust and the identified issues. It was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate the possibility of a defibrillator being purchased for the village.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Cllr Norman to investigate the supply of a defibrillator including the cost and practicalities.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Cllr Partridge to speak with Chris Sargeant owner of the White Horse Public House with regard to siting the equipment.</p>
15/08/08	<p>Flood Prevention and Protection</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that Lyle Adlem the Flood Warden for the village had reluctantly resigned from the post due to ill health. The Parish Council were unanimous in their thanks to Mr Adlem for his time and efforts in fulfilling such an important post in the village. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Parish Council in appreciation of Mr Adlem’s contribution to the village.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk please arrange for the necessary letter</p> <p>Mr Derek Gardiner has agreed to take over the role on behalf of the village and Cllr Norman will act as his deputy.</p> <p>It has been requested that Mr Gardiner provide a list of equipment to the Parish Council for further consideration, a review of the village Flood Plan is also proposed. Cllr Norman asked Cllr Partridge to investigate the purchase of “flood poles”.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Cllr Partridge to investigate</p>

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	<p>The Environment Agency (EA) had also been contacted with regard to the management of vegetation on the banks of the River Iwerne near to Havelins Barns. There was some concern that failure to manage vegetation would increase the risk of flooding in the area. The response of the EA is awaited.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to follow</p>
15/08/09	<p>Highways Matters – maintenance of the A350/re-opening of the C13/Community Speed watch</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported on the work that he had been undertaking with the A350 group of Parishes. Regular meetings were being held with officers from Dorset County Council Highways and others.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed that contact be made with Dorset County Council Highways to discuss what action is being proposed to improve the condition of the A350/Shaston Road through the village and a number of other issues including the cleaning of gutters, the management of verges and hedges, the cleaning of road signs.</p> <p>Concern was expressed by Parish Councillors that it is likely that the C13 would be closed again in December 2015 to allow for works to be carried out at Melbury Abbas.</p> <p>It was proposed that Cllr Norman and Partridge would walk along the A350/Shaston Road in the village to review what is required to improve the route.</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted that a survey will be carried out by the Road Haulage Association on commercial traffic using the A350 and C13.</p>
15/08/10	<p>Street Cleaning/litter/trees and hedges</p> <p>The Parish Clerk highlighted that the matter with regard to the maintenance of trees and hedges near to Hod View and Park Close remained outstanding. The matter had now been reported to North Dorset District Council as the land is in their ownership and that further information is awaited.</p> <p>Issues with verges and tree opposite Stourpaine House in Manor Road remain, North Dorset District Council will be contacted for advice and guidance.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council investigate engaging the services of a Lengthsman to assist with management of some areas of the village. Shillingstone Parish Council currently employ services from Sturminster Newton Town Council it was discussed that further information be sought.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> – Parish Clerk to speak with Malcolm Wilson the Parish Clerk for Shillingstone to obtain more information.</p>
15/08/11	<p>Benefice Magazine</p> <p>Cllr Norman proposed that as the Parish Council is increasing the use of the Benefice Magazine to publish articles and updates that a financial contribution towards the running costs from the parish Council would be appropriate.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed by Parish Councillors that Cllr Norman would investigate the contribution of other Parish Councils to Parish Magazines to gain an understanding of the likely commitment.</p>

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	<p>Parish Councillors were unanimous in the decision to provide funding, however the amount to be committed cannot be agreed until further information is available.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr Norman to report back to the Parish Council with further information on the likely contribution required.</p>
15/08/12	<p>Reports on Play Areas</p> <p>a. Kidzone</p> <p>Cllr Partridge reported no health and safety concerns for Kidzone.</p> <p>Replacement of the chain guards and seats for the Typhoon remains an outstanding issue. Further information is awaited from the manufacturer.</p> <p>A quotation had been sought from the Parish Clerk with regard to providing a slide on the mound of spoil resulting from the construction of the new Village Hall. Further information is awaited.</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 this and other issues regarding wooden play equipment.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to follow</p>
15/08/13	<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 Cllr Norman and Cllr Partridge.</p>
15/08/14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence received has been circulated to Parish Councillors. Items for action by Parish Councillors were discussed as per the meeting schedule.</p> <p>Cllr Norman highlighted that the official opening of the new village hall would take place on Sunday 22nd November 2015 at 12.00pm to 12,15pm.</p> <p>Cllr Cowie was asked to investigate how the Parish Council might develop a welcome pack for new residents in the village.</p> <p>Despite repeated attempts to obtain further information, there was no further update on the development site at Clerkes Acre. It was discussed that the area was now untidy and that pressure should be put on the owners Stonewater to deal with the issue.</p>

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15/08/15	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that Simon Hoare MP had recently met with British Telecom where an attempt had been made to highlight the issues of Stourpaine, Durweston and Iwerne Minster.</p> <p>Further contact from Dorset County Council on the issue is awaited.</p>
15/08/16	<p>Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 17th September 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 8.50pm

Signed:

Date:

Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

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