

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 23rd JULY 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, David Meaden and Gill Cowie
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In attendance:	Cllr Deborah Croney DCC/NDDC, 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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15/07/01	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None</p>
15/07/02	<p>Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>Cllr Scott Norman and Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/07/05 – Planning Matters 2/2014/0595/MODPO and 2/2014/0876/FUL, Land at E386023 N109671 Havelins Stourpaine Dorset, as near neighbours to the land if discussed.</p> <p>Cllr David Meaden at item 15/07/05 – Planning Matters, 2/2015/0516/OUT, Norton View as an employee of the applicants agent.</p> <p>Cllr Louise Webb at item 15/07/05 – Planning Matters, 2/2015/0705/HOUSE, as an owner of an adjacent property</p> <p>Cllr Louise Webb and Cllr Gill Cowie at item 15/07/07 – 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>
15/07/03	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2015</p> <p>Having been distributed beforehand to Parish Councillors the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2015 were accepted by all present to be a true and accurate record of proceedings with an amendment requested by Cllr Yarwood –</p>

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	<p>Item 15/06/11 c. which should have been recorded as - 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 stated that an assurance had been given that the pine would weather in the same way as cedar and would last as long.</p> <p>On noting the requested amendment, the minutes were signed and initialled by Cllr Scott Norman as Chair.</p>
15/07/04	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>
15/07/05	<p>Planning Matters as listed on the schedule</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) – Withdrawn by applicant, no further information available</p> <p>2/2015/0961/CATREE – Norton View, Shaston Road, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TA – T1 Ash reduce canopy by approx. 50% - Decision awaited by North Dorset District Council (NDDC)</p> <p>After discussion and consideration, Parish Councillors agreed to the proposal as presented</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to advise NDDC of the decision of Stourpaine Parish Council</p> <p>2/2015/0705/HOUSE – 19 South Holme, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TG – Conversion of outbuilding to form additional living accommodation – Approved by NDDC</p> <p>2/2015/0876/ FUL and 2/2015/1595/MODPO – Land at E386023 N109871, Havelins, Stourpaine, Dorset, DT11 8TQ</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that advice had been received from NDDC that the applicant had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate the decision to refuse approval to the application 2/2015/0876/FUL. Further information is awaited from NDDC on the basis of the appeal and how representations will be dealt with. It was hoped that further information would be available shortly. It was discussed by Parish Councillors that no notification of an appeal on application 2/2015/1595/MODPO had been received, further clarification should be sought as dealing with the S106. Agreement was fundamental to the principal of development.</p> <p>By way of clarification details of the amended approach to be taken on settlement boundaries in the North Dorset Local Plan were discussed and a map showing the boundary was circulated to Parish Councillors. Cllr Norman raised a question over the definition used by NDDC for a sustainable village, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed with officers at NDDC when the matter of the land at Havelins is discussed.</p>

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	<p>No further information was available at the meeting on the stalled development at Clerke's Acre. The Parish Clerk stated that he is in contact with Stonewater with a view to meeting to discuss the matter. It was agreed that the bank facing the A350 Shaston Road was untidy and that Stonewater should be asked deal.</p>
15/07/06	<p>School Bus Services – Stourpaine to Blandford School</p> <p>It was highlighted by the Parish Clerk that notification had been received from Ed Denham at Dorset County Council that a decision had recently been made by the Transport Appeals Panel that the school bus service would continue into the new academic year.</p> <p>It was discussed that the issue could return later in 2015/16 and that the Parish Council should be ready to make representations on behalf of the village on the matter. Concerns remain over the safety and security over the alternative suggested route on the North Dorset Trailway.</p>
15/07/07	<p>South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust – incident 5th July 2015</p> <p>It was reported by the Parish Clerk that a letter had been sent to 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>A request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 had been made regarding the number of occasions that South Western Ambulance Service has failed to meet its target for Category A19 calls since February 2013.</p> <p>Concern was expressed by Parish Councillors that it had been reported that there were only two emergency ambulances available in the North Dorset Area on that day.</p>
15/07/08	<p>Flood Prevention and Protection</p> <p>The Parish Clerk stated that a response from the Environment Agency (EA) was still awaited on the matter of the landowner who drained the River Iwerne. The matter had been chased a number of times.</p> <p>The 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.</p>

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**Highways Matters – maintenance of the A350/re-opening of the C13/
Community Speed watch**

Cllr Norman updated the Parish Council on Community Speed Watch in the village. Information had been received regarding a camera that could be used lawfully by Community Speed Watch to record details of traffic. After a session the footage could be reviewed and details of road users exceeding the mandatory speed limit could be noted and passed to Dorset Police in the usual way (the footage could not be used or passed over). This might mean that the size of a Community Speed Watch Team could be reduced with the ability to field Teams on a more regular basis. It was also thought that using a camera would result in more accurate data. The cost of this item would be between £2000 and £3000 but could be shared amongst other interested Parishes.

After discussion it was agreed by Parish Councillors that Cllr Norman should obtain further information and investigate the matter further.

Cllr Croney highlighted that the C13 had re-opened on the 6th July 2015 and that Dorset County Council Highways had met with representatives of the Road Haulage Association and that an informal agreement had been reached with regard to operators following a voluntary one way system travelling north on the A350 and south on the C13.

It was highlighted that officers at Dorset County Council were pleased with the agreement however any proposal from Melbury Abbas for a weight restriction on the C13 would not allow this to continue. One company had fed back to DCC that it had an annual expenditure of £6000 on replacement wing mirrors alone, it was hoped that a voluntary one system would result in less obstruction on the A350 and C13.

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. Cllr Norman asked for a mandate to continue this work on behalf of the village. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support Cllr Norman in his endeavours.

It is understood that Melbury Abbas along with a request for a weight restriction on the A350 had made other requests and were sending in a weekly report to Dorset County Council on issues affecting the village. It was discussed by the Parish Council that it was not necessary for Stourpaine to take a similar approach whilst active dialogue and good relations were maintained with Dorset County Council.

It was discussed that maintenance on the A350 in Stourpaine is likely to be delayed until the 2016/17 budget year. It was agreed that the Parish Council should lobby Dorset County Council to ensure that this matter was a high priority.

Cllr Webb highlighted that a number of important road signs in and around the village were either obstructed by vegetation or were dirty. Cllr Croney detailed how Iwerne Minster had approached the issue. Cllr Norman raised a further issue on the state of some of the footpaths on the outskirts of the village.

ACTION – Parish Clerk to raise the matter with Dorset County Council Highways.

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15/07/10	<p>Street Cleaning/litter/trees and hedges</p> <p>Cllr Norman reported that he had been contacted with regard to ragwort growing near to the Vicarage. Contact had been with the Parochial Church Council on the matter.</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 been reported to Dorset County Council and that further information with regard to ownership of the land was awaited</p>
15/07/11	<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 Norman asked Cllr Croney over recent information on the financial performance of Dorset Waste partnership. Cllr Croney stated that there were new systems in place which with to report and monitor financial information and performance.</p> <p>b. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</p> <p>Cllr Partridge as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator highlighted recent information received from Dorset Police on the misuse of the 999 and 101 services.</p> <p>c. Village Hall/Stourpaine Playing Field Association</p> <p>Cllr Yarwood stated that the new village hall should be ready for use by the 14th August 2015. It was hoped that the new windows would be delivered and installed by the 10th August 2015, however if this was not the case a temporary solution would be sought.</p> <p>The name of the joint playing field/village hall entity is likely to be Stourpaine Village Hall and Playing Fields. Community Matters have suggested that a Community Interest Company (CIC) be formed.</p> <p>A booking clerk was being employed and it is likely that on-line enquiries can be made via stourpaine.info as opposed to using a commercial booking site.</p> <p>d. DT11 Forum Community Partnership/CPEND</p> <p>A consultant employed by Dorset County Council had highlighted funding available for the North Dorset Trailway. A visitors centre was being considered along with art installations along the Trailway</p>

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	<p>e. Trailway/Rights of Way</p> <p>At the last meeting, Cllr Meaden highlighted the issue of Japanese Knotweed along the Trailway near to the Cyclists Installation (Manor France Farm). The Parish Clerk reported that the matter had been reported to Graham Stanley, Senior Ranger Dorset County, who was aware of the issue and would deal with the issue.</p> <p>The decision of a local farmer to bar access to the public to a number of fields and paths in the village was discussed by Parish Councillors. The matter had again been raised with Graham Stanley – Senior Ranger who would be investigating the matter. Cllr Norman had walked the routes with Barbara Thompson to assess the current situation.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council the current legislation with regard to permissive rights of way.</p> <p>Further information is expected and the matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in September 2015</p> <p>f. Spectrum Housing – Hod View Estate Strategy</p> <p>Works at the flats in Hod View were nearing completion, a meeting is pending with Spectrum Housing.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to liaise with Simon Worfolk at Spectrum Housing with regard to arranging a meeting.</p> <p>g. Stourpaine Allotments</p> <p>None</p>
15/07/12	<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, a representative from the manufacturer had recently inspected the Typhoon and further advice is awaited before replacement parts are purchased and installed. 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 this and other issues regarding wooden play equipment.</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Clerk to follow</p>

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15/07/13	<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. Internal Audit 2014/15</p> <p>The details having been circulated before the meeting the Parish Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council the results of the recent internal audit carried out by Mrs Gill Martin. No issues had been identified and the Parish Clerk had now sent to the external auditor the relevant paperwork.</p>
15/07/14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence received has been circulated to Parish Councillors. Items for action by Parish Councillors were discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Partridge reported on a presentation that he had attended on behalf of the Parish Council with Dorset County Council – Forward Together</p> <p>There are five key priorities for Dorset County Council for 2015/16 to deliver services differently. A copy of the notes is to be circulated to Parish Councillors.</p>
15/07/15	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Cllr Norman had spoken with Dugal Lockhart at Dorset County Council who stated that more information would be available in the next two months.</p>
15/07/16	<p>Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 20th August 2015 at 7.00pm in The Sports Pavilion, Drapers Memorial Field.</p> <p>It was agreed that this meeting would only be held in the event that urgent business needs to be discussed.</p>

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

Signed:



Date: 20th August 2015

Councillor A Norman – Chairman Stourpaine Parish Council

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