**STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2021 held via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Scott Norman (Chairman), Cllrs G Cowie, M Farwell, J Jakes, D Meaden, K Yarwood,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, J Fairman (Clerk) plus 1 member of the public.

**DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

One resident wished to attend the meeting to witness the discussion on bridleway and access Bushes Road, (see item 7. d. below).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Partridge.

**2.** **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

Cllr Jakes declared her interest in the Signage on the Shelf, Shaston Rd.

Cllr Yarwood declared that he is the Representative for The Open Spaces Society.

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21/01/2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**a. Landscaping Russell Place:** The landscaping work has commenced and the wild- flower lawn has been planted, unfortunate they did not bring enough turf and need to return to complete the work. The electrical box has been made safe and dismantled but left on site and needs to be taken away. Debris has been left on the entrance steps and needs to be cleared away.

**Action: Clerk to write to Stonewater.**

**b. Hod View Grounds:** Seeding to be reviewed in the Spring.

**c.** **Signage-The Shelf- Shaston Road:** Cllr Jakes had prepared visuals of the proposed signage. The Chairman confirmed that he would speak to Paul Starkey regarding altering the existing sign on the A350 that needs replacing to show the Shelf as a no-through road. SPC agreed to part fund the new signage if the wording was amended. The new sign to specify the house numbers on the shelf and that there is no vehicular access. Cllr Jakes to put this to the residents and report back at the next meeting.

**5. DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT:**

Cllr Jespersen reported that Covid 19 infection rates were slowly coming down but were still too high. A surge of cases had been reported in the Child Okeford and Iwerne Minster Areas, but this was partly due to an outbreak at Guys Marsh Prison. Cllr Jespersen urged all to remain vigilant even if they had had the vaccine.

**6. TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS AS PER SCHEDULE:**

None Received.

**7. REPORTS:**

**a. Neighbourhood Watch:** Chairman urged all to be extra careful as there are currently many scams around by phone and by email.

**b. Highways.**

**c. Flood Prevention and Protection:** The was a recent incident where Havelins came close to flooding but the water had receded quickly due to the improvements made to the culverts.

**d.** **Trailways and Rights of Way:** Chairman to meet with the Trailway trustees 15/02/2021.

-**Bridleways and Access Bushes Rd:** Recent correspondence had requested that SPC investigate changing the access to the trailway from Bushes Road to make it more accessible to horse riders and cyclists. SPC met with the Dorset Ranger Graham Stanley on 02/02/2021 to review the access. Graham Stanley later reported back that Dorset Council could not permit these changes on safety grounds as they would be liable should any accidents occur. SPC resolved that they could not take this matter any further at this time.

-**Information Board:** SPC looking at having an information board made to be situated near the church, giving local historic information and details to residents, Trailway users and visitors to the parish.

**Action: Chairman to make enquiries and report back at next meeting.**

**e. Stourpaine Allotments:** The Chairman has met with the Chairman of the Allotment Association to review the quotations for the compostable toilet. A decision of what model to purchase with the grant allocated by the PC was made.

Awaiting invoice so that payment can be arranged.

**f. Play Areas:** A meeting was held with the Village Hall to ascertain the correct site for the Gazebo to ensure it does not obstruct the views of the playing field from the Village Hall decking and the Tennis Courts. The Gazebo will be wooden, 4m x 4m and stand on a concrete plinth. Three side will be fenced in with open strut seating attached to them. As the Village Hall own the land the SPC will speak to the Planning Department to clarify any necessary permissions.

**Action: Chairman to obtain drawings and speak to Dorset Council re Planning.**

**8. FINANCE:**

**a. SPC agreed to pay invoices as per schedule:**

* Sovereign (Slide) £4894.62
* J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00

The clerk confirmed that she was now able to make payments electronically online.

**b. Bank Balance as at 9/02/2021: £** 33,232.60

**9. OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a. Heating Stourpaine- The Future:** Three members had read the Swaffam Heating Study and discussed it at length. The outcome was that council felt that Dorset Council should be the first point of contact and that Stourpaine perhaps did not fit the housing or people profile to move such a scheme forward.

**b. VE Day Celebrations May 2021:** Chairman had secured a £1000.00 grant to go towards this event, however due to current COVID restrictions this will be put forward to 2022.

**Action: Chairman to confirm that funds will still be available for 2022.**

**c. AED Sports Field:** The Clerk had applied to Tescos for a grant towards the defibrillator but had been turned down as they were currently overwhelmed with requests. It had been agreed with the Village Hall that they would arrange the positioning of the AED and pay for the ongoing running costs. Chairman to get a definitive statement of costs for the next meeting.

**d. Dorset Council Planning Consultation.** SPC to look at areas that may directly affect Stourpaine to make their response.

**10. Date of next meeting: 9th March 2021.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.**

**Date: …………………………………….**

Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.