

## STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 held via Zoom.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, J Fairman (Clerk).

### DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

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

Cllr Farwell declared his interest in Planning Application: P/PABA/2021/00369.

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 09/02/2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**a. Landscaping Russell Place:** The landscaping work has now been completed. The new turf is a bit patchy and will need ongoing maintenance by Stonewater- SPC resolved to monitor its progress.

**b. Hod View Grounds:** Proposed new development: SPC resolved that they would require more firmer details or a Planning Application for the proposed development before they could make comment.

**Action: Clerk to write to Developer to explain SPC position.**

**c. Signage-The Shelf- Shaston Road:**

-SPC had agreed to pay towards the new signage but did not want the word 'Private' to be included as it may deter pedestrians who would then risk their safety by walking along the A350 where there is no pavement. It was resolved that Cllr Jakes would approach the residents to share to cost of having their own signage made.

**5. DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT:**

Cllr Jespersen reported that Covid 19 infection rates were slowly coming down but were still too high and urged all to remain vigilant even if they had had the vaccine.

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

-P/FUL/2020/00267-Droeway Cottage-Bushes Rd- Construct 40mx24m Outdoor Horse Arena- SPC will make comment requesting that adequate on-site parking for vehicles plus horseboxes be a condition of this application- as parking on Bushes Rd will be hazardous for other road users.

-P/PABA/2021/00369- Poppins Farm Bushes Road- Erect 3 no. Agricultural Buildings- SPC does not object to this application.

**Action- Clerk to comment on above applications on Dorset Council Planning Website.**

## 7. REPORTS:

**a. Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Partridge wished to remind all that the 2021 Census will be carried out on 21/03/2021. Letters are currently being sent out giving codes for online access although paper copies can be requested if required. Cllr Jespersen wanted to inform that after the Census date Dorset Council will be telephoning and calling around to anyone who has not filled out their Census Forms and not to be alarmed by this, but to remain ever vigilant in details that are being given out to avoid any scammers.

-Cllr Jespersen also warned that there had been scammers in Child Okeford recently knocking on doors, claiming to be investigating whether people were eligible for grants for loft insulation and attempting to gain access to properties. This was reported to the Police and there have not been any similar reported incidents since, but again urged everyone to be extra careful and mindful of potential scammers.

**b. Highways.** - Works to commence at Gore Clump (nr Airfield).

**c. Flood Prevention and Protection:** Nothing to report at present.

**d. Trailways and Rights of Way-** North Dorset Trailway Network to visit site having discussed footpath/change of use at previous meeting.

**e. Stourpaine Allotments:** Compostable toilet now ordered- Base has been completed and the toilet to be delivered after 20/03/2021.

**f. Play Areas:** - Both Play Areas are looking good and being well utilized. Cllr expressed concern regarding fence at the Grace Upward Play Area which requires some repair.

-Very positive feedback/comments around the village regarding the new picnic tables near the Kidzone Play Area.

**Action: Clerk to contact Sovereign.**

-The 3 quotes for the Gazebo have been reviewed and SPC resolved to go ahead with the quote from Dorset Timber Framing Co. (a local company) and agreed the expenditure: £9,303.12 +vat to Dorset Timber Framing Co.

Mark Farwells to construct the plinth £1,750.00 + vat. It was agreed to purchase and fit benches as bespoke benches added considerable to the cost.

**Action: Clerk to pay deposit and request Drawings and Method Statement.**

## 8. FINANCE:

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

- Dorset Council (Payment towards gate) £240.00
- Iwerne Valley Grass Cutting Service (Grace Upward) £ 309.57
- Newland Design Compostable Toilet (Allotment) £ 1,330.00
- Dorset Timber Framing- Gazebo Deposit £1000.00
- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00

**b. Bank Balance as at 05/03/2021: £ 31,003.03**

c. SPC Resolved to appoint Margaret Williams as Internal Auditor.

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

**a. AED Sports Field:** The Chairman has researched grants- The best available offer currently is with AED Donate who will pay £500.00 towards the cost of the defibrillator. The cabinet will be guaranteed for 10 years and the AED for 8. The Village Hall Committee has agreed where it needs to be positioned and appointed an electrician to complete the installation. Arrangements are being made for a meeting between the village hall and a representative from AED Donate to finalize the arrangements. The Village Hall Committee will take on the responsibility of the maintenance and upkeep of the AED once installed.

SPC agreed expenditure of £1,499.00 for the purchase of the defibrillator.

**b. VE Day Celebrations:** The Chairman confirmed that the grant awarded for the VE Day Celebrations needs to be spent before the end of August 2021 and will find out if it can be used to prepay for celebrations to be held 2022. The Chairman had asked for suggestions on how this money should be spent, all agreed that a celebration would be good after such a difficult year. It was suggested that some of the funds be spend of a plaque to be attached to the new gazebo commemorating VE/VJ day. The Chairman to speak to the Village Hall Committee to suggest a BBQ to be held on Drapers Field in August, and an official opening of the Gazebo.

**Action: Chairman to confer with Village Hall Committee and report back next meeting.**

**c. Dorset Council Planning Consultation.** We would like to express our thanks to Derek Gardiner for his hard work preparing a response to the Consultation on behalf of SPC.

**Action: Clerk to send off response to Planning Policy Dept, at Dorset Council.**

**d. Dog Signage-** Cllr Partridge has obtained a quote from Oldfield Print for new dog signage created by children from Durweston School to be printed on waterproof-plastic coated fabric to be put up around the village- Quote £100.00. Plus is awaiting a quote for some aluminium signage.

**e. Village Hall-** The Village Hall Committee has requested that a representative from the SPC join the committee as a trustee. Chairman has agreed to join the committee on a trial basis.

**f. Community Governance Survey-** To be carried out in the summer of 2021. SPC invited to respond- SPC resolved that they would not be considering and changes to the boundaries at this time which will be reflected in their response to the survey in the summer.

**Annual Parish Meeting to be held via Zoom on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 whilst current legislation regarding face to face meetings is in place.**

**10. Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.**

**Date:**

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.