

## **STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 held via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Scott Norman (Chairman), Cllrs M Farwell, D Meaden, K Yarwood.

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

### **DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

**The Chairman opened the meeting with the following statement:**

**It is with sadness that we note the passing of HRH, The Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh, who did so much for this country as a whole and supported our Queen throughout her reign.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs G. Cowie and J. Jakes, P. Partridge.

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

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 09/03/2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**a. Hod View Landscaping-**No Update-Move to May Agenda.

**b. Signage-The Shelf-** Move to May Agenda.

### **5. DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT:**

- Dorset Council Cabinet have agreed funding for slope stabilization works at Dinahs Hollow to commence next year at the earliest. Whilst work is carried out the C13 will be closed, HGV's will be diverted to the A350. Dorset Council will hold regular meetings with the impacted councils and there will be a phone line set up to report traffic problems on these routes in order for DC to monitor the situation and put additional traffic calming measures in place where required. These works are expected to last for a few months.

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

-P/HOU/2020/00366- Lazerton Farmhouse A350- Convert garage to form additional living accommodation, replace 16 no. windows- SPC does not object to this application.

-P/HOU/2020/00367- Lazerton Farmhouse A350-Convert garage to form additional accommodation. Block up internal door and create new opening. Remove existing wall, insulate some walls with plasterboard, carry out internal alterations- SPC does not object to this application. Note: SPC comments that whilst conservation is very important it recognizes that the above applications are for works that will make this property habitable for the family that resides there and hopes that the Conservation Officer will take this into account when making their decision.

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

## **7. REPORTS:**

**a. Neighbourhood Watch:** No current update.

**b. Highways-** See Dorset Councillor Report-Item 5 above.

**c. Flood Prevention and Protection:**

**d. Trailways and Rights of Way-**

-The Chairman reported that due to usage by heavy farm vehicles there are potholes needing attention on the trailway between Drapers Field and Stourpaine Bridge. The Rangers do not have the budget to make these repairs. The Chairman requested that this be put as an item for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

-North Dorset Trailway Network have not met since our last meeting but will visit Bushes Road/The Shelf site next month when restrictions lifted.

**e. Stourpaine Allotments:**

-Compostable toilet. Arrange to see when in place.

-Peppercorn Rent- Review files to seek record of any discussions.

**f. Play Areas:**

-Play areas are proving very popular and are being fully utilized.

-The Gazebo has been ordered, the foundations will be laid early May, and the Gazebo will be delivered and erected over 2½ days at the end of May. As Drapers field has been subject to flooding in the past, stones will be laid at the base. Benches without backs will be purchased and secured inside the Gazebo. SPC agreed the purchase of the benches as separate items to the Gazebo. Cllr D Meaden suggested that the Gazebo should be opened by Cllr S. Norman when discussing who should be asked. It was agreed that the Chairman should review the wording for the plaque.

## **8. FINANCE:**

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

- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00
- Dorset Timber Framing (Gazebo Deposit) £ 1,258.56
- AED Donate-New Defibrillator £ 1,508.99
- Iwerne Valley Grass Cutting £ 206.38
- Oldfields Embroidery & Print (Dog Signage) £100.00
- Sandisons (Payroll Clerk PAYE) £60.00
- Bus Stop Cleaning £75.00

**b. Bank Balance as at 02/04/2021: £ 27,519.10**

**c. The Clerk confirmed that the VAT reclaim has been submitted.**

**d. End of year accounts/AGAR/Explanation of Significant Variances have been prepared ready for review by Internal Auditor.**

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

**a. AED Sports Field:** The defibrillator has been ordered from AED Donate and will be fixed to the Village Hall with wording acknowledging that it was purchased by SPC.

**b. VE Day Celebrations:** The Chairman confirmed that the grant awarded for the VE Day Celebrations can be used to towards a plaque to commemorate VE day to be attached to the new Gazebo as well as being put towards a BBQ on Drapers Field in August. The Chairman suggested that the plaque should reference the delay in these celebrations due to the pandemic and should quote the number of deaths in this country from the pandemic.

-Further to enquiries regarding the use of the BBQ previously used at Village events it has been established that it is no longer fit for purpose. The Chairman to confer with the Village Hall Committee regarding purchasing a new BBQ. This will be discussed at the next SPC meeting.

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

**c. Dog Signage-**Cllr Partridge has had the new dog signage designed by Durweston School printed. Positioning of signage to be discussed at next meeting.

**d. Annual Parish Meeting** to be held via Zoom 4th May 2021. Chairman will be sending out his Annual Report prior to this. This meeting will be the last Parish Meeting held via Zoom. Further information will be posted onto our website and noticeboards in due course.

## **10. Date of next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08pm.**

**Date:**

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.