

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 10th August 2021 held at the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs Scott Norman (Chairman), Cllrs J. Jakes, D Meaden, K Yarwood.

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

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr G Cowie, Cllr M Farwell, Cllr P Partridge.

2. Declarations of Interest- None received.

3. The minutes from the meeting held on 13th July 2021 were approved and signed.

4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

a. Hod View-The wildflower area has made a great improvement to this site which is managed by Stonewater. SPC would like to add wildflower seeds this autumn (Chairman to provide) to the site. Stonewater due in September to maintain area, SPC to monitor what they do.

b. The Shelf- A 'No Through Road' sign has been attached to the existing Shaston Rd sign. This has not been done through Highways, but by a resident. Cllr Jakes to make enquiries if this acceptable to residents.

5. REPORTS:

6. DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT:

a. Neighbourhood Watch: No update.

b. Highways

- A recent article in the Blackmore Vale had reported comments by the A350 Group that the A350 had been put forward as an option to be a north/south strategic link road by a DC member. This was contrary to previous reports. Cllr Jespersen explained that this was something that Highways England would be considering in the next Regional Infrastructure Study Report and although the A350 was under consideration decisions would not be made until 2023, and as it would not be economically advantageous for Dorset it would be highly unlikely to go ahead. Simon Hoare MP had also stated in the report that there was not an economic case for this and that he would mention it in the House of Commons.

-Closure of Dinahs Hollow-C13 next year, Cllr Jespersen confirmed that the DC's up-to-date traffic figures confirmed that traffic movement of heavy vehicles on the A350 and the C13 were the same. Cllr Jespersen re-iterated that DC would hold many meetings before the work starts to limit disruption to villages whilst the work is being done. Should it become evident that villages are being used as rat runs then this will be dealt with immediately by DC.

- Cllr Jakes expressed concerns about the volume and speed of traffic through the village.

It was suggested that the hedges adjacent to the pavements need to be trimmed back to make it safer for pedestrians.

Action: Chairman to request that the hedges are cut back.

It was also suggested that SPC obtain up-to-date figures on the traffic movement through the village via the sensors placed under the road near to the SID.

The Chairman raised his concern that the Highway's Officer is going to be off work for some time, and it appears that his emails are not being picked up and dealt with.

Cllr Jespersen would look into who would be covering his work in his absence.

c. Flood Prevention and Protection: The River Iwerne is overgrown, the Environment Agency have said that they will cut back to growth before the Village Duck Race and BBQ event.

d. Trailways and Rights of Way:

-Bushes Rd section of trailway overgrown with brambles making the pathway very narrow-this needs to be cut back.

Action: Chair to contact Graham Stanley (Ranger) re: getting it cut back.

-There has been another report of tacks being placed on the trailway near to the bridge that has caused some issues for trailway users.

Trailway trustees currently working on a paper to present to Dorset Council regarding the way forward for the trailway over the next 5-10 years.

Cllr Jakes- requested that there be new signage at both entrances to the village from the trailway, welcoming visitors and asking them to respect our village and keep dogs on leads whilst in the village.

Action: Chair to speak to Dorset Council signs to request will report back.

Gains Cross- new scalping's had been place here that are hazardous to cyclists.

Action: Chair to contact Graham Stanley Ranger) to discuss.

e. Stourpaine Allotments:

-The new compostable toilet is being utilized. Thank you to Barry Graham for all his hard work. The clerk and the chair are due to meet Mr Graham at the allotment-date to be confirmed.

f. The play areas: The play areas are in a good condition.

The new gazebo is finished apart from the benches which are now constructed but need to be secured in place.

The BBQ is to take place on August 29th, the refreshments will be free, and the Village Hall will provide a bar for selling drinks.

A gas BBQ has been purchased for the village with the money from the Big Lottery. The village hall committee are meeting to discuss how it will be manned on the day. There are 103 people coming at present, 6 of whom are children, it is hoped that 160 people will attend. The plaque in commemoration of VE Day has been purchased using funds from the Big Lottery Grant. The gates to the car park will be closed from the evening of the 28th to sunset on the 29th, and parking cones will be placed along Havelins to deter people from parking. Stewards will be on the road to deter cars from coming to park in the car park.

The Silver Band from Blandford will be playing during the afternoon, wine will be on sale at the village hall and ducks for the duck race are being sold for £1. each. Signs will be put up on the approach to the trailway to inform users that the car park will be closed.

7. To consider development control matters as per schedule:

-Concerns had been raised by a resident that there had been trees and hedges cleared in Bottom Rd and that there had been a surveyor on site.

Action: Report to Enforcement Officer.

8. Finance:

a. SPC agreed to pay invoices as per schedule:

- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00
- Village Hall Hire £20.00
- SLCC Membership Subscription.

b. Bank Balance as at 02/08/2021: £ 21,767.33

9. OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

a. **Litter Pick:** Date set for Saturday 18th September, 10 am, meet at the White Horse.

Action: Clerk to advise villagers on the email list.

b. Information Board-

-No current update.

c. Queens Jubilee 2022:

-SPC to hold an event next year for the Queen's Jubilee- To be discussed at future meetings.

d. Churchyard Mowing-

-For next agenda.

Action: Clerk to check how much has been paid in the past.

e. Holy Trinity Repairs:

It a grant of £1000.00 to support the Church repairs was approved at July meeting.

f. A resident has purchased a new bench to commemorate Squadron Leader Glen, this will be positioned in the Drapers Field play area.

10. Date of next meeting: 14th September 2021, 7pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.

Date:

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.