

## STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 held at the Village Hall.**

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

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

### **DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr M Farwell.

**2. Declarations of Interest-** None received.

**3. The minutes from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were approved and signed.**

**4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.**

#### **b. The Shelf**

-No update re: Signage.

-There had been recent incidents of shots being fired in the field behind the properties on Shaston Road, cartridges from these shots have been found in the gardens of the properties in the area. The Police had been informed and are carrying out investigations.

**-Action: Cllr Partridge to contact the Police for an update and will circulate the response to PC and Cllr Jespersen.**

#### **5. To Consider Development Control Matters as per schedule:**

**-P/FUL/2021/01568:** Land at Ash Farm A350 Okeford Rd to Shashton Rd-Erect new agricultural barn for livestock and storage.

-SPC commented that although this application is for an agricultural barn they note that the pre-application advice was sought for a future dwelling on the site for which agricultural need and profitability would need to be proven, we hope that DC maintain their stance on this situation against future applications.

### **6. REPORTS:**

#### **a. Dorset Councillor Report:**

-There is currently a national shortage of drivers which is affecting bin collections, for both household and garden waste. DC advise that although due to the current shortage it is unlikely that they will arrange a collection for missed bins, they request that any missed bins are reported via the Dorset Council website.

#### **b. Neighbourhood Watch:**

-As per item 4[b] above.

-Community Speedwatch Day was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September and due to the combined effort of 35 teams, 335 warning letters were sent out, 58% of offenders were from Dorset.

**-Action: Cllr Partridge to put in application for a mobile camera in Stourpaine on A350.**

-Co-Op Insurance are holding a 'Neighbour of the Year' Competition, anyone who wishes to place an entry can do so via, [coop.co.uk/noty](http://coop.co.uk/noty).

#### **c. Highways**

-Cllr Jespersen had met with the A350 Group to share information. Cllr Jespersen will be

Producing a leaflet to be put through doors in Stourpaine and Child Okeford to explain what will be happening as there had been misleading press articles recently. The main issue coming possibly next year with the closure of the C13 for slope stabilisation work at Dinahs Hollow junction. 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 Partridge had reported via DC website damage to 3 electrical manholes caused by a lorry parking on the pavement. Cllr Partridge wished to encourage all to use the Dorset Council website to report any issues as it is very easy to do.

-There is a hazardous overhanging tree, down the hill towards the traffic lights.

**-Cllr Meaden to report via Dorset Council website.**

-It had been brought to the PC attention that vehicles were parking on the pavement close to the junction in Bottom Rd making access difficult to Orchard Close as well as blocking pavement access for pedestrians with buggies etc.

**Action: Clerk to write to residents to request that they park in the correct areas behind their properties.**

#### **d. Flood Prevention and Protection:**

-The Environment Agency have carried out their annual cut back of vegetation in the river.

#### **e. Trailways and Rights of Way:**

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

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

-There is an area on the track up towards the church from the railway where there are potholes creating large puddles.

**Action: Chair to ask Graham Stanley the Ranger if he could fill with road scrapings.**

#### **f. Stourpaine Allotments:**

-The Chairman and the Clerk had carried out the annual inspection of the Allotments.

-It was evident that a lot of work has been carried out and our thanks are extended to Mr Barry Graham Chairman of the Allotment Association who is doing an excellent job at the allotments to ensure that tenants are putting in the required amount of work to look after their plots.

-Only one plot had been neglected by the tenant and Mr. Graham was going to write to him to inform him that he had not fulfilled the terms of the agreement and that the plot would be leased to a new tenant.

-The new compostable toilet is in situ and working well.

#### **g. The play areas:** The play areas are in a good condition.

-Cllr Partridge raised concerns about the fence in the Grace Upward Play Area which has become a Health and Safety hazard as it is tilting towards the play area and there is falling debris from the vegetation, this is a potential risk to children playing in that area.

**Action: Clerk to write again to Sovereign to raise Health & Safety concerns and request immediate required repairs.**

-Gazebo Opening & BBQ- The VE day celebration and Gazebo opening had been a great success. The following funds were raised for the Village Hall: £459.00 from the duck race/£104 raised by the gardening club and donated to the VH/ £200.00 raised from the

drinks served at the VH. The £70. Remaining from the grant will go towards the plaque on the gazebo.

**h. The Village Hall**

-The Village Hall has been offered free fibre connection from Wessex Internet.

**7. Finance:**

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

- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00
- Village Hall Hire £20.00
- Grant to the Church re: Repairs £1000.00
- PKF Littlejohn- External Audit Fee, £240.00
- Iwerne Valley Lawn Services £ 206.38

**b.** Bank Balance as at 03/09/2021: £ 19,950.95

**c.** The Clerk advised that the External Audit had been successfully completed without any issues and the results had been posted onto the Parish Council Website.

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

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

**Action:** Clerk to remind villagers on the email list.

**b. Information Board-**

-No current update.

**c. Queens Jubilee 2022:**

-After the success of the recent Village BBQ to commemorate VE day, it was agreed that the Village should hold an event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee, June 2022. At the latest meeting of the Village Hall Committee it had been agreed that this should be a joint venture between the VH Committee and SPC. There will be an open village meeting held at the village hall 6.45pm on the November prior to the SPC monthly meeting to discuss the event.

**d. Churchyard Mowing-**

-Awaiting a request from the Treasurer for this years' grant.

**9. Any Other Business.**

It was suggested that the village should investigate becoming a Dark Skies Village and look into the possibility of changing streetlights to face downwards. The village is home to many protected species of bats which this would benefit.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the Cranborne Chase AONB to find out about this process.

**10. Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7pm at the Village Hall.**

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

**Date:**

.....

Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.