

## **STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 held at the Village Hall.**

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

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

### **DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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

**3. The minutes from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved and signed.**

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

**b. The Shelf-**No update:

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

**-P/RES/2021/02745** – Norton View, Shaston Road – Erect 5 dwellings – Application to determine appearance and scale following the grant of outline Planning Permission.

**-2/2020/0351/OUT-** Stourpaine Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: We note that a driveway has appeared on these plans which was not on the original plan and does not serve any purpose for this development, except to indicate more development further on. The design is bland, and the roof tiles are made of manmade slate. These slates have recently been used on another property in the village and the PC is disappointed with their appearance. The roof tiles for these properties should be natural slate. This development is within the conservation area, so we do not expect to see white PVC windows on planning applications. The 40% steep ridge height is too high, a 30% gradient would reduce the height.

**-P/HOU/2021/03956** – Single storey extension (demolish existing extension)-SPC do not have any objection to this application.

**Action-Clerk to place comments against Planning applications on DC website.**

### **6. REPORTS:**

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

**-DC** have agreed £37.5m over the next 5 years to help deliver its strategy for children with special educational needs and disabilities, (SEND).

**-DC** have been awarded £2.3 m following a bid to the Government's Brownfield Land Release Fund. This will enable them to work on 2 key sites -North Quay in Weymouth and Furzehill in Wimborne. These redundant office sites will be released to create 200 new homes, open spaces, community facilities and workspaces, subject to planning permission.

**-DC** has been awarded £98K of Government funding to insulate the most poorly insulated rented homes in Dorset.

**-The council** is holding a consultation from 25/10/21 – 07/01/2022 into the future of library provision. If you wish to complete the DC survey on libraries, go to Dorset Council website and check /lets talk libraries.

**-The Dorset Local Access Forum** are recruiting Volunteers, their work helps improve and keep open public paths and bridleways. Contact: [tara.hansford@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tara.hansford@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

**-The new paving** in Blandford has now been completed.



**b. Neighbourhood Watch:** -No update.

**c. Highways:** No update

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**d. Flood Prevention and Protection:**

-See attached report.

-The gullies at Bottom Road need to be cleared to prevent flooding across the road.

-It was suggested that notices be placed on the railway walls advising people not to cross in the event of a flood, as the water moves fast and is dangerous.

-Chairman to speak to the Environment Agency and the Rangers about signage.

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

-AGM to be held in 2 weeks time.

**f. Stourpaine Allotments:**

-Water 2 Business Bill had been paid.

**g. The play areas:**

The play area inspections continue -A resident had cut down shrubs in their garden and left the debris in the Grace Upward Play Area-Cllr Partridge had removed the debris from the area.

-The fence is still leaning – Sovereign unable to update.

-There was evidence that someone had a fireworks party in the play area leaving rocket tubes sunken into the ground and not cleared away their debris. Cllr Partridge had also cleared up this mess.

-KidZone- Some of the equipment need to be jet washed as it is quite dirty.

-The boundary fencing has barbed wire on top of it, Cllr Partridge suggested that a wooden fence be erected to keep children away from this fence and barbed wire. It was suggested the parish council speak to the fence owner regarding removing the barbed wire before any other action is taken.

Action: Cllr Partridge to get quotes for fencing.

Action: Cllr Partridge asked the clerk to arrange for the grass to be cut in both play areas.

**h. The Village Hall:** No Update.

**7. Finance:**

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

- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00
- Village Hall Hire £20.00
- Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance £ 206.38
- RBL Poppy Wreath £17.50
- Viking Stationery £20.26
- Churchyard Maintenance Grass Cutting £450.00

- Vision ITC Website set up and hosting £972.00

**b. Bank Balance as at 05/11/2021: £ 26,043.50**

**c. Clerk to commence the process of working out the budget for 2022-23.**

-Cllrs requested that the following be considered when preparing the budget:

-Hedge work at Grace Upward Play Area £1k/Fencing KidZone £3.5k/ New Defibrillator Pads £150.00/ Re-paint Road markings throughout village £2k/To budget for an annual scheme to tidy the village, hedges, pruning-general upkeep £3k/2k lighting.

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

**a. Information Board-** -No current update.

**b. Queens Jubilee 2022:**

-Open meeting held 9/11/21-Celebration to be held 5/6/2022, at the Village Hall/Drapers field. More details to follow.

**c. Dark Skies Initiative:**

-Cllr Jakes has been in touch and given details of the community link person for this initiative. Stourpaine would be looking to be a Dark Skies Friendly Village. Cllr Jakes to speak further with Steve from the AONB to discuss further. Many more details available on their website.

**d. A350 Group –** There have recently been 2 slippages recently. DC have purchased one side of the bank but have not purchased the other side.

**9. Date of next meeting: There will not be a PC Meeting in December, therefore the next meeting will be: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7pm at the Village Hall.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.**

**Date:**

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.



## Flood Warden's Report for October/November 2021

### Flood plans test:

In March 2020, Stourpaine's flood wardens decided to undertake a trial run to test the flood plans that we have in place. However our plans were thwarted when the Covid 19 pandemic started to take a hold and it only now that we feel it is safe enough to undertake the trial run.

We are planning to undertake this in the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. At this stage, we do not need to involve those at risk of being flooded (except Derek). Our aim is to see how we deal with a situation which largely replicated the flood of December 2013 where the water in the Iwerne rose rapidly and entered a number of houses in lower Havelins. During this flood, several residents and pets had to be rescued during a time when there was a power cut and the 'phone lines were down for a time.

Once we complete this trail run, we will be able to see what changes if any we need to make to the plans.

### Recent flood risk events:

Following two very heavy rainfalls, the level of the Iwerne reached the point where the alarms from the water level monitor that has been installed in the Iwerne at Havelins "bridge" were set off. There are two alarm points. The first is when the Iwerne reaches the underside arch of the Havelins bridge and the second where water has got to a level where it has started to enter 11 Havelins (Paul and Nikki Lampo's house).

The following data shows how serious the situation was during these two events:

Date	Time	Peak	Level Iwerne still has to rise before No 11 floods	
21 <sup>st</sup> October	20.00	36.762m	36.8cm	14.5"
1 <sup>st</sup> November	03.15	36.865m	26.5cm	10.4"

The normal level of the Iwerne at this time of year is 35.60 mAOD (meters above sea level) and so when it peaked on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, it had got to 83% of the way there to 11 Havelins being flooded.

This information is provided from the Hydro Logic monitor that we have in place in the Iwerne. Should any residents want to check the level of the Iwerne, they can do so by accessing the website [www.timeview2.net](http://www.timeview2.net) and entering the user name **Stourpaine Residents** and the password **residents** (all case sensitive). Double left-click on the small chart which will bring up a larger version. You can alter the way in which you view the data by left clicking the "buttons" on the right-hand side.

The view Derek favours is "5 days", "graph dynamic" and "2 ordnance". The red lines show when the Iwerne has reached the bottom lip of the main outflow pipe from Havelins; the bottom of the arch and the level at which water would enter 11 Havelins if the flood barriers haven't been put up in place.

On another note, the way in which the flood warning messages issued by Hydro-Logic are conveyed has been causing some confusion. Although the core messages themselves are clear, they are not transmitted immediately. Initially there is an introduction like "this is a free message, to listen to the message press one."



So it can appear that the messages may be an introduction to a sales call. I have spoken with Hyrdo-Logic to ask if they can find a way to convey the messages like those we receive from the Environment Agency. With their messages, they start right away to tell us that "this is a flood alert / warning etc etc so there is no confusion as to what the messages are conveying. Derek is waiting to hear from HL if they can resolve this problem.

### **Checking flood levels nearby**

The Government has recently upgraded its flood risk website and you can access this by accessing the website "Check for Flooding" on <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/> and entering your post code. You will be able to see a summary of the latest river, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels on this site. Derek uses it to check the level of the Stour at Hammoon. He has now been able to use the level data at Hammoon to predict how close lower Stourpaine will be to being flooded; roughly how long it takes for flood water peaking at Hammoon to reach Stourpaine and how long it takes for the flood water to subside in Stourpaine to safer levels.