

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the regular Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 4th May 2021 held via Zoom.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: J Fairman (Clerk), 9 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Farwell, Dorset Cllr S Jespersen.

1. Election of Chairman: Cllr Norman indicated that he was willing to stand for Chairman for the year 2021-2022 and was nominated by Cllr Yarwood and seconded by Cllr Jakes.

2. Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Yarwood indicated that he was willing to stand as Vice Chairman for the year 2021-2022 and was nominated by Cllr Norman and seconded by Cllr Partridge.

3. Acceptance of Office. Acceptance of Office forms to be signed by Cllrs Norman and Yarwood.

4. Confirmation of Cllrs responsibilities 2021-2022

- a. Neighbourhood Watch- Cllr P. Partridge
- b. Village Partner AONB- Cllr S. Norman
- c. Flood Team- Derek Gardiner
- d. Tree Officer-Cllr S. Norman
- e. Rights of Way/ Footpaths- Cllr S. Norman.
- f. Planning- Cllr D Meaden
- g. DAPTC

5. Declarations of Interest- None received.

6. Reports:

a. The Chairman- See attached document.

b. The Village Hall/ Playing Field Association-Due to Covid 19 the Village Hall has been closed for the past few months but will be reopening soon in line with Government guidelines. Thursday 6th May it will be a polling station for the local elections and gradually they will see the return of Tappy Toes dancing, Tai Chi, Table Tennis etc. The Stourpaine Great Saturday Breakfast will return- a great way for friends and neighbours to meet plus it raises funds for the VH. Also, the 100 club (currently standing at 76 members) raises funds for the VH and is a chance for someone to win! A Government Grant has helped offset the lack of funding during the pandemic. Blandford Football Club has ceased using the pavilion which has changing rooms and a main social area, bar counter and kitchen and is a great facility which would make a great base for a youth club or similar.

The Village Hall provides both a meeting place plus a lovely facility for family parties, wedding receptions etc. The committee wish to ensure that the VH is run in a safe and efficient way for the benefit of the Stourpaine Community and are keen to promote and

increase the use of these facilities. The Committee would like to thank Felicity for her hard work as bookings secretary over the years, a position that she has stepped down from and they are in the process of recruiting a new one. The VH are appealing for help! They are looking for volunteers to assist with cleaning, meet and greeting for bookings and grounds maintenance. To volunteer, join the 100 club or book an activity please get in touch via the email address on the Village Hall website.

c. The Tennis Club- Membership runs from 1st April to 31st March Annually, adult member numbers had been sustained whilst new Junior membership expected as coaching had started. The courts need repainting but before they can be painted, they must be de-mossed and cleaned. This work was meant to be carried out in March with a view to repainting in May, however the temperature must be consistently above 10 degrees before the paint can be applied. If it is done in June it will clash with league matches therefore may be delayed to Aug/Sept time. Painting will take 1-2 weeks to complete. Adult coaching takes place twice per week with spaces available on Thursdays. Junior coaching is on Saturday mornings, Junior membership costs £10.00 per annum. Membership subscriptions are kept at sensible levels to make it accessible to all. Any enquiries please visit the Tennis Club website www.stourpainenennisclub.org

d. The Table Tennis Club- Due to Covid restriction there have been few opportunities to hold usual social table tennis clubs. Hopefully, they will start again on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 pm. All ages and abilities welcome. Stourpaine also have 2 teams playing in the Wimborne League with home matches and practice sessions on Monday Evenings.

e. The Mother & Toddler Group- Due to bereavement and Covid 19 the group has not been running for almost 2 years, are considering how they will reopen in the Autumn. Most of the helpers are in the shielding category so safety is an issue. Thank you to SPC for their continued support.

f. The Flood Team- There are no flood issues currently, apart from the request that is coming up to renew the contract with HydroLogic for the flood monitor in the Iwerne.

g. The Friday Club- The Friday Club has not met since March 2021 and will not do so until restrictions are lifted, most likely September. Volunteers are mostly shielding age and will need to be contacted to see who is able to assist.

h. The Gardening Club- Due to Covid 19 the Gardening Club was mostly inactive during 2020. Members were advised in the last newsletter that 2021 would be included in their fees for 2020. Castle Gardens had been in touch to collect the annual plug plants ready for the September competition. Seed potatoes and a growing container were also purchased for the competition. As 2020 competition was cancelled anyone who entered for 2020 were contacted to collect on Easter Monday as a replacement for last year at no additional cost. Hopefully, meetings will resume June/July dependent on Government restrictions. The meetings will be held as garden visits and outside attractions, all members will be notified.

7. MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Parish Council held on the 13th April 2021 were approved and signed.

8. DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT:- See Parish Council website.

Regular Monthly Parish Council Meeting:

9. To Consider matters arising from the Minutes.

- a. **Hod View**-The grass has been reseeded and will be look at in September.
- b. **The Shelf**-Cllr Jakes will report back next meeting when she has been able to speak to her neighbours.

10. REPORTS:

- a. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Polling to election the new Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner to take place on 06/05/2021 following the resignation of Martin Underhill. The newly elected candidate will be in office for 4 years.
- b. **Highways**-See Chairman's Report.
- c. **Flood Prevention and Protection:** There are no current issues, a recent stock take check has ensured that all equipment is in place should it be required.
- d. **Trailways and Rights of Way**- See Chairman's Report.
- e. **Stourpaine Allotments:**
 - Compostable toilet. Arrange to see when in place.
 - Peppercorn Rent- Request Barry Graham attend the July meeting to discuss.
- f. **Play Areas:** Both play areas are a credit to the village and are very popular, new notices re dog fouling have been placed on site.

Action: Clerk to find out when Play Inspections are to be completed.

11. To consider development control matters as per schedule-None Received

12. Finance:

a. SPC agreed to pay invoices as per schedule:

- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00
- Dorset Timber Framing (Gazebo materials) £ 6,698.24
- Reformation Ltd (benches for the Gazebo) £ 796.00
- Sandisons Payroll Services £60.00
- It was agreed to pay for new defibrillator pads for the machine situated at the White Horse @ £70.00 approx.

b. Bank Balance as at 02/04/2021: £ 27,579.10

c. The Clerk confirmed that the VAT reclaim, and the precept have been paid into the Bank account.

d. Following the internal audit, the Annual Governance Accountability Return, was approved and signed by the Chairman.

9. OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **AED Sports Field:** The defibrillator back board has been printed and we await a date for it to be fitted.

b. VE Day Celebrations: See Chairman’s Report.

c. Dog Signage-Cllr Partridge has put up some of the new dog signs near the play areas and is looking for suggestions where else they are required.

d. Litter Pick- To be arranged for September 2021.

10. Date of next meeting: 13th July 2021.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO HOLD THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM.

THE GOVERNMENT ROADMAP TO EASING RESTRICTIONS MEANS WE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET IN JUNE.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON 13TH JULY 2021.

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

Date:

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.