

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2021 held at the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the church attended (PCC)

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

A member of the (PCC) presented an appeal for funding towards the Lychgate (grade II listed) which needs repairs, and applications had been submitted to the DAC committee for approval. Recently there has been some rapid deterioration which has led to the church having to close the Lychgate as an access point to the Churchyard and scaffolding will be placed to support the roof to halt further damage.

The Rewilding Project has been prompted by a church visit to Tarrant Rushton Churchyard and the gardener has helped develop ideas where the area can become more environmentally supportive. The church has planted Common Burberry to support the national charity, Butterfly Conservation who are working on a project in Dorset to help an extremely rare moth- The Barberry Carpet.

The church is also involved with other projects including improving drainage at the South-East Wall, repairs to the roof and plans for a server and a toilet.

The church was asking SPC to consider a grant towards the Rewilding and Lychgate projects.

The Chairman responded that he was aware that the council had not given the usual annual grant to support the mowing of the grass for the year 20-21 and that he would look into this.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Cllr S Jespersen, Mrs. J Fairman (Clerk), Cllr P Partridge.

2. Declarations of Interest- None received.

3. The minutes from the meeting held on 4th May 2021 were approved and signed.

4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

a. Hod View-The grass to be assessed in September.

b. The Shelf- Cllr Jakes to speak to residents when restrictions are lifted to get an update on the signage for the Shelf.

-Replacement road signage to indicate a right turn onto the Shelf from the A350 will be resolved in the Autumn when the Highways Officer returns from leave.

5. REPORTS:

6. DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT: A summer report has been received-see Parish Council website.

a. Neighbourhood Watch: No update.

b. Highways

-At the present time the A350 is under the control of DC. If This road was chosen to be up graded to a dual carriageway it would come under Highways England.

With regards to the C13 There has been a compulsory purchase order placed on one side of Dinahs's Hollow and land has been purchased on the other side of the road. There are plans to stabilize the bank to prevent slippage, the method to be used will be announced at a future date. On-going review is taking place.

c. Flood Prevention and Protection: The River Iwerne has been very low and is being monitored, it was reported that the Environment Agency has replaced the measure at the monitoring point.

d. Trailways and Rights of Way

- The proposed alteration from footpath-bridlepath Bushes Rd section to the trailway seems to have gone away. There has been another report of tacks being placed on the trailway near to the bridge that has caused some issues for trailway users.

e. Stourpaine Allotments:

-The Chairman had visited the allotments and reported that they are in looking good and the compostable toilet was working well. The peppercorn rent has now been sorted.

f. The play areas: The play areas are in a good condition. The new gazebo is finished apart from the benches which are currently awaiting construction.

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.

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. Flyers will be distributed to each house in the village asking people to indicate whether they would like to attend, the numbers attending from each household and whether they prefer vegetarian products or meat to ascertain how much will need to be bought.

The Silver Band from Blandford will be playing during the afternoon and there will be a few gazebos and chairs. This is a village event; therefore, outsiders will be discouraged. There will be a banner up informing trailway users and other people visiting the village that the carpark will be closed for the event. It was suggested that stewards should be placed at the Manor Road crossroads to stop traffic coming down Havelins due to the limited space available to turn around at the sports field once they have discovered that the carpark is closed, This has to be discussed with members of the organizing committee and the Village Hall

Action: The Chairman to discuss having stewards at Manor Rd, crossroads, rather than at the gate to Drapers Field.

A plaque is to be fixed to the gazebo and the benches will be in place in time for the event.

An additional bench to replace the bench for Squadron Leader George Glen DFC and Bar that has fallen into disrepair will also be in place in time for the event. This is due to the donation of a bench by a fellow member of the RAF that now resides in Stourpaine

7. To consider development control matters as per schedule:

-P/FUL/2021/01074: Land at Bottom Road, change of use of an agricultural building into 1 no. dwelling including 2 no parking spaces.

-SPC objects to this application, SPC would like access to a structural report and would request a condition that this should be for a permanent home rather than a holiday home. We have concerns regarding the access at Bottom Rd, which might encourage further developments using this access point.

It was noted that a parishioner has entered his comments on the DC planning site in the place where the clerk would put comments on behalf of the PC.

Action: Clerk to make comment against this application on DC Planning site.

8. Finance:

a. SPC agreed to pay invoices as per schedule:

- J Fairman £280.00 + HMRC PAYE £70.00
- Dorset Timber Framing Final Gazebo Payment £ 4,370.39
- The Sign Maker £246.00
- Bus Stop Cleaning £75.00
- Iwerne Valley Gardening Services £103.19

b. Bank Balance as at 02/04/2021: £ 22,281.33

9. OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

a. AED Sports Field: The defibrillator at the village hall has now been installed.

The system requires the user to phone 999 and obtain a code to open the cabinet, which provides security for the equipment as this area is often unattended. It was suggested that the VH have CCTV installed, the Chairman to raise this at the next VH meeting.

b. Litter Pick: Date to be set in September.

Action: Cllr Meaden to arrange.

c. Dog Signage

-Has now been placed around the village.

d. Information Board

-Establish Legal requirements for publication.

Action: Clerk to investigate.

e. Queens Jubilee 2022: To be discussed at next meeting.

f. Village Hall:

It had been suggested that as the pitch was not currently being used that the area could be created as a wildflower meadow. If a club then came forward wishing to hire the pitch it could then be restored as a playing surface, which would take some time. SPC suggested marketing to promote the space to other sporting organisations.

A Nursery has shown interest in hiring the sports pavilion, this is under consideration.

g. Churchyard Mowing-

Action: Chairman to investigate.

h. Holy Trinity Repairs:

-SPC supports the Benefice Magazine with an annual grant of £250.00, a grant of £400.00 for mowing the churchyard and £250.00 towards Toddlers and Friday Club work.

As mentioned in the democratic period above, there followed a discussion regarding the repairs the church was currently working towards.

It was proposed that a grant of £1000.00 to support the Church funds. Full council approved this payment.

i. Bridleway request: There has been a request from the Horse Society that Bottom Rd, be made into a bridleway, horses currently use this, but they would like it to be made official.

J. The Chair suggested the cleaner of the Bus Shelter is awarded a rise of £50 and is asked to dust the walls and ceiling. It was suggested that an implement to carry out this task should be given.

10. Date of next meeting: 10th August 2021.

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

Date:

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.