

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October 2021 held at the Village Hall.

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

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

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr D Meaden. M Farwell.

2. Declarations of Interest- None received.

3. The minutes from the meeting held on 14th September 2021 were approved and signed.

4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

b. The Shelf

-No update: There had been no further incidents of shots being fired in the field behind the properties in Shaston Road.

5. To Consider Development Control Matters as per schedule:

-P/HOU/2021/03451: 60 Shaston Road – Erect Double Garage: No objection

-P/HOU/2021/03613: Havelins Farm House, Havelin Stourpaine DT11 – Erect a Victorian Style Greenhouse. – No objection.

6. REPORTS:

a. Dorset Councillor Report:

-Cllr Jespersen reported that there had been a positive meeting with parish chairs, speedwatch representatives and the Police and Crime Commissioner, David Sidwick to discuss speeding, another meeting will be scheduled in 6 months' time to discuss another subject.

-Reminders were sent out in July to people currently on the housing register to advise them that they will need to re-register before the 1st December to remain in the list. The new register will be more user friendly.

-The Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan is open for public to raise concerns over footpaths until 31st October 2021.

-The Planning department are still working through their backlog of applications.

DC have recruited 7 new members of staff and still have 2 vacancies to fill. The software migration of the system is almost complete this should help to clear the backlog with less downtime spent migrating the system.

Cllr Jakes raised the point that entering the planning site has been made difficult by having to page down on the first page to find a very small 'Accept' button that need to be pressed before you can view planning applications.

-Action: Cllr Jespersen said she would find out if this could be made more visible.

-The Chairman raised the point that a resident in the village had put in an application for a 6x4 shed, he was asked ridiculous questions by the planning department such as how he was going to drain water off the roof, if it would be taking in a soak away and how planned to escape should there be a flood. This resident has been made to wait for months to try to get permission to erect a shed, when others would not have bothered to go through the correct procedure for a small shed.

-Dorset Local Plan: Cllr Jespersen said that there had been concerns raised by parish councils that their parishes were being included in the SE functional area rather than North Dorset in the new proposed Dorset Local Plan. It had been suggested that this might have implications for the surrounding villages such as Stourpaine and Pimperne being considered as part of the Poole, Bournemouth conurbation when planning applications were being submitted. Cllr Jespersen had been assured that the planning applications allocated by the availability of sites rather than whether you are included as North Dorset or SE Dorset which would not make a difference.

b. Neighbourhood Watch: -No update.

c. Highways: No update

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d. Flood Prevention and Protection:

-There had been a Flood Resilience Survey received which has been forwarded to Derek Gardiner. The Chair and Cllr Partridge to meet with Mr. Gardiner later this month.

e. Trailways and Rights of Way:

-ROW Improvement Plan open online for public comment until 31/10/2021.

f. Stourpaine Allotments:

-Annual subscription to the Allotment Society approved.

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

-Cllr Partridge raised concerns that despite Sovereign raising the issue of the dangerous fencing leaning over towards the play area with the resident responsible for the fence no action had been taken. This hazard had also been mentioned in the Play Inspection Company's annual safety report for the play area.

Action: Clerk to write again to Sovereign to raise Health & Safety concerns attaching the report from the Play Inspection Company and request immediate action.

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
- The Play Inspection Company £162.00
- Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance £ 103.19
- Bus Stop Cleaning £ 87.50

b.The second half of the precept had been paid into the account.

c. Clerk to commence the process of working out the budget for 2022-23, Council to consider next years' expenditure at the next meeting.

c. Bank Balance as at 05/10/2021: £ 27,873.26

8. OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Information Board-

-No current update.

b. Russell Place Roof Tiles:

-The PC had been advised that 3 tiles had slipped off the roof at Russell Place onto the walkway, quotes for repairs had been sought and after closer inspection by a roofing contractor, residents were informed that the 4-year-old roof was not fit for purpose. To make any repairs, scaffolding would have to be erected as the walkways were too narrow for a cherry picker. The excess from the insurance had been quoted a £1000.00 per property. At present Stonewater are not taking any responsibility for the work being substandard.

c. Queens Jubilee 2022:

-The extended public holiday next year is the opportunity for the PC and the Village Hall Committee to build on the successful event held at the VH/Drapers Field to belatedly celebrate VE day and open the gazebo. The PC were in favour of supporting this event and resolved to pledge a grant for £1,000.00 toward the event. An open meeting would be held in November to discuss the proceedings. It was decided that the Sunday of the long weekend would be the best day and that bookings for bands/entertainment should be made as soon as possible before they are approached for other events.

Action: Chair to provisionally book the entertainment for this event.

d. Dark Skies Initiative:

-The clerk had contacted the Cranborne Chase AONB to get advice on the procedure of how the village could become a Dark Skies Village. There was a response from Steve Tomkin.

-There are a lot of conditions and as a minimum they would want to see a village plan. SPC would like to investigate to see if they could secure funding to change the streetlights to downlighters. Cllr Jakes would look into raising awareness in the village with a leaflet to explain the kind of lighting that would be suitable in a Dark Skies Village. The Chairman confirmed there had been a Village Plan made a few years ago that would need to be updated. -This matter to be put onto the November agenda.

9. Any Other Business.

a]-The clerk reminded councillor’s need to complete their ROI online.

b) Church Repairs:

- Repair work at the church has commenced which will be closed for 3 months while areas if the roof are replaced. Grants have been applied for to help pay for the repairs.

10. Date of next meeting: 9 November 2021, 7pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.