

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2024 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs P Partridge (Chairman), M Farwell, J Jakes, D Meaden.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Fairman (Clerk), 0 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr G Cowie, K Yarwood, Cllr S Jespersen.

Democratic Period:

1. Declarations of Interest: None received.

2. To consider matters arising from the January Minutes:

Allotment Lease:

-The Grazing agreement needs to be renewed for the next five years, SPC reviewed the lease and agreed that the terms of the lease were to remain unchanged. Cllr Jakes to make minor alteration to agreement to accept email confirmations.

-Once the new lease has been drawn up, arrangements will be made for signatures to be witnessed.

Play Area Maintenance: Clerk to approach Sam James who maintains the play area at Durweston for costings to carry out work as highlighted in the recent play area inspection.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th January 2024 were approved and signed.

4. To consider development control matters:

-No new applications received.

- Cllr Meaden confirmed that the current applications for developments on Bottom Rd were still outstanding.

5. Democratic period:

-No members of the public were present.

6. Dorset Councillor Report:

-No current report.

7. Reports:

a) Neighbourhood Watch:

-The Chairman reported that there is to be a National Campaign against fraud. 1 in 17 adults are affected by fraud, for more information visit the stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk website.

b) Flood Prevention:

-No current update.

c) Highways: Speed Indicator working nicely the hedge has been cut back to enhance visibility.

d) Rights of Way/Footpaths/ Trailway: It was reported that potholes had been filled in on the trailway.

e) Play Areas:

-The Chairman reported that a new banner for the play area has been ordered as the previous one had blown away in the recent gales. The banner which will be attached to the tennis court will read: No dogs allowed on the playing field. Please take your rubbish home.

f) Village Hall:

-No current update.

8. Finances:

-The finance report for January had been circulated.

-SPC approved the following payments:

Clerks wage/PAYE at agreed rate/Village Hall Hire £22.00/ G Gilding SID Deployment £60.00.

9. Other Matters:

-Clerk to produce a poster to advertise the PC vacancies.

-Flyer to be circulated to appeal for villagers to volunteer for various clubs/committees in the village. Plus to invite villagers to the SPC AGM.

10. Item for the next Agenda.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Date:

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Chairman of the Parish Council.