

## STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Partridge (Chairman), G Cowie, J Jakes, D Meaden, A Woodland.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk), 2 Members of the public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllr M Farwell.

1. To declare any declarations of Interest: None Received.
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. To consider any matters arising from the May minutes: None raised
4. The Democratic Period:

A resident had raised the issue of the number of posters being placed on poles and posts around the village at the Manor Road crossroads, including some posters that are advertising. A resident had offered to have a noticeboard placed on their property, however the Parish Council stated that although strictly speaking notices should not be placed on the telegraph poles as they do not belong to us, it has always been a good way to raise awareness to villagers of any forthcoming events in the village. The problem occurs when the posters are not taken down after an event has passed. It was suggested that should anyone spot advertising posters around the village they should just remove them, or if an out-of-date poster is left on the posts, then just to remove it. It was noted that the noticeboard at Drapers Field needs to be refurbished – The PC to get a quote to have it repaired so that it can be properly utilized. The PC also to established who has the key to the noticeboard at the bus stop.
5. Dorset Councillor Report – No current update.
6. Officers Reports:
  - a. Neighbourhood Watch- No current update
  - b. Village Hall – The defibrillator was recently utilised for someone on the railway who was unwell. It is now back in its case at the VH.
  - c. Development Control Matters-

-Housing Needs Survey had been distributed in the village which appears to be in support of the Hardiman development at Bottom Rd as it has contact details for Creative Contacts which is Mr Hardiman's company with a DC logo attached. SPC are disappointed with the survey as it is unclear who it is representing, although this is meant to establish the need for affordable housing in Stourpaine, some of the questions on the survey are very probing and not relevant to the housing needs. The Clerk to contact Cllr Jespersen to make her aware and confirm that DC are aware of the survey and its contents.
  - d. Rights of Way – The banks of the Iwerne need some attention, concrete bags/reinforcement bar are dangerous. SPC to contact the DC Ranger to report.

-Right of way from the end of Manor Road and the base of Hod Hill following the Iwerne stream needs to be cut back, this has been cut back by the National Trust in the past, however the Clerk to contact DC Rangers to see if they will attend to it.
  - e. Play Areas:

-The Chairman advised that Sovereign commence work on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Kidzone to replace the swing set and the wooden trail equipment. The VH or the Pavillion will give Sovereign access to a water supply while the work is being done.
  - f. Flood prevention –

-Rick Pearse was hoping to have a community engagement meeting to involve DC, Wessex Water and the Environment Agency, however, there were concerns that the public turn out may not warrant the hiring of the hall, therefore it was decided that it would be better to have this meeting as part a future SPC meeting, date to be confirmed.

- g. Highways –
  - The pavement coming South from the The White Horse are overgrown making it difficult for pedestrians to walk along especially those with push chairs or walking dogs. Clerk to contact DC Ranger. Finance report
- 7. a. The Clerk had issued the Financial Statement for May 2025.
  - The following payments were approved by SPC.
  - Clerks wage/ PAYE at agreed rate
  - JP Consultants, Internal Audit £70.00
  - Bank Charges £4.25
  - DAPTC Subscription £319.85
  - Adult pads for defibrillator – Chair to order and claim.
  - Gardening Club £300
  - Summer scheme £300
  - P Partridge Expenses for the Annual Parish Meeting £72.35
- b. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- 8. Any other business
  - The Clerk to continue to work on the application for 20mph scheme for road in the village, (not including the A350).

**Date of next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm**

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.