

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 2nd September 2025 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk), 0 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Farwell, Cllr G Cowie

1. To declare any declarations of Interest: None Received.
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 25: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. To consider any matters arising from the July minutes: None raised
4. The Democratic Period:
 - Russel Place: The landscaping needs attention as well as the decking which is becoming a safety issue – Clerk to contact Stonewater.
 - Cllr Jakes thank the PC for the grant towards the Children's Summer Scheme held over 4 days. 35 different children took part – There were 86 children's sessions- 17 parents attended and 18 volunteers. The grant paid for the children's lunches over the 4 days.
5. Dorset Council Officer Report
 - Cllr Jespersen is doing a talk regarding the Dorset local plan in Stourpaine Village Hall 6.30pm, Thursday 11th September. The consultation is identifying sites for development and planning policy changes. Section 5 of the plan proposed the removal of settlement boundaries for all of the villages, and sections on infrastructure. PC's from surrounding areas will be attending the meeting to gather further information about the plan. DC are also holding drop-in meetings that can be attended by the public. See details on the DC website.
 - There is another consultation Local Transport Plan –Everyone is encouraged to make comment as the transport service in North Dorset is poor, particularly in rural areas.
6. Officers Reports:
 - a. Neighbourhood Watch: No current update
 - b. Village Hall: No current update,
- c. To consider development control matters.
 - The Parish Council have written to the housing enabling officer at DC regarding the recent Affordable Housing Needs Survey- We have received a response that DC are happy with how the survey was worded and conducted. SPC have requested detailed analysis report on the survey results.
 - d Trailway and Rights of Way:
 - The Rangers had been contacted regarding rights of way issues in July, Clerk to contact again.
- c. Play Areas
 - The installation of the play equipment in Kidzone is now complete and has been well received by the children. Sovereign Play have now removed the Heras fencing and the container. The Clerk to request a copy of the final inspection report.
- d. -Flood prevention:
 - 2 Letters have been sent to DC Highways regarding the maintenance of the drains and the gulleys in Havelins and road asking permission to close the road should there be flooding. DC Highways have responded, and they are going to address the drains in Havelins as one of them is silted up, they are conducting a full survey of the drains with cameras, they will be installing an additional inspection chamber and non-return flap.
 - The Flood team would like to thank Scott Norman and Blu for all their hard work, as they have both now resigned from the flood team.
- g. Highways:
 - The SID has not been working, it has been reported to the SID team. As it is due to be moved they will check the battery and connections when it is moved.

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-The SPC has conferred to DC that they wish to go ahead with the 20mph scheme, speed surveys will be conducted in due course.

- Line marks on the road need to be repainted on the crossroads at Havelins,, South Holm to Manor Road, car park and the stops at the end of the railway. Chairman to Report on the DC website.

7. Finance:

The Clerk had issued the Financial Statement for July/August 2025.

The following payments were approved by SPC.

-Clerks wage/ PAYE at agreed rate, (July and August).

-Bank Charges £4.25

-Vision ICT £228.80, Village Hall Hire £27.00

Any other business

- There was a successful pop-up café with Sandra House playing the organ, this event raised £769. For Cancer Research.

- The village show, 16th August run by Gardening Club, raised funds for the gardening club through refreshments and the raffle.

Date of next meeting: 14th October 2025, 7pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

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Chairman, Stourpaine Parish Council.