

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STOURTON CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2017 AT 8P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chairman H. Walker, C. Jones, P. Lane, R. Paull, O. Simon, J. Waltham. Clerk S. Harris 4 members of the public.

In attendance: District Councillor Batty-Smith.

		Action
119a.	To Receive Apologies: Apologies were received from District and County Councillor Carr-Jones.	
119b.	Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on May 17 th , 2017, were approved and signed, having been circulated previously.	
119c.	Matters Arising Therefrom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railings in Caundle Lane: The railings, which have fallen into the deep ditch alongside the road, have been reported to Highways Ref: 1077463. The website is displaying 'works instructed, job scheduled.' • Workplace Pension Scheme. Automatic Enrolment Duties. Online Compliance form has been completed as required, and acknowledged. The form would not accept the VAT number and helpline advised leaving it out. (Clerk salary too low to enrol.) 	
119d.	Declarations of Interest: No declarations made.	
	OPEN FORUM The Chairman invited questions from members of the public and details of the two Agenda items were discussed. Two members of the public left at the end of this discussion at 8.17p.m.	
	MAIN AGENDA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PLANNING Location: Larkrise, Cat Lane, Stourton Caundle, DT10 2JX Proposal: Convert part of garage and erect single storey extension to form self-contained annexe. Reference: 2/2017/0742/FUL Neighbours had been informed and there were no objections. One neighbour attended the meeting in support of the application. C. Jones proposed to recommend for approval, seconded by J. Waltham, including a request for a Condition for the proposed development to remain at all times part of the existing curtilage and not to be converted to, or sold as, a separate dwelling without further planning consent. Councillors had no objections to the development itself but the request for the Condition was objected to by one councillor and passed 4:1 in favour. 2. REQUEST FROM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PROPOSED STEPS AND HANDRAIL IN THE CHURCHYARD TO ENABLE EASIER ACCESS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AND GRAVEYARD. Members of the P.C.C. had reported that the Conservation Officer had no objection providing handrail replicated the existing handrail. Councillors had no objections to the proposal. 	

	<p>3. PLAYAREA INSPECTION REPORT</p> <p>Mr. Lane reported that a few minor repairs had been identified and would be acted upon; there were no serious problems. A rubber buffer would be attached to the basket swing to prevent further damage. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lane for his continuing care and attention to the play-area which is much appreciated by everyone.</p>																			
119.e	<p>FINANCE:</p> <p>STATE OF FINANCES AS AT 6.6.2017</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>7103 33</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td>879 26</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td>7982 59</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>CHEQUES TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE MEETING</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>100903</td> <td>One Man and his Mower Cuts 6 and 7 when required</td> <td>390 00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100904</td> <td>Play Safety ROSPA Inspection</td> <td>100 80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Proposed: R. Paull Seconded: J. Waltham The £1,000 surplus claimed from the precept is to be transferred into the deposit account. Proposed R. Paull, Seconded P. Lane</p>		£	£	Current Account	7103 33		Deposit Account	879 26		TOTAL		7982 59	100903	One Man and his Mower Cuts 6 and 7 when required	390 00	100904	Play Safety ROSPA Inspection	100 80	<p>Clk (Actioned 10.6.17)</p>
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119f.	<p>ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>e-mails</p> <p>18.5.17 information about road verge cutting from DAPTC</p> <p>22.5.17 Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree</p> <p>23.5.17 Somerset County Council Road Closure on A30 Sherborne Road</p> <p>26.6.17 Not circulated but questions for clerk about website etc. which have been acted upon.</p> <p>31.5.17 Northern Area Minutes (summary of relevant information sent to councillors)</p> <p>01.6.17 DCC re Road Closure of Stalbridge Road 24th July for 12 days</p> <p>02.6.17 DAPTC Armed Forces Day Flag Flying (no flag pole so not actioned)</p> <p>05.6.16 DAPTC Grant Finder information</p> <p>05.6.17 John Alford – Information about temporary road closures Rowden Mill Lane and Holt Lane and notices about various road closures around Bishops Caundle all in noticeboards.</p> <p>Letter re Flag Flying for the Merchant Navy (no flag pole so not actioned)</p>																			
119g.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA</p> <p>Informal Planning Hearing in front of an Inspector re The Stables, Holt Lane due to take place on 7th June in Stourton Caundle Village Hall at 10a.m.</p>																			
119h.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBA</p>																			
119i.	<p>TIME OF CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.33p.m.</p>																			

STOURTON CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** of Stourton Caundle Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on **Wednesday May 17th, 2017** at 7.40p.m. (following the Annual Parish Meeting.)

Present: H. Walker, C. Jones, P. Lane, R. Paull, O. Simon, D. Tremlett, J. Waltham, Clerk S. Harris and 8 members of the public.

In Attendance: District Councillor Carr-Jones

1. Welcome from H. Walker

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and eight members of the public to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from District Councillor Batty-Smith.

3. Election of Chairman

Hedley Walker stood down and the Vice-Chairman thanked him for all his hard work, and asked for nominations for Chairman. Oliver Simon proposed Hedley Walker, seconded by John Waltham. Hedley Walker agreed to stand for one more year and signed an Acceptance of Office declaration.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

Hedley Walker proposed John Waltham as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Oliver Simon. All agreed.

5. Election of Officers:

Village Hall Representatives: H. Walker proposed R. Paull and O. Simon, seconded by C. Jones.

Wayleave (Footpath) Officer: H. Walker proposed J. Harris, seconded by C. Jones.

Representatives for DAPTC Committees: Chairman or Vice-Chairman and Clerk when appropriate.

6. Confirmation of minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising Therefrom.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks for the repairs to the fingerposts which have now all been repaired or replaced by Gordon Stobie and Mark Paull.

8. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations (if applicable.)

Not applicable.

9. Financial Report

The Clerk presented the annual Receipts and Payments for the year.

Time of Closure:

10. The meeting closed at 7.45p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF STOURTON CAUNDLE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Hedley Walker welcomed 16 members of the public to the meeting and offered to Chair the meeting.

- a. Apologies were received from District Councillor Batty-Smith.
- b. The minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed.
- c. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

This year, all the village organisations were invited to provide a report which would be printed in the Stourton Caundler magazine. This was presented in the form of an insert and would have been delivered to every house in the Parish. The P.C.C. and Welcome Club reports were printed in the magazine. The following village organisations submitted their reports for the insert:

The Allotments from John Waltham

Once again, the allotments have enjoyed a productive and rewarding year for an unchanged group and, while it would be possible to find room for one more person (provided they only want a small patch of ground), no-one is on the waiting list at the moment. We have discussed maintenance to the chain-link fencing, among other things, at our annual meeting. Apart from that, all goes on quietly, with each gardener looking after their own patch. There is often a swapping of plants, tools and/or advice and we continue to enjoy occasional social meetings

throughout the year. The result is a set of allotments that, by and large, look diverse and well cared for.

The Events Committee – Annual Report from John Waltham

The Events Committee's activity has been slightly greater this year than last as villagers are starting to once again consider the possibility of organising events that might need some financial support to get started and which could bring the community together. This is the purpose of the Community Fund that is administered by the Committee, and anyone who wishes to can join and contribute their time and energy if they wish. Just contact myself or Gerry Holdstock if you have a proposal or wish to help in any way – it's your community and your fund.

Homewatch

Keith Murphy kindly forwards messages when appropriate.

Stourton Caundle Cycle Group from Tom Eden

The Stourton Caundle Cycle Group was formed in November 2011 by co-founders Tom Eden and Richard Miles. The group was officially renamed "Caundle Vélo Club" (CVC) in November 2016 to reflect its growing membership from outside the village. It now has 16 active cyclists, of which 13 live in outlying towns and villages around Stourton Caundle. The annual CVC subscription is £10 per member and the grouping is insured against group organiser's liability to the tune of £10 million.

The majority of current members are retired or semi-retired professional men and women drawn from all walks of life. From time to time, we welcome newcomers from the village or surroundings who, having heard about the group, get in touch and join us for a ride. The group is united by a love of cycling around the region known as Wessex, and by a shared passion for meeting new people as we enjoy the sights and sounds of the countryside. Given reasonable weather conditions, CVC stages two cycle rides each week throughout the year, comprising a full day on Mondays and a morning ride on Fridays. The Monday ride follows a pre-planned route of 55 to 75 miles, for which the mapped route is emailed to members the preceding week, including details of a pause for coffee/tea, and a pub lunch which the ride organiser books ahead of time. The Friday morning rides are 30-40 miles to a local cafe within 5-15 miles of the village but the route is ad hoc – i.e. it is not pre-planned beforehand. We use "Strava" online GPS tracking or smartphones to record distance, average speed and elevation gain for each rider, supplemented in the case of some riders by "Garmin" on-bicycle computer mapping and data, and these records are kept in a logbook maintained by Tom Eden. Quarterly and year-end reports are emailed to the members summarising these statistics, together with an overview of the preceding period.

All CVC members wear a cycle helmet and high-visibility clothing for safety, and obey the cyclist's highway code. We ride in a group at a brisk average pace of 11-14mph depending on weather and road conditions. In the event of punctures or mechanicals everyone assists with repairs. Our bicycles are hybrid models designed for use on quiet lanes or "B" roads, meaning that we only rarely use off-road tracks. In 2016, CVC as a grouping cycled over 30,000 miles with several individual riders completing over 4,000 miles each.

Website link with photos is <http://www.stourtoncaundle.org.uk/cycle.html>

Footpath Officer's report from Janie Harris

To the best of my knowledge there are currently no stiles in need of replacing. Several stiles were repaired during the last year.

Garden Club from Win Gillard

2016/2017 has been a busy and successful year for the Garden Club. Our speakers over the autumn and winter have covered some interesting topics including Gardening in Shade, New Tricks and our own popular version of Gardeners Question Time. We also had an excellent 'celebrity' speaker when Helen Yemm from the Saturday Telegraph spoke in March, the evening attracted most of our 55 members as well as many visitors. The night was helped along the way with a glass of wine and tasty canapés served by the committee and many helpers. The Spring Show filled the hall with colour and was well supported. In May we held a plant sale to raise money to help towards the ever increasing cost of speakers. Our annual Summer Show in September attracted many entries from members and residents, it was a lovely day made complete by the Fuchsia tea party, tea, cake and chat, perfect.

Other activities have included garden visits and a discount evening at Castle Gardens, all arranged and executed by the amazing committee.

Sports Club from Gerry Holdstock

The Sports club has had a successful but not particularly eventful year. We continue to meet on Monday night for short mat bowls and snooker, Tuesday night for badminton and table tennis and Thursday afternoon for short mat. We have 28 members at the moment but are always looking for new faces, so please come along.

Stourton Caundle Magazine from Eric Dummett

During the last year, we have again been able to produce six double issues each edited by a different team. I believe that this has enabled us to provide interesting and varied contents and we hope that our readers continue to enjoy their magazine.

I am very appreciative of all the hard work of the production team and members of the Committee. Thanks, are also due to members of the community for their invaluable contributions.

Village Hall Committee from Gordon Stobie

The village hall users continue to be the Sports Club (snooker, bowls, badminton etc.,) the Welcome Club, Garden Club, Parish Council and St Peters Church. New outside users provide Keep Fit and Pilates sessions to villagers. Various ad hoc rentals included parties and a sale of memorabilia from the estate of Larry Skeats.

A grant in aid of £5000 was sought and provided by the English Lottery for the replacement of the Committee room windows, the East side Windows, the Main Access door and Fire Doors (Main hall and Sports room). The Sports Club provided £1000 to assist in replacing the Sports room fire door.

These upgrades have now been completed.

Improvements to the Gents and provisioning of a disabled toilet remain on the list for action in due course.

The Sports Club and the 200 Club continue to provide the main income although income and donations have been received from other organisations. Committee fund raising for the Improvements Programme continued with a Car Treasure Hunt in June 2016.

The accounts for the 2016/17 year were unavailable at the time of preparation of this report (mid-March 2017).

Village Hall 100 Club from Anna Oliver

The Village Hall '100' Club is in good health. There are 250 numbers going into the Draw each month, the prizes from which are £25, £20 and £15.

Half the annual collection from members goes to Draw prizes and the other half to Village Hall funds. Last year £720 was raised for the Village Hall.

Parish Council Chairman's Report from Hedley Walker

A number of planning applications were considered by the Parish Council during the last twelve months. Only one of these, an application from BT to remove the telephone box, led to an objection from the Council. There is a scheme promoted and supported by BT which allows local Councils, and others, to purchase and retain otherwise unused telephone boxes for £1, although in these circumstances the phone itself cannot be retained. Following a further, well attended, meeting the Council voted in favour of seeking to purchase the box in the event that the application to have it removed should prove successful. There was considerable debate at the meeting about possible future uses for the box, and it is hoped that the residents who expressed such enthusiasm for its retention as a village asset will now come together to manage, maintain and find a use for it.

One of the planning applications in the village involved the demolition and replacement of Wynway, in the High Street. Several villagers drew attention at the time of the application to the old village pump mounted on the then existing retaining wall, which would be lost as a result of the relocated site entrance. The new owner of the property agreed to have the pump restored and mounted on the new retaining wall, and this will happen later this year. A further matter of concern raised with the Parish Council was the new field access created on Stokes Lane. After making inquiries, the Council was advised by North Dorset DC that planning permission was not required for the gate and access as Stokes Lane is unclassified. Concern has also been raised about the works being undertaken at The Butts, on Rowden Mill Lane. The Council recently approached North Dorset planning officers, who advised that the works are not in accordance with the planning permissions on the site, but might constitute permitted development. The Enforcement Officer assured the Council that the matter is being carefully monitored. During the year, the Parish Council was asked by the Parochial Church Council if it would be prepared to make a significant donation towards the repair and replacement of part of the wall surrounding the cemetery on Drove Road. The Parish Council felt that the church should first consider investigating other forms of funding, but agreed to set aside £500 to be contributed towards any subsequent fund raising efforts. Mark Paull and Gordon Stobie have continued to replace the fingerposts around the village on an entirely voluntary basis. Mark has also very kindly repaired the memorial seat in the play area for no charge, and Mr and Mrs Lewis donated money towards the cost of wood treatment products as a mark of appreciation for the play area. On behalf of the Parish

Council and the whole village, I would yet again like to offer my sincere thanks to these generous neighbours. As always, the major part of the Parish Council's budget is used to pay for grass cutting. At its meeting in January the Council agreed to maintain the precept for the financial year 2017-18 at the same level as this year. Regrettably, an incorrect figure was set down on the official form submitted to North Dorset DC, and this has been taken through to the Council Tax demands, resulting in a significant year-on-year percentage increase. The result will be that, on current assumptions about expenditure through the year, our reserve as at March 2018 will be approximately £1,000 more than we had budgeted. We will, of course, review the position next year, and make any adjustments to the ongoing precept as appears necessary or appropriate. Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to the clerk, Sue Harris, for all her hard work and to the members of the Council for their support and enthusiasm.

The Chairman also summed up the current situation with the telephone box as follows:

An application was made by B.T. to removed 90-100 boxes in the county and a village meeting was held resulting in a strong feeling that the box should be purchased if it was to be taken away and kept as an asset. A holding objection to its removal was sent to NDDC. B.T. subsequently withdrew their application (t us understood that NDDC would have rejected the application.) This means the box is still active at present and not available for adoption, but the process is likely to be repeated in the future.

The meeting closed at 7.36p.m.