

# Minutes of the meeting of **Studland Parish Council** held in the Village Hall, Studland, on Monday 21st September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:-

**Chairman:** P N Bowyer

**Councillors:** J Dyball, M Ferguson, K Forrest, R Harwood and S Smith

**County Councillor:** M Lovell (7.50pm)

**District Councillor:** N Dragon

**Also present:** L Johnson (Clerk)

**Public:** 2

## 1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Parsons and M South and E Wright (National Trust).

## 2. **Declarations of Interest – Listed Agenda Items**

None declared.

## 3. **Democratic Half Hour**

No issues or concerns were raised.

## 4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 August 2015**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the above meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the following amendments;

9. Delete whole paragraph at the top of Page 3.

11. Amend paragraph 4 to read “Members discussed the use of yellow lines within the village and some members thought that these were difficult to enforce and proved unsightly in many areas”.

## 5. **Reports from Sub-Committees and Working Groups**

**Playing Field Working Group** – A project highlight report was circulated and discussed. Members discussed the wording for the skate park sign, the use of pourable rubber and the different colour options available and also the disposal of existing equipment and the potential marketable value of some items.

**Resolved that;**

**1. The wording for the skate park sign as discussed be agreed.**

**2. An order be placed for the skate park sign at a cost of £25.00 plus VAT.**

**3. An order be placed for pourable rubber at a cost of £75.00 to £95.00. The colour to be used would be red.**

**4. Members accept donations for the project from the following;**

**Mr and Mrs McIntyre (£2500.00), Mr and Mrs Finch (£2500.00), Mr and Mrs Atterbury (£2500.00) and The Pig on the Beach Hotel (£2000.00).**

**5. A letter of thanks be written to all parties who had pledged funds for the project which also stated how the funds would be used.**

## 6. National Trust Report

In the absence of a National Trust representative no update was available.

## 7. District and County Councillor's Reports

District Councillor Dragon updated members on the following matters;

**7.1.** The Chairman of the district council had attended a meeting of the Planning Board to oppose an application for retrospective planning permission.

The Swanage Local Plan would be made available soon and a consultation period would run for 6 weeks. The plan would not be subject to a referendum as it was a local plan and not a neighbourhood plan. The plan would affect surrounding areas such as Studland and it would be important to submit comments if appropriate.

County Councillor Lovell updated members on the following matters;

**7.2.** The list of Highways Officers and their roles had now been circulated.

A member raised a question regarding the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) and its reported financial losses. It was noted that consultants had been appointed in an attempt to resolve these issues and understand how the issues arose. The member enquired as to whether this would be a short term arrangement.

Councillor Dragon responded and informed members that although losses had been reported, the DWP had cost less than if the services had been provided by the district council. He was unsure as to whether the consultants had been appointed in the short term and agreed to report back to members at a later date.

## 8. Planning

### i. Planning Applications:

**For Information 6/2015/0028** – Heathgreen Road (Site outside 23 The Green), Studland, BH19 3BT – Openreach broadband cabinet – PCP065 – Harlequin Group

**Observation: No Observation**

### ii. Tree Works Applications:

**TWA/2015/0136** – Watery Lane (Harry Warren House), Studland, BH19 3AN – Group of Scots pines overhanging beach – thin crowns by 10% (hanging branch to be removed under Section 198 notification) – Studland Conservation Area – Miss Alexandra Anderson

**Observation: No Objection**

**TWA/2015/0152** – Agglestone Road (Land south of Varhn), Studland, BH19 3BZ – (T1) Scots pine – 1) remove lowest limb, 2) reduce branch back to suitable growth point approx. 4ft from main stem, 3) reduce branch by 50% back to suitable growth point, 4) reduce by 3m to suitable growth point (branch numbers refer to diagram submitted with application); (T2) Cherry – reduce lowest limb by 2m to suitable growth point; (T3) Scots pine – 1) reduce overextended limb by 50% to suitable growth point, 2) remove secondary limb dwelling side back to fork (branch numbers refer to diagram submitted with application) – The District of Purbeck (Varhn, Agglestone Road, Studland) TPO 2011 (Ref.TPO 371) – Mrs A Myerscough

**Observation: No Objection**

### iii. Other Planning Related Matters:

An appeal had been lodged regarding the refusal of planning application 6/2015/0034. The council had objected to the application in February 2015 and it wasn't felt necessary to submit any further comments.

## 9. **Tree Management Survey**

The Chairman informed members of the need to undertake a risk assessment/survey of the council owned trees at the village green and the playing field.

**Resolved that** a tree survey be undertaken and quotes be obtained for this work.

## 10. **Deer Management**

The Chairman informed members of the recommendation in the parish plan that requested an annual update of deer management from the National Trust. It was noted that the Poole Basin Deer Management Group no longer met and the Chairman enquired as to whether or not members felt it appropriate to seek alternative arrangements. Members agreed that no alternative arrangements should be sought at present.

**Resolved that** the council would await the update report from the National Trust after the deer census had been undertaken in October.

## 11. **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) – Response to Questions**

Members discussed the SHLAA and the potential sites that had been identified for development. It was noted that the list of likely sites had been reduced due to comments received from the AONB and the size and density of development sites may be reduced. Although development in adjoining parishes was likely to have an impact on Studland, members did not wish to submit a response to the proposals at this time.

## 12. **Parish Plan**

No updates were provided.

## 13. **Crime**

The following matters were reported;

1. There had been two incidents of indecent exposure in the village. Members felt that it was important to inform residents where possible that these incidents had taken place.
2. An incident had occurred at the junction to Heathgreen Road where a vehicle had entered the one way road from the wrong direction. The driver stated that because there was a white line in the middle of the road, this over ruled the one way street signs and it was legal to use both directional lanes.
3. An incident was reported regarding a large vehicle that had driven without due care and consideration for other road users and had forced a member to pull to the side of the road in order to let the vehicle pass.

**Resolved that** the Clerk contact Dorset County Council to clarify the situation with regard to the one way road leading onto Heathgreen Road.

## 14. **Highway Matters**

A resident had raised concerns regarding the amount of signage at the triangle junction heading towards Corfe Castle/Swanage. The resident had been directed to the Dorset for You portal to

report the concern. A concern had also been raised regarding the problem with bins at second/holiday homes. The resident had been directed to the Environmental Services team for further help.

A member raised the issue of resurfacing works at Beach Road. A small area of road had been recently patched and it was hoped that the remaining works would be completed soon.

It was noted that the mile markers needed to be cleaned and re-painted and the "Studland" sign also required cleaning.

**Resolved that;**

1. The Clerk contact Dorset County Council and provide an update to members regarding the schedule of resurfacing works at Beach Road.
2. Dorset County Council be requested to clean and paint the mile markers and also clean the "Studland" sign as you enter the village.

## 15. Clerk's Items and Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following items and matters of correspondence to members;

**15.1** The Clerk had attended the annual Best Kept Village Awards 2015 where Studland had been awarded the Best Kept Village in Purbeck 2015. A certificate was presented and a prize of £100.00 was awarded.

**15.2** The Housing Needs Survey had been amended to include questions regarding "self-build". It was anticipated that the survey would be distributed in November.

**15.3** A complete list of Tree Preservation Orders and maps had now been sourced. A copy would be held by both the Chairman and the Clerk. Others copies would be made available on request to the Clerk.

**15.4** The National Trust had enquired if the council wished to renew a licence for two wooden clad planters that had been previously sited to the north of the village store. It was noted that the planters had been removed some time ago and the licence renewal was no longer relevant.

**15.5** A letter had been received from the Purbeck Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB). The CAB wished to improve communication and engagement with town and parish councils and invited a representative to attend future Trustee Board meetings.

**15.6** The updated version of the Good Councillors Guide was issued to members.

**Resolved that** the Clerk seek further information from the CAB regarding the number of scheduled meetings before a decision was made regarding representation.

## 16. Reports from Representatives

**16.1 Studland Village Hall Management Committee** – Several events had been scheduled over the next few months which included a Christmas lunch. The lunch would be held in the village hall on Sunday 13 December.

**16.2 What needs planning permission?** – Three members attended this session which was interesting and showed some practical examples of completed planning applications.

**16.3 Purbeck Branch DAPTC** – A consultation document regarding oil and gas exploration in Purbeck had been produced. The Chairman agreed to circulate the details of the consultation to members by email.

## 17. Financial Reports

**17.1** Account Balances as at 31/08/2015, Bank Account £20,331.53 Savings Account £1,763.74

**17.2** Resolution to make the following payments;

|                                  | £                     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Clerk's Pay – September 2015     | 286.48                |
| HMRC – September 2015            | 71.60                 |
| Clearview Cleaning – August 2015 | 486.77                |
| SSE – Street Lighting            | 343.47                |
| R Best – Grass Cutting           | 127.50                |
| DAPTC – Good Councillor Guides   | 20.00                 |
| BDO – Annual Audit Fees          | 156.00                |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b><u>1491.82</u></b> |

**17.3** The annual audit had now been completed and signed off by the national auditor. There were no matters which required the issue of a separate additional issues arising report.

**Resolved that** the completion of the annual audit be approved and accepted.

## 18. Chairman's Items

The following items were noted;

**18.1** A request had been received from the Chairman of Langton Matravers Parish Council to attend future meetings of a working group which would identify and address common areas of interest across parishes.

**18.2** An invitation to attend the Swanage Community Partnership meeting on 24 September had been received and the Chairman would attend on behalf of the council.

**18.3** At the next meeting of the Studland Parochial Church Council, it was requested that Councillor Dyball thank the church on behalf of the parish council for the upkeep of the churchyard and also pass on the positive comments received at the Best Kept Village Award evening.

**18.4** A discussion took place regarding the current situation with the poly-tunnel at the Pig on the Beach Hotel and concerns that had been raised by residents. It was considered that no further action was necessary in relation to the location of the poly-tunnel at present.

**18.5** A letter of resignation had been received from Richard Rose. A Notice of Casual Vacancy would be published to advertise the vacancy.

## 19. Date of Next Meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The meeting ended at 9.37 pm.

Chairman:..... Date:.....

L Johnson, Clerk

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