

STUDLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** Meeting of the **Studland Parish Council** held on Monday **20 March 2017** at **7.30pm** in the **Village Hall, Studland**.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Bowyer

Cllrs: Parsons, Hammond, Smith, Pilgrim, Ferguson, Boulter, Dyball, Etherington

DCllr: Dragon

CCllr: Lovell

NT Representative: Ms Wright

Clerk: Miss Parish

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1. Apologies - None.

2. Declarations of Interest - Cllr Hammond declares an interest relating to item 14 as a resident of Heatherside.

3. Public Participation Time.

Nick Mullings - has forwarded the petition of 15 residents of Heatherside to SPC (effectively 50% of residents) and now asks that SPC represents them as requested.

The Chairman declared to bring agenda item 14 re: Heatherside forward and to deal with it now.

RESOLVED:

1. To support the Heatherside residents' petition request to represent them over this issue.
2. To take an initial approach to meet the Hotel Director of THE PIG. **ACTION** Cllrs Bowyer and Etherington.
3. On basis of the feedback of no.2, SPC will then make further representations if required.

4. Confirmation of Minutes:

4.1 - The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 February 2017 were signed as a true record.

4.2 - The minutes of the Planning and Finance Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2017 were signed as a true record.

5. National Trust Report (circulated on 18 March 2017):

5.1 - It was reported:

- Conservation work - Tree work applications have been submitted. Warren Wood coppice and deer fencing has been completed. New tree guards have been installed in the orchard at the village entrance.
- Parking - New pay and display machines have been installed but are retaining a % of older machines as they have credit card capability; the new machines do not. The planning application for a new pay and display machine at the Knoll Beach car park hut has been submitted; enables members to scan their membership cards.
- Slipway - The slipway at Knoll Beach has been affected by the sand and tide movement as expected. Contractors have been appointed to lift and relay, to create an easier to use surface. It is only the middle section that is affected.
- In addition NT Ms Wright asks what value does SPC gain and expect from the NT reports? It is suggested that this be an agenda item at a future meeting. She also asks for some clarity of the role of Tree Warden. It is reported that Cllr Etherington will report back to the April meeting (terms for tree officer and tree warden).

6. District and County Councillor Reports:

6.1 - DISTRICT.

Re: Local Government reform. PDC are waiting for a minded decision from the Secretary of State. PDC have been told that a new Unitary will decide re: devolved powers to parish

councils. DCllr Dragon suggests that SPC may want to be involved in any devolution of assets such as Norden car park and the Watery Lane toilets, for example. An unfortunate result of there being no decision on this issue means that at the May 2017 elections, the electorate will be voting for County Councillors not knowing if they will stand for an 18 or 24 month term.

6.2 - COUNTY.

CCllr Lovell doesn't have much to add to the District report except to say that members have been working on different aspects of how devolution could happen but are not sharing this information further.

7. Logo for Studland Parish Council:

SPC thanks Heather Tring and John Witterick for the logo ideas sent in.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Boulter to take Heather and John's logo ideas to a professional designer to make a refined logo design.

8. Studland Emergency Plan - proposed article to be published in the April 2017 Parish News "Community Resilience Plan For Studland - can you help?"

RESOLVED:

1. SPC liaise with NT who have concluded their own emergency plan; to avoid overlap.
2. Support the article with the addition of the Parish Clerk details as a contact.

9. The Dorset Rural Crime Project Survey.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to respond for SPC. Residents are encouraged to respond at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DPRuralWeb>.

10. Adoption of BT Telephone Box Update.

RESOLVED:

1. To use as a book exchange.
2. To look into the costs and problems associated with moving the box; Cllrs Smith and Etherington to form the Working group.

11. SPC response to Mr and Mrs Sloane's request to plant a hedge on the village green bordering their property.

RESOLVED:

Permission not granted.

The Council did not consider it appropriate to allow private persons to plant hedging on Parish Council property as this would likely cause problems in the future, should the property change hands (which it inevitably will do), regarding ownership and responsibility for maintenance of said hedge. Furthermore it was considered that the planting would only be benefiting one household and not the community as a whole. In addition there was concern raised about the variety of hedge chosen due to the spikey nature of the plant. Councillors advised that any planting of hedging that Mr Sloane may wish to carry out, should be on his own property.

12. SPC response to the proposal from the Social Club to consider the planting of a hedge adjacent to the western boundary of the Village Hall Complex in order to reduce visual and noise intrusion.

Declarations of interest of 8 out of 9 Cllrs being members of the social club acknowledged. It was established that this was not a new planting but a replanting of an existing hedge.

RESOLVED:

No objection the existing hedge being replanted.

13. Request from Purbeck Runners for use of the village green for the 5K run.

RESOLVED:

Permission granted.

SPC thanks Purbeck Runners for the donation towards the village defibrillator.

ACTION for next meeting to think about what fund could be suggested for a donation from this year's run.

14. Petition from Heatherside Residents - covered under item 3 above.

15. Planning.

15.1 Planning Applications - 6/2017/0074 Agglestone House, Swanage Road - no comments.

15.2 Tree Applications - TWA/2017/058 Shortlands, Swanage Road, Studland - no comments.

- TWA/2017/059 Longmead Cottage, Beach Road, Studland - no comments.

15.3 No other Planning Related Matters.

16. Crime.

17. Highways - road safety improvements to be considered at April 2017 meeting.

18. Chairman's Announcements.

- There will be 5 local forums to engage the community re: the Local Plan review. The intention is for a bottom up approach. There is concern that there may not be consultation in another form. **RESOLVED:** To register to attend as SPC.
- Chair and Clerk to attend the DAPTC Annual Conference where the main agenda is preparation for the new Unitary; concern that parish councils are all being geared up for Unitary as though it is a formality even though the decision has not been made. In addition with regards to the Local Plan, Unitary local government could have a negative impact on Purbeck as a consequence of strategic planning decisions being made by a higher authority.
- As part of the Housing White Paper 2017 there is a consultation; SPC has an opportunity to respond.
- Dorset Access Forum - Opportunity for Studland to register footpaths.
- Best Kept Village Competition:

RESOLVED: To enter and to set up a working group across the wider community.

19. Clerk's Items and Correspondence.

- Waste Plan Consultation.
- MCZ Local Community drop in 29 March 1.30 - 6.30pm in Studland Village Hall.
- Re: Precept rises advice is to be as transparent as possible.
- DAPTC - have circulated a report from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations re: devolution which expresses concern that the Voluntary sector and the third tier of local government have not been involved and the report is saying that they should be involved now before decisions are made; by engaging and working together, there would likely be a better result.
- Any Cllrs wishing to attend the NALC Spring Conference, please let me know.
- In the Chief Executive of DAPTC's circular: more emphasis is on Neighbourhood Planning and this was also highly recommended at the South West Conference where I questioned the relevance for Studland due to there being no new land for development (due to designations etc). I was told in two terms that a Neighbourhood Plan would be useful for Studland: (1) in relation to Community Infrastructure Levy; with a Neighbourhood Plan, the proportion of CIL increases from 15 to 25% and, (2) a Neighbourhood Plan can restrict the sort of rebuilding of properties which concerns Studland in relation to encroachment and larger properties. In addition, it was stated that where there is contradiction between a Local Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan, precedence is not necessarily given to the Local Plan, rather that greater weight is given to the plan which is closest to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- Cllr Smith pointed out that SPC has never received any CIL money. Cllr Hammond clarified that SPC will only get CIL money on developments where planning permission has been granted after 2014. At Planning training Cllr Hammond was told by Bridget Downton that SPC would get CIL money for rebuilds which are granted planning consent after 2014.
- The Chairman clarified that the Planning Authority has to give weight to comments from the parish council regarding planning decisions (1) if objections are raised due to material considerations and (2) where there is a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Hammond agreed if having some control over the type of development would be reason to do a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman suggests that parishes have the option to make joint a Neighbourhood Plan with nearby parishes.

- Langton Matravers Parish Council have invited us to their Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in Langton Village Hall on Wednesday 26 April 2017. In addition, we should be now be advertising our APM.

20. Reports from Sub-Committees and Working Groups:

20.1 Middle Beach Update from SPC NT Liaison Committee:

Workshop produced ideas but was not well facilitated; the process is continuing and there is another meeting tomorrow.

20.2 Middle Beach Update from MBAG: nothing further.

21. Reports from Representatives.

- Cllr Dyball reported from the Clerks and Chair meeting at PDC that there is an opportunity for SPC to review the Shoreline Management Plan now the review of the Local Plan has become a full review; the SMP could be reviewed if compelling evidence were to be brought forward; supports SPC registering to attend as parish council.
- Cllr Boulter commented that there was not much to report from SBUAG meeting but expressed concern that there has been no news on the outcome of the Ferry Company's consultation on fishing and cycling issues.
- The Village Hall Management Committee asks SPC to confirm its representative on the committee for the coming year: this will be confirmed after the May meeting of SPC.

22. Financial Reports:

22.1 ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2017; BANK ACCOUNT £20,930.77, SAVINGS ACCOUNT £1,763.74.

22.2 Resolved to agree to pay the clerk's salary and to make the following payments:

	£
Npower	75.69
Clearview Cleaning (D.F. Wills)	206.52
DALC (South West Regional Conference)	72.00
TOTAL (not including clerk's salary)	354.21

22.3 Other Financial Business - SPC considered the tenders received for the Beach Road Public Conveniences as per recommendations from Planning and Finance Committee Meeting of 6 March 2017.

RESOLVED:

1. J.D. Facilities would be awarded the new contract to commence 01 May 2017, giving Clearview Cleaning one month's notice to quit.

22.4 It was noted that Section 137 Expenditure Limits for parish councils have been confirmed by DCLG as £7.57 for 2017-2018.

22.5 RESOLVED:

To grant request from the Parochial Church Council of Studland for £350 towards the Remembrance Garden.

23. Date of Next Meeting:

SPC Meeting - Date and location to be confirmed. Originally this meeting had been identified as being held at Brownsea Island, but it is preferred that there be a special extra meeting at Brownsea Island later in the summer season. Next meeting of SPC is likely to be Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Committee Meeting room as the 3rd Monday of the month falls on a bank holiday.

Planning Meeting - Monday 3 April 2017 at 7.30pm