

# STUDLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** Meeting of the **Studland Parish Council** held on Monday **16 January 2017** at **7.30pm** in the **Village Hall, Studland**.

## PRESENT:

Chairman: P. Bowyer

Councillors: M. Ferguson, J. Dyball, A. Parsons, F. Pilgrim, M. Etherington, S. Smith, N. Boulter

District Cllr: N. Dragon

County Cllr: M. Lovell

Representatives of National Trust: L. Clark

Clerk: J. Parish

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Meeting Started: 7.30pm

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## DRAFT

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Hammond.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - No declarations.
3. **Public Participation Time.** Mike Dexter - (1) Thanked SPC for having a website set-up; which is most useful. He observed that one section relates to the position of tree warden and so asked for more information. The Chairman explained that this position has not yet to be appointed but we have it on the agenda for next month's meeting. (2) Also pleased to see work has started on Beach Road; in-filling now and then would it eventually be re-surfaced? DCC Lovell said that there will likely be a topping 6 months later. (3) He understands that the NT plans were supported at the NT AGM and asked if the consultation will be with SPC and if so would there be updates? In answer the Chairman explained that SPC have set up a consultative group with NT which is leading to a statement of common ground and taking it forward with a meeting at end February / March attended by the Local Authority, the Environment Agency and Natural England. NT have presented volumes of evidence re: coastal erosion etc which the group is reading through while continuing dialogue. It is understood that facilities won't be removed while the consultation is in progress. There should be a report from council in Early May at the APM (Annual Parish Meeting). There will be a report and this will be on the website. Cllr Parsons said that in his view NT are determined to demolish it and suggested joining Middle Beach Action Group if he would like to get involved.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes:**
  - 4.1 - The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 December 2016 were signed as a correct record.
  - 4.2 - The minutes of SPC Extraordinary Meeting re: Middle Beach held on 8 October 2016 were deferred for approval to 20 February 2017 meeting.
  - 4.3 - The minutes of SPC Finance and Planning Meeting of 9 January 2017 were signed as a correct record.
5. **National Trust Report:**
  - 5.1 - Matters arising from the National Trust Report due to be circulated on Friday January 2017.
    - There was interest in what the likelihood was of stopping the Wiggle event?
    - NT L. Clark answered that NT are taking legal advice. So far the advice is that the cyclists have every right to go ahead as they are using public rights of way.
    - Cllr Smith confirmed that the Studland Village Hall Management Committee has banned Wiggle from using their hall for future events. NT Laurie Clark stated that NT are yet to have an answer back from Wiggle about what facilities they will use instead.
    - NT are seeking advice from a barrister. It could be that progress may be made with regards to the definition of a public rights of way. Wiggle do not keep to the path. The Chairman asked if NT could share the outcome of their legal advice as it is of interest to other parish councils suffering

similar problems. It was suggested that changing the byelaws could stop them using it for cycling. This issue has been taken up by DAPTC on ways to control large groups cycling on the road.

- It was agreed that currently little can be done without a change to the law.

## **6. District and County Councillor Reports:**

### **6.1 - DISTRICT.**

- There is nothing to report from PDC as there hasn't been a PDC meeting since 13 December 2016. The next PDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 January 2017 and there isn't anything of direct interest of SPC.
- However of interest is that there will be an Extraordinary meeting of PDC at the end of the month
  - To decide the PDC position on the possible change to Unitary government. PDC will be the last council to decide and they will know the results of the other councils before making their decision. We know that the SOS (Secretary of State) will make the final decision.
  - In DCllr Dragon's view the financial case doesn't stack up. Problem has been caused by the adult social care bill.
  - As DCllr Dragon sees it there will be a problem of getting councillors to represent their areas as the areas will be (1) much larger than currently, (2) there will be more to do as they take on the role of an extra tier of local government and (3) they won't be getting any increase in allowances. In fact there will no longer be the opportunity for 'double-hatting' where currently a Cllr can be both a County and District representative and claim allowances twice.
  - No-one knows how things will be organised as it will be up to the new unitary to make the new rules.
  - DCllr Dragon explains that County is run by a cabinet system now and that works particularly well in an urban area but it is unlikely to serve rural areas so well with the absence of the District tier of govt.
  - DCllr Dragon commented that in his view the consultation paper was flawed; the questions were leading. In addition there is criticism that the Purbeck workshop was made up of 21 paid invited people.

### **6.2 - COUNTY.** Nothing further to add.

**7. Logo for Studland Parish Council** - SPC resolved to have a competition to create a logo with 'Studland Parish Council' as part of it. **ACTION** Advertise competition in the Parish News and take it forward to APM to decide. NT L. Clark advised of problem of using Old Harry's Rocks in the logo as these have already been registered.

**8. NHS Dorset CCG Consultation.** SPC resolved to decide the SPC position at the February meeting after Cllrs have had more of a chance to consider and to also attend the CCG NHS drop-in tomorrow in Swanage. There was some discussion about this:

- It is believed that the South West Ambulance Service is not consistently providing an adequate level of service in Purbeck.
- The CCG approach to the staff crisis is to reduce the level of service to meet the level of staff rather than raise the level of staff to meet the demand.
- NT L. Clark was informed by South West Ambulance Service to expect a 2 hour wait for emergency services in the event of a major incident.

**9. Police Council Tax Consultation 2017/18** - SPC decided to not support the increase in council tax for the police as it should be funded adequately by Central govt.

**10. Studland Parish Clerk gmail email address** - SPC **Resolved** to change the clerk's email address to the [.gov.uk](mailto:studland@studlandparishcouncil.gov.uk) email address offered by DAPTC. This is advised by Tony Gibb (DAPTC), it is included in the price of DAPTC membership and soon all District Councils will only send emails to [.gov.uk](mailto:studland@studlandparishcouncil.gov.uk) email addresses. **ACTION CLERK**

**11. Dependant Carers' Survey to bring the allowable expenses for Parish Councillors in line with other Councillors** - **AGREED by vote to support this.** **ACTION** Clerk to respond to final question in cooperation with Cllr Dyball.

**12. Planning.** No Applications.

### **12.1 Planning Applications.**

### **12.2 Tree Applications.**

### 12.3 Other Planning Related Matters.

**13. Crime.** None.

### 14. Highways.

- Cllr Etherington reported that: (1) there had been some damage by a van knocking down some posts and then parking on the verge at the village cross - Cllr Smith offered to repair this. (2) A van has been parking overnight outside school lane - perhaps request of no overnight parking sign. **ACTION Clerk** request a visit from the highway officer re: could be a traffic regulation order which would limit the extent to which there could be parking there...
- DCllr Dragon reported that the no overnight parking signs at the look out have disappeared **ACTION clerk.**

### 15. Chairman's Announcements.

**a)** Thank you for making arrangements of xmas tree and remember there are 12 days of Christmas.

**b)** First idea has been received for what to do with the BT box - information and book exchange. Obviously there would need to be a volunteer or set of volunteers to run this.

**16. Clerk's Items and Correspondence.** To update within a week by email.

**17. Reports from Committees and Working Groups:** Cllr Smith will sort the posts by the village cross and has repaired the footlight shade which had been causing light pollution to a resident.

**17.1 Middle Beach Update from SPC NT Liaison Committee.** No update.

**17.2 Middle Beach Update from MBAG.** No update.

**18. Reports from Representatives.** - Cllr Parsons reported from the Village Hall Management Committee meeting that it had been decided to streamline the hall bookings with relation to SPC. **ACTION Clerk** to agree an annual lump sum fee for Hall/Committee room/Clerk's office and to report back to February meeting to put it to SPC to approve.

### 19. Financial Reports:

**19.1 ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 December 2016;** BANK ACCOUNT £25,177.67  
SAVINGS ACCOUNT £1,763.74.

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

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DAPTC Essentials for Councillors - whole council training including trainer's travel expenses at 45p per mile	333.40
Clearview Cleaning (D.F. Wills)	221.27
<b>TOTAL (not including clerk's salary)</b>	<b>554.67</b>

**19.3 Other Financial Business** - To agree the budget and set the precept for 2017/18 as per the Finance and Planning Committee recommendations:

- The strategic objective is to build general reserves to one year's precept before the risk of any precept capping has been enforced which could be imminent.
- The significant additional costs for 2018 and going forward:
  - Clerk Remuneration and Training Package to be reviewed in June 2017.
  - Parish Plan implementation £4000; Ring fenced reserve.
  - Public Toilets £5000.
  - Telephone box and other projects to be specified £2000; new budget head.
  - Environmental Works £1000; new budget head following presentation from Highways and on advice from DAPTC.

**a) Agreed** the SPC 2017/18 budget at level A. 6 voted in favour... **All agreed** to thank Cllr Hammond for the work that he has done.

**b) Set the precept for 2017/18 at the option A level of £40,000.**

Please refer to the draft minutes of the Finance and Planning Committee meeting items 6.1 and 6.2 and the draft budget already circulated by Cllr Hammond. In addition an updated draft budget will be sent out by Cllr Hammond.

**20. Date of Next Meeting:**

**SPC Meeting** - Monday 20 February 2017 at 7.30pm (Apologies in advance from DCllr Dragon for this meeting.)

**Planning Meeting** - Monday 6 February 2017 at 7.30pm - **AGREED** unless something urgent comes up; SPC will not have a planning meeting on 6 Feb 2017.

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Josephine Parish - Parish Clerk

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