

STUDLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th February 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P.N. Bowyer in the Chair, Cllrs. P. Hammond, S. Smith, F. Pilgrim, M. Fergusson, County Cllr. M. Lovell and National Trust Ms E. Wright

Public: There was one member of the public present

1. Apologies - Cllrs. A. Parsons, J. Dyball and District Cllr. N. Dragon

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. Public Participation Time - none

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 - the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 January 2016 were signed as a correct record.

4.2 - the minutes of the Extraordinary Finance Meeting held on 25 January 2016 were signed as a correct record.

5. Reports from Sub-Committees and Working Groups

The Playground Working Group need to set a date and time to clear the playground and to close it off to the public so that it is clear by 7th March 2016 ready for Sutcliffe Play to commence work. Sutcliffe gave the 11th March 2016 as their possible completion date. It is likely that the goal posts will be fitted at a later date by Sutcliffe, subject to availability.

6. National Trust Report NT

6.1 - New report from E.W. which will be considered by Cllrs. and any matters arising will be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman requested that E.W. supply a report a week before the meeting if possible; to avoid reports on the day of the meeting being read out.

6.2 - Report from 18 January meeting - Cllrs were concerned about the new running event due to start next month and the potential negative impact it could have. Ms E.Wright responded that it is a 3 month trial (March, April and May), that it would not be taking place over the summer months, that numbers would be limited to 100 participants and that it was not in the NT's interest to cause damage.

6.3 - Agreed to propose meeting with Langton Matravers PC and Corfe Castle PC (and other PCs?) to discuss the Purbeck-wide problems with NT.

7. District and County Councillor Reports

DCC

CCllr M Lovell reported that the Government has given DCC some £4M back to help with this budget. The government is currently reviewing how budgets will be set in future.

CCllr M Lovell reported that the way local government will be organised is also being reviewed. This could increase the responsibilities of Parish Councils and could even remove District level government. Consultation with Parishes and Towns is likely soon.

DISTRICT

In the absence of DCllr N. Dragon, CCllr M. Lovell reported that PDC were close to balancing their budget.

Business rates were discussed and of £7.5M raised, DCC only get £1M. Rest goes to more deserving places across the country.

Cllr P.N. Bowyer mentioned that rate support grant was to be replaced and so in theory this would be to the benefit of the business rates. CCllr M. Lovell responded that the big problem is the number of appeals pending for example the Oil field appeal potentially could cost millions.

8. Planning

8.1 - Planning

- 06/2016/0051 - Glebe Estate (Glebe Cottage) Studland BH19 3AS (Mr Wilson) - No comments.

8.2 - Tree Works

- TWA/2016/0009 - Beach Road (Steppes Pond Cottage) - No comments
- TWA/2016/0010 - Agglestone Road (Greystones) - No comments
- TWA/2016/0016 - N.T. Studland Village (various locations) - Comment about the clarity of how this has been presented, makes it difficult to see where the trees are, suggested that E.W. bring this up with the consultant. And a general comment was made about the tree loss and that there needs to be replacement of trees and a strategy to replace.

8.3 - Other Planning related matters.

- Received decision re: the Varhn planning appeal. Decision letter of 06/02/2016 circulated to Cllrs. Appeal dismissed - no further comments.

9. Standing Orders - Changes to Standing Orders will be on the Agenda of the planning meeting of 7 March 2016. There are also transparency regulations which we need to be compliant with. All Cllrs need to be invited to this meeting.

10. Annual Parish Meeting - To suggest setting up of a Working Group to improve this year's meeting after last year's low turnout - left on table until next meeting in order to have a think, otherwise will have it at the end of May as in the past if no other idea put forward.

11. Tree Wardens.

The distinction was made between Tree Officer and Tree Warden. Currently the Parish Council's tree Officer is Cllr. A. Parsons.

Agreed to advertise in the parish news and on the website for the position of Tree Warden and to look at it again at the next meeting.

12. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations - It was reported that Margeret South has reported back from Village Hall Management where it was decided to have a meal to celebrate.

Cllrs suggested a village fete, an evening Bonfire on the hill? It was decided that a set of proposals were needed and a general meeting needs to be set to discuss this, before April parish meeting.

13. Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust

Agreed to join this group.

14. Parish Plan

It was commented that there are actions outstanding that may need to be implemented, these are longterm actions. Housing is a big issue and currently SPC is waiting to hear results of the Housing report.

If pressing issues need to be addressed, SPC would be in a better position to deal with these if it had a Neighbourhood plan. This would mean SPC could get access to funds and grants to action developments. It was agreed that this needs looking at again and that resident involvement is needed.

15. Crime

Two incidents, both affecting the beach huts on Middle Beach. In total 30 - 35 huts were affected and Fort Henry locks have been cut off.

16. Highway Matters

CCllr M. Lovell had no success setting up a meeting with the Highways Officer. SPC were displeased with this and it was suggested that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive. It was agreed that the Clerk should make another request for action/meeting to address the flooding of the road at Brenscombe and to demand that action be taken.

17. Clerk's Items and Correspondence - Matters arising:

(d) Use of Village Hall box room as office for Clerk. The Village Hall Management Committee has suggested that the Parish council pay £10 per month to use the box room as storage space and within that the Clerk can

use the Committee meeting room on Thursday mornings. It was agreed to accept this offer and CClr M. Lovell said he would find a filing cabinet for us.

18. Reports from Representatives - Cllr P.N. Bowyer attended the PDC Partial Review meeting on 29.01.2016, Swanage Town Council Planning Meeting on 01.02.2016, and the PDC Planning Training meeting on Appeals and Enforcement on 02.02.2016; all meetings were informative. The Partial Review is taking longer than expected; Swanage Town Council accepted the concerns on visual intrusion; the PDC planning training examples were varied in their use.

19. Financial Reports

19.1 Account Balances as at 31/01/2016, Bank Account £32,289.67 (by Email from Leigh Johnson), Savings Account £1,763.74

Cllr P. Hammond to liaise with the Clerk re: formally agreeing the budget and signing off the accounts - to then have on agenda for March meeting.

19.2 Resolution to make the following payments: £556.97

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Clerk's Pay - February 2016	262.72
HMRC -February 2016	65.60
D.F. Wills	228.65
Total	556.97

19.3 Other Financial Matters (if any).

20. Chairman's Items and Matters of Interest:

1/ defibrillator - Tony Higgins and Cllr Fergusson keen to have one. Agreed to be put on agenda for next meeting. To discuss costing, where to put one, is training needed? Clerk to ask Tony Higgins where he is with this?

2/ provision for pension for the clerk.

3/ Karen Forrest has resigned from the SPC. The Chairman has sent her a letter to accept her resignation and to thank her for her work.

As a result there is a casual vacancy. If 10 or more people apply before 1st March 2016, then there will need to be an election. If not enough people apply, then the SPC can co-opt interested people.

4/ In Other Business it was mentioned that Margaret South is no longer part of the Council and so a new representative is needed to serve on the Village Hall Management Committee. It was decided that the Clerk would ask Cllrs who would like to serve on the VHMC; to appoint at the May meeting of SPC.

21. Date of Next meeting - Monday 21st March 2016.

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

P N BOWYER

15/02/2016

Planning Applications

Number:	Location:	Proposal:	Applicants Name:
06/2016/0051	Glebe Estate (Glebe Cottage), Studland, BH19 3AS	Non-Material Amendment to PP 6/2015/0359 (Rebuild, Refurbish and Extend Glebe Cottage) to allow refurbishment and extension only.	Mr Wilson

Tree Applications

Number:	Location:	Proposal:	Applicants Name:
TWA/2016/0016	Studland village - various locations	(T5) Sycamore - fell, (T6) Sycamore - fell, (T7) Sycamore - crown reduce by up to 4m/monolith, (T8) Sycamore - crown reduce by up to 4m, (T9) Sycamore - crown reduce by 30%, (T17) Thuja - fell, (T31) Poplar - fell	P.K. Bradley NT Lead Ranger

TWA/2016/0010	Agglestone Road (Greystones), Studland BH19 3BZ	(T1 &T2) Apple Trees - reduce & shape by 25%, crown clean	J. Tillyard
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TWA/2016/0009	Beach Road (Steppes Pond Cottage), Studland BH19 3AP	(T1) Sycamore - remove lowest limb marked with orange spray	J. Tillyard
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