

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOURTON WITH GASPER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024, At Stourton Memorial Hall
(www.stourton.org.uk)**

The meeting was opened at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs A Gray (Chairman), R Higgs, N Hoare, J Joyce, C Fearon,
Mrs F Hill (Clerk)
Cllr G Jeans (Wiltshire Council)

The chair read out this statement.

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PUBLIC SESSION

4 Members of Public

One member of the public drew attention to the item in Planning for the Christmas lights and discussion took place regarding this.

One member of the public asked about a recent information meeting held in the village. It was noted this was not a Parish Council matter and the Parish Council were not in attendance although some members were there as residents. If the matter becomes a planning issue the Parish Council will be invited to consult.

Cllr Jeans noted he was concerned that there would not be enough money in the LHFIG budget and the appetite at the LHFIG meeting was to not prioritise Stourton with Gasper's request for Stourton Lane to be considered for a 30mph speed limit. This will mean the Parish Council could be liable for the full cost of £6500. The Stourton Lane item was discussed at this point. Cllr Gray had been in contact with LHFIG and he was reassured that we will only be billed for 25%. With this figure in mind the budget and Precept request will be set.

SGPC 24/29 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs C
Spencer, P Niemand. These were approved.

SGPC 24/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) To note any written requests for dispensations by the clerk for any agenda items. –
None Received
- (ii) To receive any declarations of interest in any agenda items - None Received

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Stourton and Gasper Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

SGPC 24/31

- (i) Two updates were given from the previous minutes. There had been another illegal rave, this will be added to the next agenda
- (ii) The Parish Steward doesn't have any workable ideas to help Gasper Street in the bad weather.
- (iii) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 28 August

Proposed Cllr Fearon, seconded Cllr Higgs
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

SGPC 24/32 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) Council NOTED the balance of the account. £13,205.40 as at 31/10/24
- (ii) The Parish Council RESOLVED to pay the following: and additional amounts that come in after the agenda is sent out.

Mrs F Hill	Salary 01/08/2024 – 31/10/2024 27 1/2 hours @ £13.06 - £359.15 Home Working @£6.25pm August – October @ = £18.75 Back pay April – October 93.1/4 hours @ .63p/h = £58.77 No NI or Tax payable	£436.67 TBC	Chq 414
Jimmy Flynn Web Services	Web hosting and support	£165	Chq 409
WALC	Training for Chairmanship Skills Sessions 1 & 2 £80 +VAT	£96	Chq 410
Rosie Corbin	Remembrance Wreath	£19.99	Chq 411
DALC	To add job advert to the DALC website if required and to try and put a joint advert with Zeals	£50	
St Peters LCC		£250	Chq 412
Mere Link		£50	Chq 413

- (iii) Council is asked to **NOTE** payments paid out under delegated powers.

Proposed Cllr Hoare, seconded Cllr Joyce
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (i) Council RESOLVED to agree the budget for 2025/2026 now amended to show just the 25% in respect of the TRO scheme along Stourton Lane. Also not to commit £200 to the Dorset Citizens Advice for the coming year.

Proposed Cllr Hoare, seconded Cllr Higgs
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (ii) Council RESOLVED to request a precept of £7082.

Proposed Cllr Fearon, seconded Cllr Higgs
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (iii) Council RESOLVED to increase the clerks pay to £13.69 in line with NALC pay scales. This will be backdated to April 2024 and will be included in the Clerks salary payment.

Proposed Cllr Fearon, seconded Cllr Hoare

Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (iv) Council RESOLVED to pay Dorset Association of Local Councils £50 to add an advert for the clerk's role to their situations vacant board. If the position remains vacant and to share the payment and advert with Zeals Parish Council if appropriate.

Proposed Cllr Fearon, seconded Cllr Gray

Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (v) Council RESOLVED to pay for a handover period if a new clerk is found.

Proposed Cllr Fearon, seconded Cllr Gray

Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (vi) Council RESOLVED to create a savings account to put the Reserves in, so it is clear what is general spending and what needs to be kept. This might also gain a small bit of interest.

Proposed Cllr Joyce, seconded Cllr Hoare

Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

SGPC 24/33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) Council is asked to Consider Planning Applications: including any that come in after the agenda is sent out.

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- (ii) Council NOTED the Planning Applications considered/determined since last meeting:

Planning Application		Parish Response	Planning Authority
PL/2024/07030	Temporary use of land to facilitate Christmas at Stourhead events 2024, 2025 and 2026		Approve with Conditions
PL/2024/06205	60 Top Lane – replace glazed conservatory with insulated extension – re-roof existing and new extension	support	Approve with conditions

SGPC 24/34 STOURTON LANE

- i) This item was discussed during the public session. Council considered the email from Cllr Jeans regarding the possible scenario of LHFIG expecting Stourton Parish Council to pay the whole cost £6500 to extend the speed change from Kilmington if LHFIG refuse to allow it to go ahead in the next financial year. Following Cllr Gray's discussion with LHFIG council RESOLVED to budget for the assumed payment of 25% (£1625)
- ii) Council considered possible ways forward for a resident who has traffic stopping outside her house when her daughter's school bus is trying to deliver her daughter. It was NOTED that any restrictions would require exceptions for access and deliveries. The Clerk will send her the initial form that she needs to submit to the Parish Council to agree to support and put forward at LHFIG. The clerk would let her know when the next meeting is for the Parish Council to consider a submission. It was NOTED that council did not wish to jeopardise the current TRO therefore the budget next year may need to consider this further TRO.

SGPC 24/35 WEBSITE AND EMAILS

- (i) Council NOTED the announcement legislation will change giving all parish councillors a .gov.uk email address. The Clerk has discussed this with the website host and there will be an additional cost as the .gov.uk domain will have to be bought through the government at a higher cost than current domains. This has been budgeted for. It has been suggested we wait until May to instigate anything so that if there is a change in councillors there only needs to be one change over.

SGPC 24/36 TREE AT SEARCH FARM ROAD

- (ii) Council received an UPDATE that the Tree had now been planted at the end of Search Farm Road.

SGPC 24/37 DEFIBRILLATOR

- (i) Council NOTED the Defib was taken from the cabinet to attend an incident. It was not needed and was returned to the cabinet intact.
- (ii) Council RESOLVED to allow Mr Ruane who oversees the cabinet to buy replacement pads if the defibrillator is used without having to wait for authorisation from the next council meeting. The Chair thanked Mr Ruane for his overseeing of the defibrillator

Proposed Cllr Fearon, seconded Cllr Gray

Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

SGPC 24/38 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Email from resident 6/11/24 regarding people stopping outside her home as the bus delivers her daughter.

SGPC 24/39 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- (i) Raves in Pen Selwood
- (ii) Mobile Technology
- (iii) Stourton Lane

SGPC 24/40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5 March 2025.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the matters above in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

The meeting finished at 8.20