



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman  
Cllr Barry Quinn  
Cllr Christine Evans  
Cllr Tessa Wiltshire  
Cllr Cherry Brooks (co-opted)  
Cllr Julie Wright (co-opted)

APOLOGIES None

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Mike Lovell  
11 Members of the Public  
Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

Item 8 and 9b was agreed to be delayed as Cllr Quinn was late due to attending another meeting.

**1. Public Participation Time.**

- a. Mr Barnes made a complaint that there are trees leaning over and some dead ones along A352 by Hethfelton Hollow. He asked if these residents can be sent out a letters informing them that the foliage must be cut back.  
**Action:** Clerk to send out letters.
- b. Mr Barnes also said the hole south of the level crossing on the B3070 was badly filled in with left over mud. County Cllr Lovell has already spoken to Danny Allen regarding this issue and he is going to investigate it. Danny Allen also attended a site meeting outside Stockford Cottages which he has now realised that the road is in a far worse condition than he had originally thought. There will be major works carried out, but the timescale has not been finalised.
- c. Mr Whitmarsh commented that there is water near the manhole cover on the A352. Cllr Cady said that this is an ongoing issue and Danny Allen is planning on looking at it.
- d. Ms Laurence informed the meeting that a lot of traffic is speeding along Bindon Lane. She has had several incidents where motorists have not slowed down while she is riding. She feels that there needs to be better signage to aware people of people horse riding and is considering wearing a headcam to use as evidence if need be. Mrs Burdon said that it has been designated as a quiet lane but Cllr Cady informed her that vehicles are not monitored along it. It was agreed that a monitoring box should be installed and it was noted that Church Lane also suffers from speeding vehicles.  
**Action:** The Clerk to write to the Police informing them of the speeding problems that the horse riders encounter along Bindon Lane. Also that the Parish Council recommends that a monitoring box should be

- installed.
- e. Mr Burdon said that motorists do not want to wait for the railway crossing barriers to be raised and a lot of them are turning in the road. County Cllr Lovell stated that there has been problems with the Holme Crossing. The Army may want to close the Range Road more often due to different ammunition being used on the Ranges. No decision has yet been taken and the subject of signage and diversion routes will have to be addressed.
  - f. Mr Willgress attending the SITA exhibition held at Kemps Hotel told both SITA and Raymond Brown that there should be a “No Kill” policy on the land. He has found evidence of deer being gutted and the entrails being left behind. There is also an important safety issue of culling as they have to be aware of walkers crossing the land. There has to be some kind of notification to the public that culling is scheduled on certain dates. Mr Willgress has heard shooting at night and as it is illegal for anyone with a Level 1 deer stalking certificate to do this it was presumed that poaching had taken place.
  - g. It was declared by various members of the public that foliage needs to be cut back on the Woodstreet Junction of Bindon Lane and in Holme Lane especially around Luckford Lake.  
**Action:** The Clerk to write to the residents concerned.

**2. Apologies**

None.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**7. New Councillor Forms**

The forms were duly signed and the Lloyds account forms will be obtained this month.

**9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**

a)6/2014/0547 Longthorns (Monkey World), Removal of conditions 2 and 3 of PP 6/2009/0609 to allow permanent siting of four administration cabins.

**Approved.**

**10. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**

The issue of motorbikes was raised at the SITA Exhibition and they informed Mr

Willgress that ASBOs have been issued. The Police now have a letter that they can produce if need be, that clearly states that motorbikes using the land is classed as trespass.

**11. East Stoke and Wool Community Chest**

Dorset Echo ran an article about Good Energy's solar installation at Woolbridge. £5,000 will be awarded each year and the first donations will be presented in May and the second part will be in December. If necessary, any money will be rolled over to the next year. A separate amount of money has been donated to the village hall fund and solar panels have been fitted on the roofs of the D'Urberville Hall and two schools within the Wool Parish.

**12. New Noticeboard for Holmebridge**

A quote has been received from Colin Mutter Joinery Ltd for £510. Other quotes were obtained and noted on Minute No 211 but the best quote then was for £707 exclusive of VAT. It remains unclear as to whether Colin Mutter is under the tax threshold as it was not mentioned in the quote. It was agreed by all to go ahead with Colin Mutter and to find out if the price is inclusive of VAT. County Cllr Lovell will put in the claim for the quote.

**Action:** The Clerk to notify Colin Mutter

**8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

**a)6/2015/0005** Kemps Country House, Change of use of Kemps Country House to 6 dwellings with associated alteration works, extension to the coach house, parking and landscaping.

There appears to be little difference between the current application and last years.

**It was resolved that the Parish Council objects due to the following reasons:-**

- i) It specifically states in the adopted Local Plan that tourist accommodation should be safeguarded. This planning application converting the hotel into residential dwellings would therefore breach both this and also national policy.
- ii) Has specialised marketing taken place as the property could not be found for sale on any search engine. There are no up to date documents regarding the marketing as the same Goadsby valuation letter dated 27th February 2014 has been used and the Christie & Co valuation dates back to December 2007 which was before the financial downturn took place. The Parish Council would like to know the exact dates as to when the hotel was marketed as it appears that it has not been advertised to the general public for at least two years. It was also felt that the price that it was previously marketed at was too high.
- iii) There is no evidence to support the claim that there has been any lost revenue due to MOD cutbacks at the nearby Bovington Camp.
- iv) The planning permission granted for the Coach House was conditional on its use in conjunction with the hotel business.
- v) The application does not conform to Spatial Objective 4 & 8 in that isn't supporting local communities or promote a prosperous local economy as it would directly result in staff redundancies and the tourist

- economy will suffer due to loss of accommodation and restaurant facilities.
- vi) The existing sewage treatment plant will not be sufficient for the amount of waste generated by six dwellings. The volume of water used on site will be increased due to the amount of washing machines, dishwashers and other appliances compared to a sole laundry and kitchen amenities that the hotel currently have.
  - vii) The Parish Council considers that insufficient attention was given to landscaping and screening and that it will not “lead to an enhancement of the immediate setting”

The Planning Board will discuss this application on Wednesday 25th February and Cllr Cady has volunteered to attend.

**Action:** The Clerk to submit the Parish Council’s comments and notify them that Cllr Cady will attend the Planning Board.

- 9 b) **COM 617** - Proposed de-registration of land - Ford Heath. Exhibition held 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Cllr Quinn reported that an objection has been submitted due to SITA not addressing the questions that were asked concerning agricultural land. The Planning Inspector will respond to them. Sarah Meggs, the Solicitor from County has been consulted regarding whether minerals can still be extracted from Common Land. It was asked if the subject of the culling policy can be put forward as they cannot have access if it is Common Land.

**Both the County and District Councillors reports were missing from the Agenda, and these were discussed after Item 9b.**

**a) County Cllr Lovell**

- i) There will be a site meeting with the Environment Agency on 10<sup>th</sup> March at Holmebridge, unfortunately Will Bond is unable to attend.
- ii) It has been warned that the Lulworth Road will be closed more often due to potential Army activities.
- iii) Staff cuts are currently taking place at County. This has resulted in the middle tier being halved and many employees have had to re-apply for their own jobs.

**b) Cllr Quinn**

- i) The Partial Review Workshop will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Child has volunteered to represent the Parish Council.
- ii) Cllr Quinn reiterated that the Lulworth Road (B3070) between West Holme and Lulworth maybe subject to more closures due to the Army testing a new cannon. He has contacted Highways as they will have to provide alternative routes.

**Action:** The Clerk to inform the Police of these possible closures.

**13. Maintenance work on Church wall.**

JA Construction has submitted a quote of £1,296. The Clerk is still waiting for a quote from Charlie Brown Brickcraft Construction, JB Building and Grassby Stone have said that they will be unable to do the work. It was suggested that Brian Rigler and J Spiller and Sons could also be approached.

**Action:** The Clerk to obtain other quotes.

#### 14. River Frome Issues

a) Mr Burdon asked if any other parts of the river need to be discussed at the Environment Agency meeting. It was noted that Frank Baggs' land is also affected by flooding. It was asked by Gary Cleaves that there should be some kind of agenda for the meeting.

b) Mr Burdon has reported a tree that has come down near the bridge. The Environment Agency has informed the riparian landowner, Will Bond of his responsibilities. It is a requirement that it needs to be done before the nesting season. It was also asked if the Parish Council could send a letter.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to Will Bond

#### 15 Railway Crossing Issues

New software will be installed and it is hoped that it will resolve the issue of long waiting times for the barriers to open. It has been observed that there has been more convoys of six tanks using the crossing. PC Andy Alford was contacted regarding this but it was felt that the CO at Bovington should also be made aware.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to CO at Bovington

#### 16 Additional payment for Clerk to attend training courses

The Clerk has asked if she could be paid for attending training courses to cover her personal expenses. The payment was agreed by all.

#### 17 Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

The ditches in Binnegar were done on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Evans said that there is a pool of water on the B3070 near the bend and she will report it on the dorsetforyou portal. The A352 is scheduled to be re-surfaced.

b) Vehicles not slowing down for horse riders along Bindon Lane.

It was agreed that the Police should be made aware of this problem.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact the Police.

c) Hedge trimmings left on the cycle - path to Bovington

A member of the public has reported that there is a lot of debris left on the cycle path from the hedge recently been cut. The Clerk has asked a highway maintenance team to sweep up the cuttings. It was questioned if the Drax Estate owns the land and who actually cuts it.

**Action:** The Clerk to email back to inform them that the foliage has now been cleared.

c) Other Issues

No other issues were reported.

## 18 Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

- a) DAPTC Subscription Charges for 2015/2016 – The amount to be paid will be £114.64  
This amount was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Child
- b) News release - Have your say on plans for Purbeck's future. Press release regarding the Partial Review. One of the key issues is a draft housing study identifies a need for around 200 homes per year in Purbeck, over the period 2013 to 2031.  
It was agreed to add this to next month's Agenda.
- c) DAPTC Courses and Seminars - Calendar for 2015.  
Cllr Brooks and Cllr Wright plan to attend the New Councillors Course. The Clerk will attend the DAPTC Annual Conference.

## 19 Correspondence Received

All of the following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Advisory Group - December 2014 Briefing Note. Comment on how heathland is protected in Purbeck. The public consultation runs from 7<sup>th</sup> Jan to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. **Noted**
- b) Local Council Award Scheme launched which will be a replacement for the Quality Council scheme. **Noted**
- c) The Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document 2015-2020 Draft for Public Consultation. **Noted**
- d) Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular - ROYAL GARDEN PARTY NOMINATIONS.  
Cllr Cady asked if it is still possible to apply as the deadline was 4<sup>th</sup> February.  
**Action:** The Clerk to email DAPTC
- e) Local Government Financial Settlement - Government Consultation. **Noted**
- f) Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 - recording and publication of officer decisions. – Guidance from the Purbeck District Council Solicitor. **Noted**
- g) Parish Councils Enabled to Use More 21st Century Technology. **Noted**
- h) Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group sets out why Dorset's health services need to change. A press release giving details of the changes on how the Group will procure services. **Noted**

## 20 Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment Jan 15 Salary	£165.73	000450
Wessex Grounds Services Sep-Oct 2014	£299.85	000448
Miss E Maidment reimbursement for stamps	£6.36	000449

On the previous Wessex Grounds Services invoice it also had work undertaken in September. It was requested that extra details are needed of when the jobs were done. When this information has been gathered the Parish Clerk will send the cheque.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Wessex Grounds Services

**b) Third quarter Budget Report**

The third budget report was noted.

**c) To consider quotes for noticeboard.**

See minute 213/12

**21 Items for Information or next agenda**

Cllr Brooks asked when the new Planning Committee arrangements will be discussed. Cllr Cady confirmed that this will be added to next month's agenda.

**22 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45

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