

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2008.

PRESENT

Cllr Neill Child (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)
Cllr and District Councillor Barry Quinn
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Karen Barnes
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

Mrs Gillian Topp

APOLOGIES

County Councillor Mike Lovell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Karen Barnes declared interest in planning application for C.J. Barnes by being sister-in-law to the applicant. Paul Whitmarsh also declared an interest in this application by being a neighbour.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Mrs Gillian Topp had come along to the meeting to listen to the discussions and had no particular topics of concern. She suggested that copies of the agenda for the meeting should be placed on the chairs set out for members of the parish so those attending could follow the discussions taking place.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 6/2008/239 – C. Wright, Charlecote, Holme Lane – Station agricultural residential caravan (previous renewal 6/2004/1096), Letter attached from Martin Wright explaining that this application was essentially for the renewal of temporary permission initially granted in 1977. Councillors were concerned that temporary permission has been granted for so many years. The Council had no objection in principle but it was felt that this should be the last time temporary permission be granted. It was pointed out that the original permission was granted for one residential caravan but in fact there were two caravans on site. The Clerk was asked to email case officer John Hartigan to advise him of this fact. Councillors asked that it also be pointed out that when permission for temporary accommodation was granted to Roebuck Farm it was only for a period of 3 year.
2. 6/2008/266 – Mrs Sally Mead, Longthorns Farm – Erect freestanding, double sided non-illuminated sign. Councillors had no objection as long as the Highways Department were content that there is no visual hindrance to traffic. Clerk to email case officer Philip Payne.
3. 6/2008/284 and 285 – Mr R. Ham, Grapevine Cottage – Repair, alter and extend existing outbuilding. The Parish Council felt the principle of restoring the outbuilding was fine but once completed the building could be used as

accommodation. If permission was granted a condition should be set that the building could only be used as specified and not for residential or commercial use. Clerk to email case officer John Hartigan.

4. 6/2008/312 – Mr and Mrs C.J. Barnes – Change of use of External Garage Building to Holiday Accommodation (3 bedrooms). Email received from Kim Willingham-Curtis who advised she would be writing to PDC objecting to this application. Councillors' concerns were:-
- This property is within the AONB and the change of use would represent an over development of the site. It was felt the promotion of this type of conversion would be harmful to the AONB and was contrary to PPS 7 (Sustainable Development in Rural Areas). Such development should not be encouraged and would set a dangerous precedent to allow the conversion of any garage in the area into living accommodation.
 - There would be an impact on the neighbours with regard to more noise and light pollution.
 - There already exists a problem with cluttered parking within the site for the owners and guests which the Council considered represented a health and safety hazard. The overspill parking from people staying at Luckford Wood House tended to be in the lane and on the verges which represents a hindrance to traffic as well as being an unsightly nuisance to other residents. Any increase in vehicles at this site would be considered unacceptable.
 - Councillors felt that previous concerns raised by the Council particularly regarding unauthorised development of the garage have not been addressed or even acknowledged by the Building and Development Control Department. Barry Quinn would get in touch to seek resolution of these outstanding issues.
- Therefore the Council objected to this application and asked Barry Quinn to refer to the full Planning Board for their consideration.

APPEAL APP/B1225/A/07/2059468

Mrs L. Barnes, Land at Holme Lane ref application 6/2007/660. Appeal dismissed.

MINUTES of last meeting held on 3rd April were signed as a correct record. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st May were also signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Wind Turbines – Clerk advised that email had been received from Cyra Parkes advising that Infinergy were going to amend plans for the wind farm. Two turbines would now be removed from the proposed development and one other would be re-located. As this was a significant amendment they suggested it might be more useful if the Parish Council discussed the planning application once updated information from PDC had been received. It was therefore decided not to hold the meeting as arranged on 12th May. Barry Quinn offered to put up stickers on the notices on the parish boards advising people that this meeting would be held at a later date. It was understood other Parish Councils would still hold their meetings to discuss the wind farm. It was

- suggested the Clerk contact Mr and Mrs Littlewood to advise that no meeting would be taking place. Karen Barnes to take plans home.
2. Binnegar Lane – Barry Quinn advised that the hedge at Moorcroft Cottage needed to be cut back as it is overhanging the road and to ensure the ditch and French drain remains clear. Tib Axon to find out name and address of owner.
 3. War Memorial – This task was now complete and shingle was in place. Edging stones would be put in on the on right hand side to retain the shingle.
 4. H & H Project – Barry Quinn advised that the brambles had been strimmed down at the ruins in preparation for the righting of gravestones prior to Laser Scanning. A group meeting had been held the previous week.
 5. Village Hall – Barry Quinn to try and obtain a site plan from PDC.
 6. Notice Boards – Paul Whitmarsh advised the steel posts had been procured but needed to be galvanised and drilled.
 7. Parish Lane – Simon Cross advised that he had received letter from DCC confirming that East Stoke Parish Council had been registered as owners of East Stoke Village Green VG/29. This had been registered in 2000. The Land Registry Department would now charge a fee to make a Statutory Declaration and DCC would be sending file to the Department. Simon Cross to await letter.
 8. At this point the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council presented a framed picture of the Old Mill at East Stoke to Simon Cross and thanked him for his time as a parish councillor since 1999.
 9. Naming of Lanes – Copy of original map and letter received from Phil Brown. Clerk had sent email asking that Manor Lane be added to the list of missing names of minor roads and tracks in our area. Barry Quinn asked Clerk to forward this email on to Rob Roriston .
 10. Binnegar Environmental Park – Planning Application now approved.
 11. New Planning Regime – Barry Quinn advised that the Call-In Panel had met on 30th April. This matter has now been referred back to the Building Control Review Panel. Further consultation meetings will be set up with Parish Councils.
 12. Regional Spatial Strategy – A mini rally had been held at the proposed Green Belt site which was attended by Theresa May, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons.
 13. Camp Bestival – Licence now granted.
 14. Network Rail – Reply received to our letter. It was felt NR had missed the point of our letter. The question of safety was not in dispute, the main point of complaint being the attitude of the female operative at the Crossing. It was again pointed out that touring caravans are sometimes advised to turn round at the crossing by certain members of staff and go the long way round. The Clerk was asked to write another letter. Cllr Simon Goldsack would be having a meeting with appropriate officers at PDC specifically over the Wool level crossing but also the potential closure of pedestrian crossings in Purbeck. There had been rumours about closing the East Stoke crossing.
 15. Road Safety – At the Annual Parish Meeting one of the residents present had raised the subject of whether anything could be done to improve road safety particularly in Bindon and Church Lanes. Cars were travelling too fast on a road where there are horses, pedestrians and cyclists. Barry Quinn had emailed the police community support team to see if they could help with the problem. He had also emailed County Councillor Mike Lovell asking if DCC Highways could help which had been acknowledged. There had been no response from the police.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. County Councillor not present to report.
2. District Councillor Barry Quinn reported that the Elections had been held on 1st May which resulted in changes to the Council. Malcolm Shakesby had lost in Wool and Roy Anderson lost his seat in Wareham. There was now a hung council comprising of 11 Conservatives, 11 Liberal Democrats and 2 Independents.
3. Highways – Paul Whitmarsh reported that the PMU’s would be in our area next month. He would be sending photos to Blair Turner of works that needed to be done. The Clerk reported that the Manager of Binnegar Hall had been in touch about the Blue ‘H’ Hospital signs and he was asked that they be removed as they caused confusion especially to visitors thinking Binnegar Hall was a hospital. Barry Quinn had emailed Blair Turner who would take the matter up with the appropriate person and report back. Regarding the proposed new bus stop at Binnegar Hall, Barry Quinn advised he had heard from Michelle Boone at DCC who agreed with him that it was too dangerous to put a stop at this location. Since this was also the Parish Council’s view the clerk was asked to email Michelle for the record. However the Parish Plan had identified a desire to extend the footpath to Wareham as a combined cycleway/footpath but there was a shortage of funds at County for this sort of project therefore an interim solution could be a short extension to Binnegar Hall. Barry Quinn would also follow up the possibility of funding under a different heading such as health and activity. It was reported that there was a boat and trailer parked outside Holme Cottage which might be seen as a hazard. Paul Whitmarsh to sort with Les Evans the enforcement officer at Highways.
4. Parish Plan – Barry Quinn reported that the Plan should be reviewed next Spring.
5. Cemetery Gates – Barry Quinn reported that these were in need of repair and refurbishment. As this year was the 50th anniversary of the death of Raymond Langdown in whose memory the gates were donated to East Stoke it was a good time to undertake the work. Paul Whitmarsh offered to inspect and determine what needs to be done.
6. Fyler and Butler Graves – Barry Quinn reported that these graves were overgrown with brambles etc. and the railings on the Fyler graves were in need of attention. As the Parish Council is paid to upkeep these graves the Clerk is to write to Colin Baker asking him to tidy up the Fyler grave and add to the account. An inspection of the Butler graves would need permission from the Trustees of the church.
7. Annual Accounts – Clerk produced Receipts and Payments Book detailing accounts to 31/3/08. Chairman signed. Supporting typed accounts to be presented at next meeting together with Annual Return.
8. Vacancy for Councillor – Notice had been posted on board. Letter received from Damian Cullinane who expressed interest in this vacancy and if there was no election he would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

9. Email received from PDC Standards Board who were looking for a further parish councillor to join the Standards Committee. Karen Barnes reported that Paul Middlehurst had offered to take up this position.
10. Post Office Closures – Email received from DCA no further action as we are within 3 miles of a post office in Wareham or Wool.
11. Dorset Countryside Volunteers – Email received from DAPTC. Barry Quinn to keep for possible help with work at Old St. Marys.
12. SE Dorset Transport Study – Email re Roadside Interview Surveys no further action required.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Karen Barnes attended DAPTC area meeting on 7th May and gave a brief report. Karen offered to be Parish Council representative at DAPTC Area meetings.
2. PCSO's – There had been no contact for some time. It was hoped to receive a response to email sent re Road Safety at which time the Council felt a member of the team should be invited to attend a parish council meeting.

FINANCE

1. DAPTC Annual Subscription £124.33
2. Community First Insurance Renewal £321.89
3. Heritage and Historical Expenses £55.38
4. Cheque received for £98 for headstone of Frederick King

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th June.

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Chairman

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Date