

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2012

PRESENT Cllr Neill Child, Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Adrian Naylor
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES Cllr Rebecca Cady
Cllr Karen Barnes

IN ATTENDANCE 8 Members of the Public
County Cllr Lovell
PCSO Stuart Hann
Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

- a) Mrs Burden reported that the hedge at the B3070/A352 junction had not been cut back; this is impairing the visibility at the T-junction. The postman has made complaints about the overgrown vegetation at the post box next to the Old Post Office.
Action: The Clerk will find out from Highways when these are likely to be cut back.
- b) Mr Topp witnessed a 45T lorry traversing East Stoke level crossing on Friday 2nd November. Other residents have seen similar vehicles and coaches using Church Lane. Sat Navs can cause a problem but these errors can be reported, the Clerk had circulated the link to report the errors to the councillors.
Action: The Clerk will request a weight limit restriction for Church Lane.
- c) Alison Morris had telephoned the Clerk to report several items at Woolbridge:
- i) Graffiti on the bridge has been reported to Highways (PEM 431849). The first visit was unsuccessful but Highways were to make a second visit to clean it.
 - ii) Litter – a lot of litter from school children and take away food is dropped in this area. There was a request for a litter bin to help deal with this problem. PCSO Hann stated that there is a fixed penalty notice for any person caught dropping litter.
Action: Cllr Quinn will find out if PDC have any litter bins that could be positioned here.
 - iii) Travellers – last half-term another person joined the group. PCSO Hann reported that this group have no impact on the community and are a low priority for DCC to take action for removing off the site. There have been no complaints from walkers or cyclists.
 - iv) Bollard – the broken bollard has been repaired.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ms Cady and Cllr Mrs Barnes.

3 Grant of Dispensations

No dispensation applications had been made.

4 **Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.**
None.

5 **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 1st November 2012**
It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st November were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6 **Matters arising from the minutes**
183/1/ g) The Clerk has invited a representative from Network Rail and DCC Highways to January's meeting. The Clerk is awaiting confirmation that they will be attending.

7 **Register of Members Interest form**
Completed forms have not been received from Cllr Barnes and Cllr Naylor. These should be sent directly to PDC. These forms had to be completed 28 days after the new code of conduct was adopted (July).

8 **Appointment of a representative to the Binnegar Environmental Park Liaison Committee**

Mrs Gillian Topp agreed to be the representative on this committee.

9 **Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2012/0694** – Highwood (Chicks Hill Farm), East Stoke, BH20 6AR. Change of use of land from agriculture to mixed use of agriculture plus campsite for 28 days a year. The applicant had written a letter explaining why this application had been submitted.

It was resolved that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

10 **Update on Previous Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2011/0048** - Spratley Wood, Hyde, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7PJ. The continued use of the site for the recovery of aggregates and soils from imported inert waste materials. **Granted Consent.**
- b) **6/2012/0494** – Binnegar Environmental Park, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, BH20 6AH. Provision of external storage areas for baled recyclable materials. **Granted Consent.**
- c) **6/2012/0556** - Binnegar Quarry, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, BH20 6AH. Retention of minerals screening, processing and washing facility including conveyors, power generation plant and electrical switchgear/control rooms. **Permission Granted.**
- d) **6/2012/0403** – Demolish existing workshop and stores and erect a replacement building. Holme Lane (Poachers Lair), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. **Approved.**
- e) **6/2012/0451** – Rushton Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AL. Erect agricultural building. **Approved.**
- f) **6/2012/0624** – Erection of 7 sponsorship acknowledgement signs. Burton Cross & Tout Hill Roundabouts, Wool. **Approved.**
- g) **6/2012/0378** - West Holme Farm (Holme Nurseries), East Stoke, BH20 6AQ.O/A - Erect a new agricultural workers dwelling. **Refused.**

11 **Reports from County and District Councillors**

- a) County Cllr Lovell
There was nothing to report.

- b) District Cllr Quinn
 - i) The Local Plan was adopted on 13th November.
 - ii) Boundary Review. The Statutory Instrument has been laid before Parliament. Richard Drax MP has sent a letter to the Whip (order of the prayer). The MPs have until 15th January to object to this report. There will be an interview with the Chief Whip and a debate as part of the Statutory Instrument to which the District Cllrs are invited. The decision is either to accept or reject the report it cannot be changed.
The next Parish Council election will take place in 2015.

12 Police Update

- a) Travellers
 - i) The travellers at Woolbridge are self-contained and are not a problem. It is a small site.
 - ii) The travellers at the Moreton plantation; the Forestry Commission is seeking a court eviction early in the New Year.
- b) Crime. For the year to date there have been 82 less reported crimes for the Wareham West area compared to the same period last year. There has been an increase to burglaries from outbuildings, a recent one occurred in Hethfelton.
There has been an increase in fraud/forgery. A recent scam is forged bank cards.
- c) Thanks were given for the vigilance of East Stoke residents for reporting suspicious vehicles. The Police can now visit the registered keeper of the vehicle if they are given the registration number. The caller reporting the siting of the suspicious vehicle will be given an update.
- d) New service 'Action fraud' you may be referred to this service if you do not need the Police immediately.

13 Recent Heavy Rainfall and Flooding

- a) Mr Burden reported that the properties around Holmebridge have been suffering with drainage problems. Other residents had experienced these problems too. The water does not seem to be getting away. Blockage near Furzebrook as further down near Swanage is dry. The ground is saturated from here to Worgret and the water is not draining away.
Action: the Clerk will inform Brian Richards.
- b) Cllr Quinn advised of flooding at Middlefield cottages. Water came into one property. PDC had delivered sand bags. Cllr Quinn has met with the District Engineer and his line manager. The drain is blocked behind Middlefield Cottages and some properties have built retaining walls which divert the water into other properties.
Action: Brian Richards will be informed of these issues.
- c) The A352 and Church Lane were also flooded.
- d) During this recent heavy rain the tank of Mr Topp's digester flooded and the electrics went out. The company who installed it could not believe how much the water table had risen in just three years. The ditches and dykes along the river are not being dug out.
Action: Cllr Lovell will arrange for the Flooding Engineer to make a site visit.

- e) Flooding occurred opposite the B3070 junction. This is likely to be caused by a blocked drain.

14 River Frome Issues

The ditch on the East Holme side of the B3070 does allow the water to flow under the road and the ditch no longer overflows flooding the lane to East Holme.

15 Footpaths/ Bridleways

No further update has been received.

16 Highways Issues.

- a) 7th November Dorset County Council Highways meeting.
 - i) The dual use footpath will not go ahead as the footpath is too narrow.
 - ii) The extension of the A352 footpath to Binnegar Hall. No date has been set for the site meeting.
 - iii) Highways will ensure that side verging and hedge cutting will be more frequent along the A352.
 - iv) The ditches will be cleared more often.
 - v) Improvements will be made at the A352/B3070 junction although there will be no double white centre lines on the approach to the junction.
- b) Any highways issues to report
None.
- c) Update on previous issues reported
The silt has been cleared due to vehicle movements. Highways need to come to remove their signs.

17 Individual area of responsibilities of Flood Warden, Rights of Way Officer and for the person maintaining the War Memorial Planter

Terms of Reference are required for these officers.

18 Notice boards

S & S joinery have been to look at the notice boards and the one at the old church may require a new top. The notice boards need to be maintained with oil.

19 Parish Land

It was clarified that there was no water source on site. The registration of the land is ongoing. It is hoped that the County Records Office will certify that Cllr Quinn's transcript of the original document is accurate.

20 Local Government Boundary Commission for England Purbeck Further electoral review

See minute 184/10 b).

21 Consultations or items for consideration

- a) Bere Regis' application to designate a neighbourhood plan area and carry out a neighbourhood plan.
The Parish Council had no comments to make regarding the area for the neighbourhood plan.

22 Jubilee Tree Planting

The planting of a silver birch tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee took place on Saturday 1st December 2012 at 11.30am at the Parish Land.
Cllr Barnes will arrange for the mounting of the plaque.

23 Correspondence Received

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

- a) Dates of the Christmas Refuse and Recycling dates – poster on notice boards.
- b) Purbeck Local Plan Part 1: Planning Purbeck's Future adopted by PDC 13th November.
- c) Durlston Castle was voted the Best Heritage Project in this year's National Lottery Awards.
- d) Press release about free childcare for children at the Purbeck Sports Centre on Saturday 8th December.
- e) Press release about the EU's approval for the UK funding of rural broadband.
- f) Temporary Road Closure of East Stoke Level Crossing on Sunday 9th December 2012 between 12:05am and 8:00am.
- g) Temporary closure of the Wool Level Crossing on Saturday 22nd December at 11pm until 8am on Sunday 23rd December 2012.
- h) Local Council Tax Support Regulations came into force 30th November 2012.

24 Finance

- a) The following receipts were noted:

Burial fee for Mr J Bull	£104.00
Fyler and Butler grave maintenance	£201.72

The Clerk reported that every year she has to chase for the money to maintain these graves. A query was raised about why the administration occurs at Wool.

Action: The Clerk will request a copy of the Trust Deed.

- b) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs J Wright (Oct/Nov salary)	£333.11	000371
DAPTC (Budget/Precept seminar)	£20.00	000372

It was **resolved** that the above payment schedule was paid.

- c) Draft Budget 2013/14

Does the Parish Council start putting money in reserves for an election/referendum?

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out the cost of a Parish Council election.

25 PDC Planning Training Courses

- a) 21st January 2013 at 6.30pm to cover planning enforcement and planning appeals
- b) 6th February 2013 at 6.30pm speaking at the planning board

Action: Cllr Quinn will enquire why Parish councils do not receive copies of any additional information about planning applications and therefore they are not aware of this information when considering the application.

26 **Items for Information or the next agenda**

None.

27 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 10th January 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....