

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th July 2017

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Chris Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES Cllr Neil Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 District Cllr Cherry Brooks

IN ATTENDANCE 2 Members of the Public
 County Cllr Wharf
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time

- a) i) Mrs Ham asked why the Neighbourhood Watch/ Home Watch was missing from the Correspondence part of the agenda. The Clerk explained that it was unintentionally omitted from the agenda, but it will be added to next month. The Police are wanting to improve routes of communication within the community as many messages are sent out electronically, but a lot of the more vulnerable people do not have access to the internet. To resolve this problem, it is intended that volunteers could knock on doors to notify people directly within their neighbourhood/hamlet of Police issues that may affect them. Mrs Ham offered to prepare an article for the next newsletter and now has the leaflets for a letter drop.
 - ii) Dorset Alert is tailored so only local information and other relevant issues are forwarded onto the recipient. Cllr Wiltshire reported an incident and this was not publicised on her Dorset Alert notifications, but this problem is currently being investigated.
 - b) i) Mr Whitmarsh distributed leaflets about the Branksome St Aldhelm Parish Camp, which will be held at the Mill Paddock Campsite the weekend of 7-8th July. He said that everyone is welcome to attend the quiz night and ceilidh.
 - ii) Mr Whitmarsh said the Old Churchyard needs to be added to the Agenda as it is very overgrown and is impossible to access due to the vegetation. Other problems include branches that have come down and the noticeboard is not visible due to it being so overgrown.
- Action:** The Clerk to add it to next month's agenda.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved for District Cllr Brooks, Cllr Child and Cllr Quinn. It was noted that no District Councillors were present and it was requested by Cllr Cady that the Clerk needs to write to all three to explain that there needs to be at least one of them representing the District Council at the Parish Council meetings.

- Action:** The Clerk to write to the District Councillors.
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 1st June 2017**
It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st June 2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising.
7. **To receive Councillor Wright's new Register of Members Interest Form.**
The Clerk gave Cllr Wright the form to complete.
8. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**
The Democratic and Electoral Services Manager at Purbeck District Council has notified the Clerk that there has been a nil response to the advert and the Parish Council can now fill the post by co-option. This item will be kept on the agenda for next month's meeting.
9. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
a) 6/2017/0286 - Hill View Farm, Church Lane, BH20 6AW. Conversion of industrial building to 4 x self-contained dwellings and creation of first floor.
i) As Mr Whitmarsh was in attendance Cllr Cady inquired as to what the building is currently used for. At the moment it is used for storage, including various items belonging to the Village Hall Committee but with the new container these things will be transferred. In the past it was used as an industrial building which included a forge but due to the economic climate in 2010 it ceased and his farrier business is now conducted from his van. In 2012 pre planning advice was sought to demolish the building and replace it with two new residential buildings. However, new regulations came into force which meant the Planning Department could not support the development.
ii) There are septic tanks installed and if necessary an old slurry tank can be used.
iii) It was questioned by Cllr Wright if the CIL money from this development could be used for road calming on Church Lane. Concerns were raised that the 4 dwellings would increase the amount of traffic on Church Lane and also HGVs will need to access the site while it is being constructed. As the current building is currently derelict the traffic will increase by 100%. Cllr Cady asked County Cllr Wharf if it would be possible to litigate when the HGVs used the road. County Cllr Wharf said it would be difficult to implement.
iv) The Parish Council has no objections to the application, but would like Highways to review the comments.
b) **Tree Preservation Order TWA/2017/091**, Coach House, BH20 6AL.
No comments or objections.
c) 6/2017/0371 - Luckford Cottage, BH20 6AP. Erect a single storey rear extension.
No comments or objections.
10. **Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information**

received

- a) 6/2017/0256 – Raymond Brown Aggregates, Binnegar Quarry, Puddletown Road, BH20 6AX. Application to vary conditions 4, 6, & 39 attached to Planning Permission number 6/2015/0421 to allow removal of ramp in Area B1. Approved. **Noted.**
- b) **6/2017/0225 – Hethfelton House, BH20 6HS** Change of use from use class C3 (dwelling house) to a mixed-use of use class B1 (office - administrative headquarters), use class C2 (residential institution - training centre) and use class D1 (non-residential institutions - Conservation Education Centre) and construction of new access, driveway and parking area.
 - i) Cllr Wiltshire expressed her concern that the Highways report does not consider the type of vehicles that often frequents this road as it is used by heavy vehicles including tanks and caravans. She said that it would be beneficial if Highways could consult local residents before writing their report. There has been an increase in the traffic flow along the A352 as Sat Navs have been advising motorists to use this route instead of the A35. The Principal Travel Planner at the County Council is aware of this and is currently in discussions with the Ordnance Survey to change this
 - ii) A suggestion has been made that the access point could be via Monkey World but this alternative would not be suitable as the two companies are completely separate entities.
 - iii) On the highways tour to be conducted by County Cllr Wharf the party will stop at the layby to review the traffic flow. Cllr Cady asked how often laybys are converted into access points and he said it was very unusual.
 - iv) Over the past 20 years Cllr Wiltshire has asked on several occasions for the 40mph limit to be extended further up the road. It was also discussed that there also needs to be a 40 limit where the bridleway crosses the road at Binnegar. As at the moment it would be extremely dangerous for horse riders and even pedestrians to cross.

11. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) **County**

- i) The tour of the Parish will take place on Wednesday 19th July and Cllr Wiltshire will be the representative from the Parish Council. Stephen Mephram and Phil Goodland from Dorset Highways will be shown the place near Holmebridge where two cars within three weeks have crashed into a field and have destroyed a fence. They will try to resolve the problem and County Cllr Wharf stated that any solution will need the backing of the Parish Council.
- ii) It has been difficult to engage Monkey World in the discussions about a footpath from their attraction to Wool, however a meeting is now currently being planned. Once the meeting has taken place Cllr Wharf will then go back to the two parishes. Helen Jackson, the Principal Travel Planner has outlined proposals for the Wool Transport Schemes which will use the Purbeck Gate money and this includes the cycle path to Monkey World but Cllr Wharf clarified that the wording should have included footpath.

- iii) The Community Access Improvement Grant is available for improving local path networks. Requests for this fund needs to be submitted as soon as possible. It was discussed if funding could be made available to extend the path that runs from the opposite of the Binnegar Hall entrance to continue to the B3070 junction. It was agreed to add this item to next month's agenda and for the Clerk to write to Tara Hansford, the Countryside Project Development Officer.

Action: The Clerk to email Tara Hansford explaining that it will be discussed at the next meeting when more of the Councillors will be in attendance.

- iv) Purbeck District Council along with two other districts voted against forming a unitary with the rest of Dorset. There has been an invitation for PDC to have representatives on a new Shadow Board. Cllr Wharf is reasonably confident that the District Council will vote in favour of joining the board so that they can be part of the decision making process. If the Unitary Authority is formed then it is foreseen that more of the work will be delegated down to the Parish/Town Council level. Due to the amount of expertise needed some Parish Councils might have to work together to combine the work. The actual decision on the Local Government Review has been delayed and the outcome might not be known until the autumn.
- v) There is still a problem with the parked cars on the Wool side of Woolbridge and is currently being investigated. Cllr Cady suggested that the grassed area should be gated off and to have picnic benches concreted in. To finance the project they could apply to the East Stoke and Wool Community Chest. However, it was noted that a place locally is necessary for HGVs to park where the drivers can rest.

b) District

No report.

12. Police Issues to report or update on issues reported.

- a) Cllr Wiltshire said that there was an assault on a man in Sandford. The offender got out of a blue Ford Focus and attempted to gain access to a car which was parked in the victim's driveway. The victim confronted the offender and was struck on the head with a drill. The Police are asking for any witnesses to come forward.

- b) A new Police Constable has joined the local team and his name is PC Paul Diffey

13. River Frome Issues

No updates were given.

14. Village Hall and Parish Land Update

The Village Hall Committee will be holding a Dog Show on the 21st July. The Clerk will ask Mrs Quinn for posters so that they can be advertised both electronically and on the noticeboards. The damaged tree is almost certainly on the Pub land. Once the boundary has been clearly identified the Clerk will collate quotes to fence off the Parish Land.

15. Longhorns Campsite

Cllr Wiltshire attended the Open Day at Longhorns Campsite and was impressed by both the facilities and the owners. Along with the campsite they breed alpacas and the wool is processed locally in Wimborne.

16. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported.

The hedges at the Holme Nursery junction overhang the road and need to be cut back. The speed limit along the A352 needs to be looked at.

b) Footpath to Monkey World

This item was discussed Minute No 244/11/a/ii

c) Damage to bridge in Church Lane

The Clerk reported the bridge nearest to the railway line and Highways have placed a traffic cone there. However, Cllr Cady has noticed the two other bridges are also damaged and all three will be reported online.

d) Other Issues

No other issues were reported.

17. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

a) Landowner Deposit. This is relating to land owned by the Charborough Estate. **Noted.**

b) Theft from motor vehicle. A large amount of tools were stolen from a van parked in the Middlefield area sometime between Monday 5th June from 5 pm and Tuesday 6th June 2017 8.30 am. **Noted.**

c) Funding opportunity improving local path networks. Ideas for projects funded by the Community Access Improvement Grant should be submitted to Tara Hansford, Countryside Project Development Officer.

The grass footpath going to the pub is overgrown and it was questioned if this money could be used to make a more permanent path. As there were not many Parish Councillors present it was felt that it should be discussed again at the next meeting.

18. Correspondence Received

a) Proposed closure of Rushton Level Crossing, East Stoke. To take place overnight, from 23.30hrs on Saturday 15 July until 08.30hrs on Sunday 16 July 2017, a period of 9 hours. **Noted.**

b) Landscape Partnership Development Officer post. Job advert for the Cranborne Chase AONB. **Noted.**

c) Deadlines For Two Live Policy Consultations - Request To Respond & Circulate Briefings & Links To Member Councils. The deadlines for Park Run is 28th June and Future of Localism is 5th June. **Noted.**

d) Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group – Invitation to attend an Open Evening at Magnox Winfrith on Wednesday 12 July 2017. **Noted.**

e) GRANTfinder 4 Local Government Newsflash: The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation Publishes New Guidelines for 2017. **Noted.**

f) TEN notice for a wedding at Hethfelton House on 24th June 2017. **Noted.**

g) Purbeck Food Waste campaign. Stickers will be attached to householder's bins as a reminder to use the correct bin when disposing of food waste. **Noted.**

h) Dorset's new public and school transport contracts awarded. The Purbeck School bus service will be run by Go South Coast (Damory). **Noted.**

- i) Temporary 30mph speed limit - Bovington Lane, Bovington (for Tankfest event). To commence from 24th June for four days. **Noted.**
- j) Cancellation of bus services 104/105. The 104 (Lulworth circular) and 105 (Wool-Bovi-Wareham) will cease on the 24th July. **Noted.**
- k) Purbeck District Council – Local Community Forums. The meetings have had to be postponed. **Noted.**
- l) TEN notice for a wedding at Holme Nursery on 8th July 2017. **Noted.**
- m) Updated Legal Note on Planning and Building Control Enforcement. Details of which can be found on the NALC website. **Noted.**
- n) TEN notice for a wedding at Hethfelton House on 15th July 2017. **Noted.**
- o) Travel and transport news: New roundabout, new bridge, new bus contracts. Details include plans for the new Wareham Railway Footbridge. **Noted.**

19. Finance

| a) Payments | Amount | Cheque No |
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| Miss E Maidment June Salary | £204.14 | 000671 |
| Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions June | £59.40 | 000672 |
| FBA Conference Room Hire | £144.00 | 000673 |
| Re-imburse E Maidment for stamps | £6.72 | 000674 |

It was **resolved** that the above payment schedule was paid.
The amount stated on the agenda for the Dorset County Pension Fund should have been £59.40 instead of £59.10.

b) Audit Outstanding Review Points

The BDO LLP questioned why the Parish Council had a large amount of "Reserves" the Parish Clerk wrote back explaining that £10,000 has been ringfenced for the Village Hall Project. Once the reply was received the Auditors closed the query.

20. Items for Information or next agenda

The Clerk is unable to open the Holmebridge noticeboard. Mr Haskell will look at the lock and also the one at Middlefield.

21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd August 2017 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:39hrs.

Chairman:Date.....