

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES Cllr Julie Wright
 Cllr Brown (District Councillor)
 Cllr Miller (District Councillor)
 PCSO Morton

IN ATTENDANCE 7 Members of the Public
 County Cllr Lovell
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mr Willgress has observed an HGV being parked for ten hours on a Sunday at Woolbridge. He asked what were the legal implications of such a lorry parking at Holmebridge. Cllr Quinn said that they would not be allowed to park in the layby near Holmebridge House B&B but it would be permissible to park on the bridge as long as the lights are on at night as it all depends on whether they park on an unregistered road. It was agreed to seek guidance from Highways.
Action: The Clerk to contact Highways for clarification on parking and notify them of the HGV at Woolbridge. Email to be cc to the Wool Parish Clerk.
- b) Mrs Lobb, the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, told the meeting that she had tried to obtain a quote from a solicitor regarding legal advice on using the Parish Land for the Village Hall. However, she was unable to get a price until information requested from the Solicitor was obtained. The Solicitor she approached was John Bulpit who specialises in Land Law at Scott Walby LLP and he will work in conjunction with a Barrister. Mrs Lobb asked the Parish Council if they can provide a copy of the deeds, copy of the title, correspondence from when it was registered as a Village Green and a copy of a plan of the area. Cllr Quinn will try to locate all the documents for the Committee meeting which will be held on 9th December. It might be possible to build without exceeding the 250 square metre limit, therefore it will not need to be deregistered. Cllr Cady asked if other Solicitors can act for the Parish, especially as there are some who live locally.
- c) Mr Willgress asked if the Parish Council is going to be represented at the proposed de-registration of land hearing to be held in February both Cllr Brooks and Cllr Quinn confirmed that they will be attending.

The Mineral Plan will be going to planning at County next week. If the Binnegar site is granted they will not be able to do anything until the de-registration has been agreed. Cllr Quinn said that he feels that the preferred option would be to do the excavating under Section 38 and leave the agricultural part out of it.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Wright

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 5th November 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th November 2015 were approved as a true account with a correction to 1n which should have stated counsel instead of council. An amendment sheet has been added to 8b. The minutes were duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

Proposed Deregistration of Land on Ford Heath, Application Ref No COM 617
The Inspector has decided that due to the amount of amendments regarding Binnegar Quarry a hearing will take place on Thursday 11 February 2016 at the Dorset Golf and Country Club.

This item was discussed Minute number 223/1/c

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

a) Mineral Development Plan. Hethfelton Wood

Cllr Wiltshire explained that Trevor Badley from the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy at County and Mr Brown from Hanson attended September's Parish Council meeting. It is unlikely that the whole area would be approved due to the response from Natural England. Cllr Wiltshire telephoned Mr Badley for an update on the 5th November and he confirmed that there has been no request yet to change the size of the area. Cllr Brooks said that she has been tasked by Richard Drax MP to facilitate a meeting with the Forestry Commission unfortunately there has not been a response from the email addresses so different addresses have now been obtained. Cllr Brooks spoke to Mr Badley on 3rd December and he explained that Natural England have objected to the scale. There will be a meeting between him, Natural England and Hansons to work out a compromise. Mr Badley said that he will endeavour to keep the Parish Council informed.

9. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- i) The County Youth Centres are currently up for discussions as it is not statutory that they have to provide this service. Savings have to be made as the 2018 budget will be decreased by 47/48 million.
 - ii) The grant form will need to be submitted by the end of the year. The amount will be £500 but this may increase. Cllr Quinn asked if the money could go towards the Village Hall legal expenses.
Action: Cllr Quinn to complete form.
 - iii) County Cllr Lovell has concerns about the Binnegar Quarry plan as he feels that the new scheme will make the southern side of the A352 even more prone to flooding.
 - iv) Cllr Quinn asked where the travellers that were in Hethfelton Woods have gone. County Cllr Lovell confirmed that he did not know.
- b) District Cllr Brooks**
- i) The Environmental Health and the Licensing Officer have had a meeting with Michelle King from Deluxe Holiday Homes. She apologised and said that she would be more careful about who she lets the property out to. They spoke about the breach of planning as she is the registered lease holder and the officers are quite satisfied. The planning department is still investigating the subdivided houses and it might result in not being able to let out these specific buildings. There is an enforcement on the caravan. The main house is for sale, but there is nothing to stop them selling it off separately. Report slips will be sent out from District. An update will be sent out to the residents who complained.
Action: The Clerk to provide Cllr Brooks with contact details and Cllr Brooks to write an update.
 - ii) There will be overnight road closures due to maintenance work carried out by Network Rail. The details have been included in the "Correspondence Received".
 - iii) Cllr Quinn said that PDC has voted for the Combined Authority, which is a delivery arm for economic development.
 - iv) The Eastern Councils have announced that they want to be a Unitary Council, which will consist of the 4 Councils which are Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and East Dorset. There are currently three options for Dorset: - a unitary authority for both East and West Dorset, a single unitary for the whole county or to stay with the status quo. The leaders of all the councils met on 30th November and were told that the decision must be taken between themselves rather than at Government level. Therefore, they are waiting for the business cases before a decision is made. It maybe likely that a boundary review on the wards may have to take place. The ideal size for a unitary council is to have a population between 400,000 and 600,000. The western area would be too small as it has 280,000 but one for the whole of Dorset would be too large.

- v) Dorset Green at Winfrith has been awarded an Enterprise Zone status. The aim is to turn the site into an engineering/science park. Additional capacity will be added as more offices and conference facilities will be built. Two large companies that are already based there, are looking at expanding their operations on the site. The transport infrastructure will need improving and there will be a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss options. It has been noted that the Wool Crossing would not be able to cope with an increased amount of traffic and a bypass would not be an option due to the wetlands. Cllr Wiltshire asked what the incentive would be for companies to re-locate. Cllr Brooks confirmed that businesses will get five years rate free.

10. Police Update

Cllr Quinn reported that there has been poachers in a field near Binnegar Lane. There has also been reports around Dorset of attempted kidnapping of children and dogs have been taken from front gardens.

11. River Frome Issues

Mr Burdon has read in the local media that the quality of the water in Poole Harbour is not up to standard. Environmental bodies, including the WWF are taking DEFRA and the Environment Agency to court. The River Frome is the main river feeding into it and due to agricultural practices it has become polluted. Mr Burdon said that it was made an SSSI due to it being a good quality, but it must have gone downhill. He thinks the problem has arisen from the Environment Agency encouraging flood water to go across fields. This has resulted in nitrates that have been put onto the crops, filtering into the river. The issue was raised by Will Bond when he was delivering his presentation on the solar farm. Even if farmers stop using nitrates straightaway it will take 25 years for the benefit to seep through.

12. Topple Testing

Cllr Quinn and Cllr Child will make an assessment and will right them if need be.

13. Community Emergency Planning

Cllr Quinn attended the Local Resilience Forum Conference. The aim of it was to encourage parishes to develop their own local plan. Cllr Child confirmed that it would be a good idea to maintain a list of residents who would be able to help in an emergency for example if they have chainsaws or 4x4s. A list of vulnerable people should also be kept but Cllr Brooks questioned the problem of data protection and what if people do not want to be on the database. A good neighbour scheme could be run to check on people. Cllr Quinn said he will fill out the form and that the Parish could ask Donna George from the DCC Emergency Planning Team to give a briefing at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Action: Cllr Quinn to complete form.

14. Funding for legal advice on building the Village Hall on Parish Land

This item was discussed Minute number 223/1/b

It was also noted that there is also money ring-fenced within the Parish Council budget for the Village Hall.

15. Purchases to be considered to be financed by the divisional grant

This item was discussed Minute number 223/9/a/ii

16. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

i) Cllr Quinn asked if the potholes going westbound at Hethfelton have been reported. It was confirmed that it had not and Cllr Quinn said that he will investigate.

ii) The verge that was damaged earlier in the year in Church Lane near the bridge needs a more substantial repair as it has now become quite deep.

Action: The Clerk to report

b) Ironman Weymouth 2016

Cllr Wiltshire explained the focus should be on the specific problems of access within the Parish. Cllr Brooks attended the de-brief meeting and said that everyone was enthusiastic about the event, but for next year they should move it more away from Weymouth. It was noted that participants travelled alone and were not accompanied by their families, also they did not use accommodation or restaurants. Therefore, economically it was not successful for the area. Cllr Wiltshire confirmed that there will be more entrants for next year as it is being advertised as a points championship. The company responsible for marshalling has said that they do not have a supply of local people so they have to recruit from around the country.

c) Other Issues

No other issues were reported.

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

a) Volunteers of the Year – Recognition Ceremony 1st March 2016.

Nominations for this award need to be submitted by 4th January.

Cllr Child proposed that Cllr Cady should be nominated for her work as Chair of the Parish Council and East Stoke and Wool Community Chest. As well as a trustee for the Hawkins Trust and a holding trustee for the Village Hall Committee.

Action: Cllr Child to complete form.

b) Working Together Report - Town and Parish Councils Agenda Item. The report contains recommendations on changing the way Dorset County Council and Parish & Town Councils work together.

There is meant to be another workshop and the aim is to improve the relationship between Parish Councils and County. The deadline for comments was 30th November.

18. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Citizens Advice Annual Review – Purbeck 2015. **Noted.**
- b) DAPTC Annual Report for 2014/2015. **Noted.**
- c) Results of biggest ever survey on bike life in the UK. **Noted.**
- d) You're invited to Litter Free Dorset Workshop (23 Nov 2015). This event is run by the Dorset Coast Forum. **Noted.**
- e) NALC Procurement Toolkit. It gives details on the different stages of procurement and how to evaluate tenders received. **Noted.**
- f) Dept for Transport SW Rail Franchise Stakeholder Consultation. The consultation period will run until 9th February 2016. **Noted.**
- g) Safer Dorset Fund Community Grant Round 6 – Closes 28th December. Grants between £50-£3,000 are available for community based projects which address at least one of the Police and Crime Plan Priorities, and contributes to community safety in Dorset. **Noted.**
- h) Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative Newsletter 2015.
Cllr Cady asked for this to be forwarded to the Flood Wardens.
Action: The Clerk to forward email.
- i) Updated planning training timetable. The session on the 25th February has now been cancelled.
Cllr Cady questioned the timings of the training. Cllr Quinn said they didn't consider evening trainings and it was suggested that two training sessions should be conducted.
- j) Publicly Owned Land Availability for Development. **Noted.**
- k) Temporary road closure - A352 at Wool Level Crossing. Overnight work will be carried out on 12th and 13th December. **Noted.**
- l) Privately Owned Land Availability for Development. Letter from Symonds & Sampson LLP, Agent for Mr & Mrs Barnes. **Noted.**
- m) December Partial Review Advisory Group meeting. This was scheduled for the 9th December but has been postponed until 29th January. **Noted.**
- n) Food hygiene rating scheme reaches milestone. The scheme has now been running for five years. **Noted.**
- o) Binnegar Hall letter from Ken Parke Planning Consultants.
The company has put in an application, but it has not been validated yet. The plan is to convert the existing buildings into 23 units. They are also looking at building up to 200 houses, but they would have to overcome problems with drainage and infrastructure.
- p) Training Reminders - Renewable energy / Dealing with planning constraints. Tuesday, 8 December 2015 2:30pm – 4:45pm (registration from 2:15pm).

19. Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted:

Monument for William Frank King	£116.00	
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- b) Payments

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment November Salary	£211.76	000488
Re-imburse Cllr Quinn for printing newsletters		

£25.50

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20. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Brooks has noticed that at the entrance to the River Labs that the very last white stone on the right is protruding.
Action: The Clerk to report it.
- b) Cllr Quinn asked if the spare gate to the Parish Land could be sold as he knows someone who would be interested. It was decided to find out the value of it and then make a decision.

19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55hrs.

Chairman:Date.....