

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Christine Evans Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Julie Wright
APOLOGIES	Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor) Cllr Quinn Cllr Brown (District Councillor) County Cllr Lovell PC Jepchott
IN ATTENDANCE	3 Members of the Public County Cllr Lovell Cllr Miller (District Councillor) Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time.**

- a) Mr Willgress felt that Point 3.2 of the Design and Access Statement for the Binnegar Hall application was derogatory towards East Stoke as it stated that it is 1.1 miles from East Stoke. It was suggested that they used the postal address rather than the Parish boundaries when they stated the location.
- b) Mrs Topp said that a lorry got stuck in Church Lane due to the poor condition of the verges and she suggested that there should be single file traffic signs and passing spaces. Cllr Quinn has raised the concern to Highways of covering up the patch that is along there. It was agreed that the whole road will need to be looked at and potentially have a site visit.  
**Action:** The Clerk to notify Highways of the need for signage and passing places and County Cllr Lovell will advise County that all the verges along Church Road needs to be dealt with.
- c) Mr Willgress asked what the cause was for the road traffic accident that resulted in an HGV overturning. Cllr Cady said the initial information at the scene was that the driver had the sun in his eyes and was driving too fast which made him hit the curb and turned the lorry over. There has been no information received yet from the formal investigation. Cllr Child has witnessed HGVs travelling at speed including one on from Balfour on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Mr Willgress commented that they should not be exceeding 40mph. There are also motorbikes who drive in excess of the speed limit and it was suggested that the police do not use their mobile speed cameras on motorbikes as they might cause an accident by braking suddenly.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to the Police about speeding HGVs and motorbikes. Also, to Halfour informing them that one of their vehicles was speeding.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Brooks and Cllr Quinn.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made. The Grant for Dispensation form for the budget and setting of the precept were duly signed by Cllr Cady, Cllr Evans, Cllr Wiltshire, Cllr Quinn, and Cllr Wright & Cllr Child. The expiry date is May 2019

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Child had a Declaration of Interest regarding the letter from the Purbeck Film Festival asking for a donation.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved as a true account and the minutes were duly signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**9. Reports from County and District Councillors**

**This item was brought forward as Cllr Miller had to leave early.**

**a) County Cllr Lovell**

There are several options concerning Unitaries and the decision will be based on what will be best for the people of Dorset. They will come up with two options and this will then go to a public consultation. Nothing will happen until 2019 as a business case will not be submitted until 2017. The County Council Tax for this year will be 3.99% this includes 2% for adult social care. Within the County Council 75% of the budget comes from the Council Tax and this ratio is one of the highest in the Country. The money from the Revenue Support Grant pays for services like senior citizens bus passes, but this grant from the Government is gradually being phased out.

**b) District Cllr Miller**

**i)** The preferred options for the Partial Review will now be discussed on the 19<sup>th</sup> April at the Purbeck School as the 21<sup>st</sup> March meeting had to be rescheduled.

**ii)** David Fairburn is hoping to attend all Parish Councils to give training on the Code of Conduct. It was agreed that a training could be held before one of the Council meetings at 18:30. It was observed that trainings often take place during the day or very early in the evening and that means it is difficult for Councillors who work to attend. The planning trainings have chosen to alternate the times between the day and evening and this has worked well.

**7 Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

- a) **6/2015/0541 Binnegar Hall.** Alterations, extensions and changes of use of existing buildings to Class C3 residential use - 23 dwellings - 9 houses and 14 flats/maisonettes.
  - i) The paperwork received by the Parish Clerk did not include the Design and Access Statement and any of the supplementary information including details from Wessex Water. Therefore, it was felt that it was difficult to comment on some items.
  - ii) Concerns were raised regarding the access to the site. The visibility at the main entrance (Western) is very poor due to it being situated on the brow of a hill. It would be preferable if the Eastern entrance was widened enough for two vehicles to safely pass in order for it to become the main access point.
  - iii) It would be necessary to have an adequate sewage system in place for the 23 dwellings as at the moment it is not connected to the existing public foul sewage network.
  - iv) Apart from the above issues the Parish Council approves of this application
- b) **6/2016/0095 Manor Lane (Manor Cottage),** Replacement of rear conservatory with timber framed single storey extension.  
**No comments and no objections.**
- c) **6/2016/0096 Manor Lane (Manor Cottage),** Replacement of rear conservatory with timber framed single storey extension.  
**No comments and no objections.**
- d) **Tree Preservation Order Kemps Hotel**  
**No comments and no objections.**

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

- a) **6/2015/0759, Birchwood.** Erect detached wooden workshop in garden. Approved.
- b) **COM 617 Ford Heath - Hearing Adjournment**

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

- a) A body was found on Bindon Lane and their car was abandoned in East Stoke
- b) There has been lots of burglary in the area and this has been publicised on Dorset Alert.

**11. River Frome Issues**

No report

**12. Churchyard Maintenance**

In the contract it states that the beech hedge must be maintained to a maximum of 6ft. However, at the moment it is a lot higher. Wessex Grounds Maintenance has been contacted but have said that if the Parish Council want it at this specific height, then they will charge an additional £77 as they have reported it was 8ft when they started the tender. It was agreed that the hedge cannot be cut until the autumn due to the nesting season and if necessary the amount they quoted should be deducted from their final invoice of this tender.

**13. Tender for grass cutting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (2 year**

**Tender)**

Tenders were received from Rolls Landscaping Ltd, Strowbridge Lawn & Drive Care, Wessex Grounds Services, T. Lee Landscaping, Anthony King Building and Property Maintenance, Green and Browns Garden and Countryside Maintenance and Wolfestone Property and Land Maintenance. It was unanimously agreed by all that the contract should be awarded to Strowbridge Lawn and Drive Care who would charge £1595 each year.

**Action:** The Clerk to forward the contract to be signed by Mr Strowbridge and a letter to be written to the unsuccessful tenders.

**14. Spring Newsletter and delivery of Easter Eggs**

The newsletter and Easter eggs will be delivered over the Easter holidays.

**15. Grant of Dispensation Forms**

These were duly signed during Item 3

**16. Highways Issues****a) Update on issues reported**

The water seeping through the BT manhole cover is still ongoing.

There will be a combined effort with both BT and Highways to resolve the problem. Cllr Cady had a site meeting with BT on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February when it was discovered that the source of the water is about 3 meters West of the manhole cover. There are two pipes going into the stream, but only one is flowing and there is nothing coming out of the blocked one. It appears that the pipes go under the road. Slightly further up the road there has also been a BT cover that has dropped. It has been reported and it is classed as a priority.

**b) A352 accident on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

This item was discussed Minute number 226/1/C

**c) Monkey World traffic during half term.**

Monkey World ran a promotion during half term that offered a £1 entry fee to children who donate “presents” to the monkeys. The event was extremely successful, however, it resulted in vehicles being stuck in traffic jams for up to 40 minutes in all directions. It was asked if Monkey World operates a traffic management plan to cope with the influx of visitors during special events.

**Action:** The Clerk to email Monkey World and Highways to ask for information on their traffic management plan.

**d) Other Issues**

No other issues to report.

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

- a) Claim notification form of incident at the Middlefield Playing Field  
The incident took place in 2014 when a boy was injured by a spike in the ground. Synergy were notified and they repaired it. There is a lease dating back to 1975 stating that the Parish Council owns the field, but the Parish Council paid £300 to surrender it back to Purbeck District Council in 2003. The insurers have been informed and documentation has been provided.

## 18. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Purbeck Film Festival. Letter requesting a donation.  
This will be added to next month's Agenda.
- b) Training schedule for 2016 - courses available to book now. These courses are run by DAPTC. **Noted.**
- c) Winter 2015/16 DAPTC magazine is ready to view. **Noted.**
- d) Your Bus Matters events in Dorset this week - consultation regarding proposed bus cuts in Dorset. The consultation ended on 8<sup>th</sup> February. **Noted.**
- e) Partial Review Advisory Group - January 2016 Briefing Note. This will be available online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeck-partial-review](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeck-partial-review). **Noted.**
- f) News release: Multi-award winning information centre scoops tourism prize. The Discover Purbeck Information Centre, has won the Tourist Information Service of the Year category at the recent South West Tourism Excellence Awards. **Noted.**
- g) HM Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations. A letter from the NALC Chairman regarding the celebrations on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. **Noted.**
- h) DCA E-Bulletin 4 February 2016 - Best Village Competition open for applications. Dorset Best Village Competition 2016 launched for 30th year. **Noted.**
- i) PRAG Town and Parish Council Workshop 21st April 2016. The Partial Review Advisory Group (PRAG) Workshop will have two sessions, one in the afternoon between 3.00pm & 5.00pm, and one evening session between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. **Noted.**
- j) Dorset Early Help/POPP – How Can We Help YOU? - Locality Profiling Event Invitation. The event will be on the 23rd March 9.30AM – 12.30PM Dorset Early Help/Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) is holding the event at Morden Village Hall. **Noted.**
- k) Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service - South West Region Estates Consultation. Document outlining the results of the consultation. **Noted.**
- l) Dorset Highways Top 12 Performance. Document for quarter 3 of the 2015/16 financial year. **Noted.**
- m) Trading standards warn of Blue-Badge copycat websites. **Noted.**
- n) Burial places of the Creech Barrow seven. **Noted.**
- o) CQC inspection of South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, June 2016. The Care and Quality Commission are asking for patient and service user feedback. **Noted.**

## 19. Finance

### a) The following receipt was noted:

Divisional Fund – awarded to the Village Hall Committee

£1000.00

b) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment February Salary	£211.76	000493
Miss E Maidment 6 hours overtime payment	£55.24	000494
Re-imburse E Maidment for Stamps	£7.74	000495
Cheque for the Village Hall Committee	£1000.00	000496

There was a unanimous vote that the Parish Council should donate the £1000 to the Village Hall Committee. The £500+VAT should be paid by using the Parish Council's ring fenced money that has been allocated to the Village Hall.

**Action:** The Invoice will be added to next month's Agenda.

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

**c)** Parish Clerk pension scheme – to formally resolve to join LGPS

The Parish Clerk has notified the local LGPS and is waiting for a reply.

**20. Items for Information or next agenda**

No additional items to add.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.04hrs.

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