



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Cherry Brooks (co-opted)

APOLOGIES None

IN ATTENDANCE 3 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Cllr Cady stated that last month was Tib Axon's last meeting and formally thanked her for all her hard work as a Parish Councillor.
One application to become a Parish Councillor was received from Mrs Julie Wright. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Evans that Mrs Wright was co-opted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy.

2. Public Participation Time.

No one made any representations

3. Apologies

None.

4. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th December 2014 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Quinn will report the damage to the culvert at Holmebridge on dorsetforyou. Mr Burdon informed the meeting that the grass at Holmebridge has been destroyed due to Network Rail diggers parking there. Cllr Quinn will liaise with County Cllr Lovell and Network Rail to rectify this issue.
- b) Cllr Cady thanked the Councillors for helping to deliver the Hawkins Trust Christmas gifts.
- c) There has been no further update regarding the police incident at

Middlefield.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

a) Proposed deregistration of land on Ford Application ref number COM 617

Cllr Quinn has discussed this application with both County and SITA however the issue of farmland has not been fully comprehended by both parties as they are still in favour of turning it to meadow/scrub which will eventually revert into heathland. The tenant farmer will only be allowed to take an annual hay cut and other agricultural work on the land will be prohibited. Cllr Quinn expressed that if it is turned into Common Land then there would be no legal powers to stop people walking over the land and it being used by motorbikes. The deadline for submitting comments has been extended to 12th January. Cllr Quinn will contact the residents who responded to the application.

Action: The Clerk to submit the Parish Council's comments

b) TEL/2014/0051 – Stokeford Farm, Extension of 17.5m (including antenna set) to 20m existing lattice mast; installation of 2 new 300mm dish antennas; removal of 1 existing equipment unit; plus ancillary work.

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

9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

a) 6/2014/06836 Holme Sand & Ballast LLP - Section 73 Planning Application for non-compliance with conditions 1, 2 & 12 of planning permission ref: 6/2007/0892 dated 12th August 2011 and the variation of these conditions to extend the end date of the landfill to allow the works to be completed, adoption of the revised scheme of phasing and to delay the submission of an after-care scheme. – Decision Approved No Objection to County Matter The status of this application was originally listed as “Decision Approved” on the dorsetforyou portal but no decisions have been made. There was a “typo” error on the Agenda with an additional six added to the application reference it should have been stated as 6/2014/0683.

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

b) EA2/2014/0001 - Proposed Extension to Binnegar Quarry (Area B2), Puddletown Road, Binnegar, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AX by Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd. Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 Request for Screening and Scoping Opinion. **Approved**

c) 6/2014/0459 - West Holme Farm (Holme Nurseries), Rationalisation of existing garden centre, including replacement buildings and revised car parking - revision to the scheme approved under 6/2011/0231.

Approved

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

This item was deferred to the next month because County Cllr Lovell was delayed due to attending another meeting.

b) Cllr Quinn

- i) There has been no further developments concerning the caravan on the Puddletown Road. A car is now parked there which would be suitable to tow the caravan and it is hoped that it will be moved in the near future.
- ii) New housing regulations have come into force which no longer stipulates that district councils require developers to contribute towards affordable housing where the development is of ten houses or less. The issue will be discussed on a broadcast by the local BBC news on 13th January with Gary Suttle being interviewed in Swanage.
- iii) There have been no reports of motorbikes on SITA land. The new gate has been installed, but it has not been secured. The other gate has been re-wired and a barbed wire fence has been erected.
- iv) The Navitus Bay application is still ongoing.
- v) It would be extremely useful for a representative from the Parish Council to attend the forthcoming Partial Review briefings.
- vi) A bid has been submitted for £755K to assist with economic development throughout Dorset. There are, however concerns that there might be a risk of such a venture turning into a type of unitary authority. Most of the allocation would be used outside Purbeck but projects within the District include Dorset Green and a bid to improve the power supply in Holton Heath. The alliance's aim is to support both local authorities and the Enterprise Partnership. Which is a group that comprises both local businesses and services.
- vii) There has been discussions on updating the Council's strategy on contaminated land as the last report was written approximately 15 years ago. It is likely that in the foreseeable future that there will be a published register listing contaminated land.

11. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported

- i) There have been incidents of poaching over the Christmas period in a field near Holmebridge. Cllr Brooks (Co-opted) commented that there was also an incident at Highwood, which resulted in a fence belonging to the Army being damaged.
- ii) Mobile Speed cameras have been in operation in the area, including near the Worgret roundabout.

12. East Stoke and Wool Community Chest

There have been no further updates. It was observed by Cllr Wiltshire that the solar farm is more visible this time of year.

13. New noticeboard for Holmebridge

Due to County Cllr Lovell being absent it was agreed that this item should be postponed until next month.

14. River Frome Issues

Correspondence has taken place between County Cllr Lovell and Gary Cleaver to arrange a site meeting. Mr Burdon has noted that the river base has gone up by 18 inches, but the Environment Agency is of the opinion that this amount will not affect anybody.

15 Railway Crossing Issues

Mr Burdon said that he estimates that the barriers are down 50% of the time. Cllr Quinn stated that the crossing will improve.

16 Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

Cllr Quinn has reported the surface water located at the “S” bend on the dorsetforyou portal.

b) Other Issues

On Church Lane to the South of the River the edge of the road has deterioration which has caused a long hole.

Action: Clerk to report on dorsetforyou portal

c) Other Highway Issues

There will be a temporary repair outside the Stokeford Cottages and the whole road will be re-surfaced next year.

17 Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

a) Affordable Housing announcement – No Comments

b) Dorset Highways: Satisfaction Survey Results – No Comments

c) Partial Review Issues and Options – No Comments

18 Correspondence Received

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

a) Flood Risk Management team questionnaire

Mr Burdon received the letter, but he said due to the flood risk area within the Parish being of such a wide area, it would be difficult to implement the Environment Agency’s plans as the population is so dispersed. However, he felt that the local community rather than the EA are more aware of the vulnerable people that would need help in the event of flooding. Cllr Cady asked that a response should be sent back highlighting these issues.

b) Binnegar Imports to help form bund to stop water escaping from Quarry. **Noted.**

c) Safer Dorset Funding – application deadline 12th January 2015. **Noted.**

d) Dorset Flood Warden Reporting Tool. Before the tool is launched fully there will be some trial sessions in Dorchester where flood wardens can practice using the system and provide us with feedback.

Richard Drax MP has been informed by both Mr Burdon and County Cllr Lovell of the flooding problems, but a response containing answers to these specific questions has not been forthcoming. Cllr Cady suggested that a letter on behalf of the Parish Council should be sent to Richard Drax MP.

Action: The Clerk to send email to Richard Drax MP

e) Telecom from Rachel Palmer of Trees For Dorset

A telephone call was received by the Parish Clerk from Rachel Palmer, who asked for an update on the tree planting. She expressed that Trees for Dorset would have been happy to be consulted for advice. Cllr Cady asked if Simon Goldsack could be contacted to find out how often the Yew Tree should be watered.

Action: The Clerk to send a thank you card to Simon Goldsack and to ask for advice on watering the tree.

19 Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted:

Additional inscription on memorial (John Kingman)	£11.00
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- | b) Payments | Amount | Cheque No |
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| Miss E Maidment Dec 14 Salary | £162.16 | 000446 |
| Miss E Maidment reimbursement of purchasing the Olympus WS audio equipment | £86.39 | 000447 |

Action: The Clerk to add the audio device to the Fixed Asset Register

- c) Third quarter Budget Report

A full budget up to the 31st December could not be given as the data is not available yet on the bank statements. The item would therefore be discussed at the next meeting.

- d) Donation request from Citizen's Advice Bureau

The request was noted and will be considered at the March meeting.

- e) Draft Budget 2015/16 and set the Precept for 2015/16

It was agreed to add an additional £5,000 to the Village Hall thus making the total ring-fenced amount for the Village Hall to £15,000. Cllr Quinn suggested that the wall around the Church might need to be capped.

It was proposed by Cllr Quinn and seconded by Cllr Cady that the precept for 2015/16 would be £8,500.00. This was unanimously approved and **resolved**.

Action: The Clerk to obtain quotes from builders for Church wall.

20 Items for Information or next agenda

Cllr Quinn said that no quotes for advertising the Parish Land public consultation have been gathered yet.

21 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35

Chairman:Date.....