

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2015

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Cherry Brooks
 Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES County Cllr Mike Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE PCSO Ollie Wales
 6 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mr Smale from Friends of Wool Station explained that their organisation are investigating on how feasible it would be to build a footpath up to Monkey World. The intention is to apply to the East Stoke and Wool Community Chest for funding to finance a feasibility study to be conducted by a consultant and a questionnaire for locals, employees of Monkey World and tourists. The survey will ask the question "If there is a footpath, would you use it". Mr Smale realises there may be a duplication of effort due to the involvement of the Parish Council but Friends of Wool Station would like confirmation that it would be worthwhile for them to apply to the fund. Cllr Cady stated that if the research goes ahead then the Parish Council would support it.

Cllr Cady informed Mr Smale that it is an ongoing issue and the Parish Council are currently deciding how viable it is. Cllr Quinn confirmed that it is on the District Council's list, but it is low down due to higher priorities, even though there are health and safety reasons why it should be constructed. There has been a site meeting with Steve Howards and it was agreed that it is possible, however it must be done on a self-help basis. Monkey World has cleared some of the scrub around the perimeter. It was asked if Community Payback could clear the remainder of the gorse. The only slight problem with the route would be the electricity sub-station, although it would be workable to go round this. Just after the site meeting Cllr Quinn bumped into Kevin Humphries from Sustrans who was conducting similar research. To go ahead permission must be granted from the landowner who is Jeremy Drax.

It was asked by various Members of the Public if Monkey World could finance it themselves. Mr Smale said that a tarmac finish could cost

£50,000 but Cllr Quinn believes it can be done more cheaply by using chippings.

Cllr Cady re-iterated that the Parish Council is happy for a footpath to be constructed, but would be unable to offer any financial help. She advised Mr Smale to go ahead with meeting representatives from Monkey World to see if they can support the scheme.

- b) Mrs Topp requested that the closures sign near the Railway Crossing should have been displayed for a longer time period in order to give people more prior warning. All residents affected should have received a letter, but this has not happened. Cllr Brooks said the sign should be more clearer as it doesn't state that it is only for overnight, but instead it is misleading as it reads that it is closed between 18:00 on Wednesday until 06:00 Friday. Mrs Topp also queried why there isn't a telephone on the crossing as not everyone carries a mobile. If there is a problem, then there is no way of notifying Network Rail. Cllr Quinn confirmed that there is a camera on the crossing.
- c) Mr Topp reported that there has been an increase in the amount of litter around Church Lane and Holme Lane. It was agreed that it is an issue throughout the Parish and Cllr Quinn will raise it at District.
- d) Mr Burdon asked when the waiting times will improve at the Holmebridge Crossing. Cllr Quinn said the software upgrade which will resolve the issue will be done sometime this year. It was noted that delays have caused traffic to queue back onto the A352.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from County Cllr Mike Lovell.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

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 5th February 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th February 2015 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wiltshire has cut back a lot of foliage on her land adjacent to the A352 and has emailed Mr Barnes to see if he is content with this work. Although, no reply has been received yet.
- b) Cllr Quinn stated that the term "Co-opted" does not have to be used in the minutes.

7. Planning Applications

- a) **6/2015/0066** Good Energy Woolbridge Solar Park - Erect 21 temporary

CCTV cameras on poles located around the perimeter of the solar farm site.

No objections

- b) **6/2015/0098** River Laboratory - Erect a wooden shed (renewal).
No objections

8 Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

- a) **6/2015/0005** Kemps Country House Hotel - Change of use of Kemps Country House to 6 dwellings with associated alteration works, extension to the coach house, parking and landscaping. **Deferred**
This planning application will be discussed at the next Planning Board on 25th March. Cllr Cady read out the key points that the Parish Council have concerns about and she will attend the Planning Board on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

- a) There has been a positive result on the issue of motorbikes on SITA land. Two people have been served Section 59 notices. Which means if they are seen committing the same offence within the next 12 months, then their motorbike will be seized. It is hoped that this interception would warn others not to use the land. PCSO Wales will also be distributing a poster highlighting this problem with local motorcross groups.
- b) The Police are promoting the Dorset Alert system to the Public. One of the issues they are warning people about is of cold calls that are received on landlines from persons impersonating Police Officers saying that there is problems with their bank account and to give them their account details.
Action: The Clerk to put Dorset Alert posters and to add them to the newsletter.
- c) PCSO Wales reported there were 5 crimes in East Stoke from January – March, 4 thefts and 1 criminal damage. However, all these crimes were for extremely minor offences.
- d) Cllr Wiltshire asked PCSO Wales for the latest information regarding the Wareham Police Station. The front desk is now closed, but a yellow telephone is located in there so that anyone can use to contact the Police.
- e) It is intended that a representative from the Police will be attending all future Parish Council meetings.
Action: The Clerk to email the Police the agendas.

9. Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) **County Cllr Lovell**
No report
- b) **District Cllr Quinn**
i) County has increased the Council Tax by 1.95%, which equates to householders in Band D properties paying an additional £3.28. But incorporating other services including the Fire

Service it will go up by £28 this year. £49,000 will be allocated into Reserves which will be invested in the Dorset Green site that is a key employment hub for Purbeck.

- ii) The Dorset Waste Partnership has encountered problems involving bad management, overtime and other unforeseen circumstances such as the price of recycling going down. However, they still deliver a cheaper and better service compared to the old operating system.
- iii) There have been Partial Review workshops and the closing date for the consultation is 13th March.

11. Parish Council Spring Newsletter

Items to be in the Spring issue include Dorset Alert, issues with motorbikes, an update on the mineral development at Hethfelton Woods, Community Chest, Tib's retirement and to see whether the Village Hall Committee would like to submit an article. It will be delivered Easter weekend and the final deadline for printing will be 1st April.

Action: The Clerk to collate articles and Cllr Quinn to arrange printing.

12. New noticeboard for Holmebridge

Colin Mutter has been approved to undertake the work. It was confirmed that the price does not include VAT as he is not VAT registered.

13. River Frome Issues

There will be a meeting with the Environment Agency on Tuesday 10th March. It was noted by Mr Burdon that there is now an island of gravel near the River Labs. Cllr Cady has met by chance Richard Drax MP and explained the issues concerning the River. This has resulted in a letter from Richard Drax sympathising over the matter, but he is currently not able to help resolve any of the problems due to the forthcoming elections.

14. Railway Crossing Issues

- a) Temporary road closures - East Stoke level crossing, Wednesday 04 March - Friday 06 March 2015
See minute 214/1b

- b) Other issues
No other issues were reported.

15. Partial Review

Cllr Child attended the Partial Review Workshop and summarised that the areas identified were only proposals as the landowners feel that there would be potential to build on these sites. The instruction is to build where there is demand, but it was felt that it should be for "need". As under the terminology "demand" this would include building for second homes. The requirement for providing 40% for social housing has been removed for developments of less than ten dwellings. It is felt that the likelihood of social housing being built in Purbeck will diminish as the majority of the developments are on small sites.

Action: Cllr Child to write a response which will be forwarded on by the

Clerk.

16. Planting of beech hedge in the Churchyard

A letter has been received from Chris Rick, who is one of the owners of the Old Church and he would like to plant a beech hedge. Cllr Quinn believes the Diocese has the ownership so therefore would be responsible to authorise the planting rather than the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Quinn to find out who the contact is within the Diocese and to give Chris Rick these details.

17. Highway Issues

a) Update on issues reported

i) The works along the A352 will be commencing shortly and the road has already been marked out. The gulleys along the A352 have been jetted out.

ii) The verge by Holmebridge still has not been repaired and the drain is also blocked.

Action: The Clerk to email Mike Lovell to explain that the work still has not been carried out.

b) Other Issues

i) The vehicle that has been parking next to the telegraph pole at Middlefield is now parking there again.

Action: Cllr Quinn will contact the Housing Liaison Officer.

ii) The Binnegar footpath has been dented by tractor wheels. It has been observed that quite a few vehicles have been parking on it.

18 Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

a) Dorset Highways' Provisional Capital Programme 2015/16. The programme includes all the proposed maintenance schemes (resurfacing, patching, etc.), and highway improvements – **No Comments**

b) Speaking at the PDC Planning Committee

It has been suggested that there should be a change in the rules so the developer would get longer to speak. It was asked if the change has come about due to a specific incident. The Parish Council could see both sides of the argument and it was felt that a response should be sent highlighting the pros and cons.

Action: Cllr Cady and Cllr Brooks to send emails to the Clerk so that she can formulate a response.

c) Purbeck District Council sets its council tax for 2015/16 - A 1.94% rise has been agreed for PDC's share of the Council Tax in 2015/16. This amounts to an increase of £3.28 per year for a band D household for the District Council's share. – No Comments.

d) Letter from Wool PC regarding travellers at Woolbridge

Cllr Quinn believes there has not been an increase in the number of people only the amount of caravans as some are being used for storage. It is the County Council land, but it is not an allocated site.

Action: Cllr Quinn will obtain more information.

- e) DAPTC Area Representatives. A guide detailing what is involved in being a DAPTC area representative and the advantages to their council.
Cllr Wright volunteered to be the East Stoke representative.

19 Correspondence Received

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

- a) National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) – 5th February 2015. **Noted**

- b) Not a Good Time to be Disabled? produced by Dorset Citizens Advice Social Policy Group.

Cllr Brooks felt that the document was lacking in professionalism and there were so inaccuracies.

Action: Cllr Brooks to form a response

- c) Bookings are now being taken for the Neighbourhood Planning Seminar. **Noted**

- d) Best Village Competition 2015. **Noted**

- e) Responding to Partial Review Consultation – It is possible for more than one person to use the same email address to make comments. **Noted**

- f) Introducing the Care Act in Dorset. Dorset residents are being asked for their views. **Noted**

- g) Two recent legislation changes that you and your council should be aware of - Electronic Summons and Agenda / Publishing summons, agenda and minutes on Website. **Noted**

- h) Superfast: improving how we work with you. **Noted**

- i) Have your say on a review of plans for Purbeck's future – consultation ends soon. **Noted**

- j) Dealing with listed buildings, conservation areas and trees - Tuesday 17 March.

Cllr Brooks to attend.

20 Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment Feb 15 Salary	£165.73	000451
Miss E Maidment additional payment (x4 hours) for attending DAPTC Annual Conference	£36.83	000452
Miss E Maidment reimbursement for Wessex Water – Standpipe at the Churchyard.	£11.37	000453

- b) To consider quotes for Church wall

Quotes were received from J. Spiller & Sons for £1384 exclusive of VAT, Brian Rigler £1370 exclusive of VAT. J A Construction was received last month and was £1296 including VAT. It was decided that before a final decision is made that references would be needed from J A Construction.

- c) Signatures required for Lloyds Bank Form
The form was duly signed.
- d) To consider the donation requests from Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau, Victim Support, Purbeck Film Festival.
It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be given to each one of the charities.

21 Items for Information or next agenda

It was agreed that AGM/APM should be scheduled in for 4th June. Ideas for speakers would be discussed at the next meeting. The Kemps planning application will be added to the agenda.

22 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00

Chairman:Date.....