

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011

PRESENT Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Adrian Naylor
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Mike Lovell
Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)
4 Members of the Public

1 Public Participation Time

a) Mrs Sue Burden raised the issue that despite writing to Highways the southern arch at the old Holmebridge is still partially blocked (25%).

Action: The Clerk will write to Highways about this issue.

b) Mrs Burden has started weeding Holmebridge and she has cleared back the grass verge.

c) Mr Pete Burden had brought an advert from the Daily Echo (Saturday November 12th) which is seeking an applicant to manage flood risk in Dorset.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were approved for Cllr Rebecca Cady.

3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.

Cllr Naylor declared an interest in agenda item 22) tarmacing of Primrose Lane.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2011

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th November were approved and signed.

5 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

a) 170/14 b) i) The footpath has been cleared.

b) 170/17 a) The Boundary Commission did not like PDC's warding patterns due to the inclusion of many one and two Member wards. PDC recommended delaying implementation to 2015 so PDC can move to whole Council elections. There will be a review of the number of District Councillors too.

6 Planning applications

a) **Appeal ref APP/B1225/A/11/2161905** timetable for the Alaska Wind Farm appeal has been received.

All correspondence that has been received has been copied to the Planning Inspector.

Action: The Clerk will submit the comments made on the planning application in March 2010 to the Planning Inspector.

- b) **Navitus Bay Wind Park** – Preliminary Environmental Information Summary and Statement of Community Consultation Summary and CD with detailed information of these two documents.
- c) **6/2011/0723**- Kemps Country House, East Stoke. Extension of time PP 6/2009/0268 (Erect two storey extension to the out building known as The Coach House within grounds of Kemps Country House and change of use of the outbuilding from a use ancillary to the hotel to a unit of independent residential accommodation)

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application but request that the outbuilding and extension are not severed from the hotel business.

- d) **6/2011/0730** - Longthorns Farm, Longthorns, Wool, BH20 6HH. Proposed use will be camping activity.

The Clerk will write to PDC Planning stating that whilst the Parish Council are aware that they are not expected to comment on a certificate of lawful use existing development.

The Parish Council considers that a full planning application should be submitted. The reasons for this are that the current applicant has only operated the campsite for three years and there is concern over the scale and development of this site.

7 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2011/0572** – Mayfield, East Stoke, BH20 6BA. Remove existing scrub/hedge to create access at plot at Stokeford Farm. **Approved**
- b) **6/2011/0606** – Longthorns (Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre), East Stoke. Extension to Chimpanzee Nursery Building. **Approved**

8 Proposed diversion of Bridleway East Stoke BR1

Cllr Quinn met with Johnathon Halewood regarding the rerouting of BR1. The rerouting includes a crossing point that the horse riders association want.
In principle the Parish Council has no objections to this diversion.

9 East Stoke Level Crossing

There was nothing to report. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

10 Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) County Cllr Lovell
 - i) A policy development panel has been set up to look at Winter Maintenance. This will include the farmer's snow plough scheme, grit bins and salt.
 - ii) The Localism Act will give more power to Parish Councils.
- b) District Cllr Quinn
 - a) The Annual Transport Liaison meeting with District and County took place last week. There was an update on the reorganisation of the Highways department Stephen Howard is in charge of Purbeck and North Dorset. The take up of the Lengthsman scheme has not been effective this is due to the many rural parishes that on their own would not be able to afford it.
There was a surgery with Stephen Howard which looked at projects and their priorities. In East Stoke there are two items on the list:

1. Footpath from Bovington Lane junction to Monkey World. Monkey World is supportive of this idea and has been paying an infrastructure contribution as part of their planning applications.
2. Dual use footpath from Stokeford to Binnegar Hall.

b) Synergy Neighbourhood 5 panel. At present there is no one on the panel from Middlefield Cottages. A member of private housing can be included on the panel. At present there is money for community projects and it was suggested that this could be used towards the plans for the new village hall.

11 Police Update

The Safer Neighbourhood Team was unable to attend as they had a meeting at Chaldon. There have been two further accidents at the B3070/A352 junction. Another accident was reported on the A352 near the Puddletown Road junction.

12 River Frome Issues

The River Frome Rehabilitation Plan and the advert in the Daily Echo for managing flood risk are contradictory.

Action: The Clerk will write to the Environment Agency seeking clarification on the above matter.

13 Queen's Diamond Jubilee June 2012

Mrs Pam Jeffries has kindly offered the use of the gardens of Hethfelton House to host the 'Big Lunch' to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A committee needs to be formed to progress this idea. Initially the Village Hall Committee will be asked if some of the members wish to organise this event.

Action: If the Village Hall Committee does not want to organise an event then the Clerk will add this item to February's Parish Council agenda.

14 East Stoke Churchyard

a) Grass cutting tender

This includes the cutting of the beech hedge and price per cut.

Action: The Clerk will advertise the tender on the Parish Council notice boards and in the Lulworth Parish News.

b) Weeding of Fyler grave

This was included in the tender above.

15 Parish Land

a) Tenancy Agreement for Parish Land

No update.

b) Registration of the Parish Land

Cllr Quinn had spoken to Sarah Meggs. The land is registered as a Village Green and Highways have a record of this registration. The file lodged with DCC has disappeared but there is an electronic version of a letter sent to Simon Cross. There are development restrictions on Village Greens. Cllr Quinn needs to speak with Sarah Meggs regarding the legal side. Then the Parish Council should be able to register the land with the Land Registry.

c) Chris McDermott is carrying out a Housing Needs assessment in some parishes – Cllr Quinn will ask for East Stoke to have a new survey carried out.

16 Emergency Email Address List

Cllr Quinn has his contacts ready to send to the Clerk.

All Councillors are to forward their contacts to the Clerk.

17 Highways Issues

- a) Community Response Teams (Previously Parish Maintenance Units)
 - i) The ditches in Binnegar Lane, Bindon Lane and Holme Lane need clearing.
 - ii) The French drain outside Moorcroft Cottage needs clearing.
- b) Other Highways Issues.
 - i) The Holme Lane sign has disappeared. Cllr Quinn will ask for a replacement.
 - ii) The Manor Lane sign is still with Cllr Quinn, it should be put up soon.

18 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

This has not been replaced.

Action: The Clerk will enquire why this fingerpost has not been replaced.

19 Consultations or items for consideration

- a) **Dorset County Council** Highways survey – online survey.
- b) **Dorset Fire and Rescue Survey.** Closing date 31st December 2011.
This is a survey for residents to complete.
- c) **Dorset – wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople** Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document – closing date 10th February 2012
Cllr Barnes and Cllr Quinn attended the Consultation meeting in Wool today.

The Parish Council has no comments to make and has no sites to put forward for consideration.

20 Feedback from meetings attended

- a) Planning Policy Development Panel
There will be workshops in the New Year on the proposed changes to the Planning Board. Any Councillor wishing to attend one of these should inform the Clerk as soon as possible.
District Councillors will be having a briefing on this next week.
- b) Dorset Police Enquiry Office Review report
The Enquiry Office at Wareham will remain open for six days a week. The days and times are still to be decided.

21 Churchyard water butt

This item will remain on the agenda until the water butt is installed.

22 Email asking that the Parish Council reconsiders its decision not to donate towards the retarmacing of Primrose Lane

New information had been received stating that the owner of Primrose Farm House is not the only property responsible for maintaining the lane. Due to this information the Parish Council reconsidered the donation towards the tarmacing and is willing to make a contribution towards this work.

Cllr Naylor will provide the Clerk with the amounts from the three quotes for consideration at the next meeting and quotes for tarmacing the gateway of the Parish Land.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

23 Correspondence Received

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

- a) **Purbeck District Council** has formed an Affordable Housing Policy Development Panel its aim is to produce an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.
- b) **Information on 'Rallye Sunseeker'** which will take place 24th/25th February 2012. The Clerk will inform the organisers that the Parish Council have been informed of this event.
- c) **Came and Company** Fidelity guarantee insurance. No references are required for Councillors who are cheque signatories
- d) **Monthly briefing** from digitalUK regarding the switchover to digital next year.
- e) **Dorset databook** 2011 this book includes statistics for villages which includes East Stoke - population, area and number of dwellings. There are also lots of statistics about the Purbeck area.
- f) **Donation request from Victim Support** – to be kept on file until financial year end.
- g) **Information about the Dorset Safeguarding Children Board.** This was displayed on the notice board and leaflets handed out at the meeting.

24 Invitations

- a) **Dorset Community Action AGM** on 9th December. No one will be attending.

25 Finance

a) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
Reissue of cheque to Purbeck Film Festival (Donation)	£50.00	000334
Mrs J Wright (Oct/Nov salary)	£333.11	000339
Weld Spray Contracting	£449.02	000338
Viatec – Grit bins	£404.40	000337

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

b) Quotation for the extra work required for the fencing of the Parish Land

The quotation for the extra fencing work has not been received.

c) Budget 2012/13

The draft budget was considered. The earmarked reserves for the Historical Project should be higher. Cllr Quinn will send the Clerk his financial records for the project. Cllr Naylor will advise the Clerk on the money to be added to the budget for the retarmacing work.

The Clerk will produce a revised budget for the next meeting.

26 Matters for information and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

Budget and setting of Precept.

27 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 7pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....