

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST 2016

PRESENT Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Quinn
 Cllr Miller (District Councillor)
 PC Jephcott

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 County Cllr Lovell
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

3. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mr Topp said he would like to pass on the message from his wife that the Churchyard looks fantastic now it has been cut. He reported that there has been several thefts in the area, including a sheep handling system that was owned by his daughter. A quad bike has also been stolen, luckily this was later retrieved due to it being security marked. His daughter telephoned 101 but it took the Police 36 hours to respond. It is believed that the crimes are being committed by a group of Irish Gypsies. The Police have advised people for their own safety if they witness the crime not to intervene.
- b) Signage stating "Narrow Track" has been installed in Church Lane by the bridge and FBA but Mr Topp said it would be more effective to move the one at FBA to the bottom of the lane near the Bindon Lane junction.
Action: The Clerk to notify Highways that signage is needed for the whole lane due to it being narrow throughout.
- c) A Woolbridge resident reported that since the last meeting more caravans and campervans have arrived. He telephoned Paula Clover but unfortunately she got it confused with another site. He then telephoned County and they said that they would forward these details onto Highways and the County Estate team due to it being a Highways site. There are a lot of campfires and it is becoming a safety issue due to the close proximity of the caravans and other vehicles, especially as a few years ago a couple of caravans caught fire. There are often more travellers in the area due to the Great Dorset Steam Fair but they tend to camp on the other side of the bridge. An opinion was expressed that the Police are not interested in problems involving travellers.
Action: The Clerk to write to Martin Underhill, the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner to ask about the Police's lack of involvement and to cc it to Paula Clover.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Cady, District Cllr Miller and

PC Jephcott. Cllr Quinn said that he would be delayed due to attending another meeting.

3. Granting of Dispensation

Cllr Wright applied for the Grant of Dispensation due to her being the DAPTC representative for East Stoke Parish Council and it was granted

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th July 2016 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wiltshire telephoned Trevor Badley for an update regarding Hethfelton Woods. He was unavailable, but his colleague Barbara Talbott explained that Hanson missed the deadline for submitting a new proposal, therefore the original proposal is still in the plan, but Natural England is against it.
- b) A response was received from Stephen Muncaster, the Instructor at the Lulworth Estate stating there will be signage at the mountain biking event to warn motorists of the cyclists, but there will not be any designated marshals in the area.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **6/2016/0394 Land between Stokeford Farm, East Stoke and Westminster Road, Wareham.** Construct 33kV underground grid connection cable route.
No comments or objections.

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

There were no items to report.

9. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- i) The Combined Authority has been put on hold due to the decisions on the unitary authority. A public consultation will take place to consider four possible options which are no change, Bournemouth and Poole combine, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch to combine or Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and East Dorset to combine. It has been recommended that unitary authorities should be made up of a population of approximately 400K. These authorities could be in place by as soon as 2019
- ii) Permission has been granted for the Piddlehinton Gypsy and Traveller Site to run for another three years.
- iii) More road re-surfacing has been scheduled, but this does not include East Stoke.
- iv) County is currently working on setting up at Fisherman's Working Group. £800K will be put towards the fishing industry who are located from Swanage to Beer in Devon.

b) District Council

- i) Cllr Brooks explained that a unitary authority has been set up in Cornwall. Purbeck District Council needs to be "at the table"

when the decisions are being made. Bournemouth and Poole Councils are for a new unitary system and it is felt this is due to financial reasons.

- ii) The two caravans at Woodlands have now been connected to the water supply and there are also gas bottles outside. A notice has been served to remove the caravans and to revert the buildings back to the original planning applications. It will be checked in September and if they have not abided by the notice, then they will be taken to court. The neighbours have not returned any completed Nuisance Record Sheets to the District Council therefore as there has been no contact since May the Environmental Health closed the case down. This, however, has now been reopened as Cllr Brooks explained that it is still an ongoing issue.
- iii) The Dorset and East Devon National Park Team held a presentation at PDC and a Policy Development Panel has been set up within the District Council to investigate the pros and cons. It would take five years to bring in and as it would stretch over two counties this would delay the negotiations.
- iv) Dorset Green is still going ahead.
- v) The Dorset Waste Partnership has removed the recycling banks that re-cycle the same materials as what is now collected kerbside.
- vi) The Dog Wardens in Purbeck have raised their profile in some areas due to problems with dog fouling.
- vii) The consultation for the proposed changes to social housing is ending on 28th August.
- viii) The Purbeck Sports Centre refurbishment is now complete including the swimming pool lighting.

10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported

There will be a "Wash-up" meeting to discuss Camp Bestival. Visibility at the Holme Lane junction was poor as the signs blocked the driver's line of sight.

11. Travellers Site at Woolbridge

Ms Clover was unable to attend this meeting. In an email received from the Parish Clerk she explained that they are looking into the process of making the site a permanent one. The money is not available from central government, but there is a possibility that this might change by the end of the year. There was some confusion as at last month's meeting she seemed to be against making it permanent. The portaloo will cost £90 a quarter and when Ms Clover spoke to the travellers there was positive feedback. The Charborough Estate is concerned about what effect the site would have on the grade two listing of Woolbridge Manor. They have suggested that the site could be screened off. If it were to be made a permanent site with allocated spaces, it would not be able to cater for any extra caravans. To go through the process of making it permanent there would have to be a planning application for it. Part of this would entail reports from departments such as Highways.

12. River Frome Issues

There were no items to report.

13. New Grass Cutting Contract

T. Lee Landscaping has been awarded the new grass cutting contract and the new contract is pro-rata to take into account starting three months into the tender.

14. Maintenance of Noticeboards

D.J. Building have vanished the noticeboards. They are now more difficult to open, but it should be resolved by applying WD40 onto the hinges.

15. Village Hall

The Dog Show went well and there was a good turnout. The new barbeque was also used. It was noted that it would have been useful to have the running order displayed on the website. A new fundraising idea would be to have a car boot sale.

16. Repairs to the Fyler Headstone

Colin Lander is unable to repair it and it was suggested by County Cllr Lovell to ask A.R. Davis at Purbeck Masonry. If it is impossible for it to be fixed then the solution might be just to lay it down.

17. DAPTC Purbeck Area meeting report

- a) Cllr Wright and Cllr Wiltshire attended the meeting on 27th July. There will be major changes to the services the Highways Department will be offering and the details will be in a report which will be issued to Parish Councils in August. Services such as gulying on minor roads will no longer be covered by Highways. It will in future be expected that someone locally should do it for example a nearby lengthsman or volunteers. If there are safety matters, then Highways would undertake the work. It was noted that the additional work will need to be included in the Parish Council's budget as it may be necessary to hire people to do adhoc work. Information on the new working practices should be included in the Autumn Newsletter.
- b) Parish Councils will be responsible for grass cutting and any public conveniences or car parks that they might have which are currently being run by District Councils. Car parks would generate income but the Parishes without them would need to raise their precept to cover the additional costs. The DAPTC Chief Executive will run workshops in September to provide more information to Parish Councils.
- c) The Pan Purbeck Action Group are against the housing proposed in the Partial Review Options Consultation as they believe that there is not a need. They have compiled a letter and have asked people to sign it. Cllr Brooks said the numbers of letters received will be recorded, but it would only count as one response. After 12th August Purbeck District Council will create a group with relevant parties to analyse the information and to put forward the figures.
- d) Purbeck District Council needs a Parish Council representative to sit on their Standards Committee.

18. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

There has been no further update regarding Church Lane. The pothole has been marked up.

Action: The Clerk to send details to County Cllr Lovell.

b) Temporary Traffic Management Order and Temporary Footpath Closures - Camp Bestival event - Sunday 24 July - Tuesday 02 August 2016

This item was discussed minute number 232/10.

c) Other Issues

It was discussed that a double white line is needed on the A352/B3070 junction.

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

a) **Complaint regarding SITA land swap field being overgrown.**

The field is overgrown and has a large amount of ragwort. A man employed by Raymond Brown has now cut it down around the edge to enable people to walk, however the rest has not been touched. Mr Haskell will now be paid to cut the field, but he is not allowed to remove the cuttings.

20. **Correspondence Received**

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

a) Purbeck Community Housing Newsletter 2015-2016. Purbeck Community Housing Group no longer meets and it has been agreed to produce an annual newsletter instead. **Noted.**

b) Festival of Archaeology at Salisbury Museum. To be held 23rd-24th July. **Noted.**

c) DWP - Introductory guide. An introductory guide from the Dorset Waste Partnership. **Noted.**

d) Have your say on housing register allocations. The consultation starts on Monday 18 July and runs until Sunday 28 August. Visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/purbeckpolicy2016 to take part. **Noted.**

e) Dorset Highways Performance Report 2015/16. **Noted.**

f) Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Consultation Help. Advice on how to use the consultation portal. **Noted.**

g) DAPTC Summer 2016 magazine. The deadline for the Autumn magazine is 3rd October. **Noted.**

h) Crowdfunder Workshop - Bridport - 3 August. Crowdfund Dorset aims to raise £1,000,000 for great youth projects. A workshop will be run on 3rd August from 7pm to 9pm. **Noted.**

i) Extraordinary Chief Executives Circular - DAPTC Annual General Meeting 2016. Details of this year's process for submitting a motion to the AGM. The AGM will take place on Saturday 5th November. **Noted.**

j) Purbeck Training - Completing Grant Application Forms - 12th September 2016. Dorset Community Action are running a bite sized 2 hour training course on 12th September. **Noted.**

k) DAPTC Office – will not be running at full capacity until the end of August. **Noted.**

19. **Finance**

a) **The following receipt was noted:**

Headstone for Welstead	£116.00
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b) **Payments**

Miss E Maidment July Salary	£211.76	Cheque No 000515
Strowbridge Lawn and Drive Care	£30.00	000516

Re-imburse E Maidment for purchase of Arnold-Baker on Local Council
Administration Tenth edition book £79.05 000517

It was agreed that the Clerk would try to sell the old Arnold Baker book
online

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

20. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Wright said the Clerk's pay rise has not been added yet and it
should be backdated from 1st April.

Action: The Clerk to work out the backdated pay.

- b) Cllr Evans sends her apologies.

21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st September 2016 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Vice- Chairman closed the meeting
at 20:25hrs.

Chairman:Date.....