



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023 AT LONGTHORNS
CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chair) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chair) Cllr Graeme Langley Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Keith Evans
APOLOGIES	Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks
IN ATTENDANCE	3 Members of the Public Adam Bennett, Ken Parke Planning Consultants Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public participation period for 15 minutes

Holme for Gardens explained they are happy to host a defibrillator at the layby and will supply the electricity. The frontage will be cleared so there will be space for it and the noticeboard can be relocated there. The idea of a defibrillator was discussed early last year but a suitable location was not decided upon. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn to apply to DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund to partially fund a defibrillator for the layby and the remaining money will be financed by the Parish Council along with future replacement pads and batteries. It was also proposed that there should also be one located at the new village hall and this will be included in the request specifications. It was commented upon that the Village Hall Committee could apply for a grant from ESWCC.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th September 2023

The minutes from the 7th September 2023 were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **6/2018/0228 - Binnegar Hall.** Proposal: Redevelopment for 48 Dwellings & Village Hall including access improvements, parking & landscaping.
- Andrew Bennett from Ken Parke Planning Consultants explained that nothing materially has changed regarding the actual development and the SANG will be located south of the A352. The Section 278 design submission meets the Highways specifications. The new scheme drawing shows a revised plan for the refuge island. It was commented upon by various Parish Councillors that the preferred option is still to have the SANG on the western side which is currently owned by Suez as it is easily and safely accessible by residents whereas the southern site would require people to cross the often-busy A352. It was noted that it cannot be on the Western Side as Natural England are against it and they are classed as a non-departmental public body their decision overrules. It was discussed that even with the 40mph zone being extended and a pedestrian refuge it would still be extremely dangerous for pedestrians crossing

particularly as it is foreseen that unaccompanied children from the proposed development would use the SANG. The refuge may even cause a false sense of security for pedestrians particularly if tanks and tractors pass by.

Cllr Quinn said the revised plan has still not fully addressed the issues of Challenger 2 tanks and we have not seen any updated comment from the MOD. The track vehicles that travel between Bovington and Lulworth are forbidden to go through Wool therefore they have to use the A352 /B3070. The width of a Challenger 2 is 3.5m (11ft 6 in) but with the applique armour it is 4.2m (13ft 9in). The plan in its present form creates a defile giving the driver little room to manoeuvre through without causing damage to the crossing as it is only 3.9 metres wide. The attached photos show the typical damage caused by tanks to kerbstones currently along the A352. The debris arising would create a potential hazard for other road users.

Apart from the military vehicles, it means there would be very little leeway for self-propelled agricultural machines (combine harvesters, foragers, etc) as they are 3.5m wide as well as other wide loads.

Due to these reasons, the Parish Council objects.

- b) P/HOU/2023/04975 - Welavere, Church Lane, BH20 6AW. Erect new fence along new boundary.

No comments or objections.

8. Update of Previous Applications or planning information

No updates

9. Dorset Council Report

The County Report was circulated via email.

10. Police Issues to report or update on issues reported

There were no issues to report.

11. Hethfelton

The working plan for Hethfelton, which gives an overview of all planned work covering the next 5 years was circulated via email. It was commented upon that previously the parking was closed for a long time due to delays in contractors purchasing the timber. A suggestion was made that contractors should give 24 hour notice to collect the wood so that the parking would be available for the majority of the time. The field next to Hethfelton has still not been sold. The Forestry Commission did say that it is beyond their budget but there is uncertainty as to how much the guide price is.

12. Maintenance of noticeboards - Wareham Mens Shed

There have been no updates on either the varnishing of the current noticeboards or the making of the new one. **Action:** The Clerk will email a contact from the organisation.

13. Village Hall Update

Discussed 2023-10-321 Item 7A.

14. Autumn Newsletter

It was agreed to include the following articles: Hawkins Trust, Remembrance Sunday, Historical, Village Hall, Defibrillator and Hethfelton. Cllr Keith Evans will also WhatsApp the Farrer Estate residents to see if any new people would like to receive an electronic copy.. The newsletters will be published in the last week of October.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

The A352 pavement has now been cleared.

b) Speed Indicator Device

No issues to report

c) Other issues

No issues to report

15. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

- a) Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 Consultation. Each year Dorset Council must decide whether to change the Council Tax Reduction scheme for working age applicants in its area. There are no changes for Pension Age applicants as they are part of the national scheme. This year the Council is deciding whether to significantly change the working age Council Tax Reduction Scheme. Closes 25th October 2023. Cllr Cady to complete on behalf of the

Parish Council. The press release will be circulated via social media.

- b) Citizens Advice East Dorset & Purbeck Funder and Partner Satisfaction Survey. The deadline for completing this survey was 2nd October. **Noted.**

- c) Defibrillator for Holme for Gardens. Discussed 2023-10-321/1

16. Correspondence Received

- a) News release: Round 4 of the Household Support Fund reopens for applications. Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) will reopen for applications at 10am on Thursday 7 September 2023 for low-income households in the Dorset Council area.
This will be circulated on social media.
- b) RAAC update. Details of a forthcoming survey programme for schools and other council assets. **Noted.**
- c) 26th September power interruption. TC425. Disruption due to tree works. **Noted.**
- d) Dorset Council's latest news - Local news and more. Archaeological investigations to begin at North Quay, Weymouth. **Noted.**
- e) Community Highways Officer - change of personnel. The new officer will be Glenn Hannam. **Noted.**
- f) Proposed Temporary Closure of Holme Lane Railway Bridge. These works are programmed to commence from 08:30, 21st November until 16:30, 21st November. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 15 September 2023. Rural crime in Dorset decreased by 28% in 2022.
- h) Dorset Council's latest news - Ironman and more local news. Ironman took place on Sunday 17th September. **Noted.**
- i) Litter Free Dorset Update Summer 2023. Information on the campaign to ban disposable barbecues. **Noted.**
- j) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Overnight Temporary Closure Of Burton Cross Roundabout, Wool. It will come into operation on 10th October between 20:00 and 06:00 and remain in force for five days, but it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 14th October. **Noted.**
- k) Purbeck Area Committee Meeting Re-scheduled (4 October Date Cancelled). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November.
Cllr Langley to attend.
- l) NALC direct election to Larger and Smaller Councils' committees. Nominations for this National Association of Local Councils Election will close at 5pm on Wednesday, 25 October. **Noted.**
- m) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Closure Of Binnegar Lane, East Stoke. This took place on 26th September. **Noted.**
- n) Electrical Safety Fund Opening - 2023. The deadline for applications is 22nd October. **Noted.**
- o) Save the Date - Dorset AONB Annual Forums 2023. The nearest meeting will take place in Furzebrook on Wednesday 8th Nov, 6-8.30pm.
Cllr Langley to attend.

17. Finance

- a) **The following receipt was duly noted**

Second Half Precept	£4500.00
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- b) **The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Cady and either Cllr Quinn or Cllr Child to approve payments**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£252.78
Dorset County Pension Fund	£73.56
HugoFox Ltd (Website provider)	£122.28
T. Lee Landscaping (June to Sept)	£942.50

It was agreed that Hugo Fox would be paid annually in advance due to the complexities of reimbursing a monthly direct debit. Due to the advance payment, the company offered a 15% discount.

The £12 cheque for use of the East Burton Village Hall was duly noted. It was raised on 20th September

18. Items for information or next agenda

Cllr Cady will be reimbursed for the poppies next month and it was suggested if we can BACS the donation to the Wool Royal British Legion rather than the national one. In previous years a cheque has been issued but there were several times that it was never banked.

19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on 2nd November 2023.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:50

Chairman:

Date.....