

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT Cllr Barry Quinn – Chairman
Cllr Simon Cross – Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Rebecca Cady
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh
Cllr Adrian Cullinane

APOLOGIES Cllr Mike Lovell - County Councillor

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were none for this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the Parish present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th January were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. CBO. Nothing further of significance to report.
2. War Memorial – Simon Cross prepared a letter which was submitted to Church Trustees. Mrs Gathercole had contacted the Chairman and stated she did not believe the trustees owned the boundary wall, was not helpful about the holly and advised that she would no longer be a trustee as the Tower had been sold to a relocation company. There was no response as yet from the Chancel owner but the letter had been forwarded electronically to Mr Field of the Nave as he is currently working in Sri Lanka. Paul Whitmarsh advised there was no indication from DCC when the kerbstones would be installed. This was being done under a small schemes project and it should be soon.
3. Parish Council Land – Simon Cross advised he had located title deeds at the Humphries Kirk Wareham office and would try and use these to register land at Land Registry without involving DCC.
4. Heritage and Historical Project – Chairman meeting with Iain Hewitt at Bournemouth

University 14th February and a working group meeting to follow up topics discussed at the meeting last October is planned for 20th February.

5. Village Hall – Still awaiting written confirmation from William Bond that land would continue to be available to the Parish for a hall. Electric and Water had now been disconnected and we are awaiting a decision on the grant towards demolition.
6. Parish Boundaries – There has been no response from Peter Aston, Maureen Quinn/clerk to chase.
7. River Frome Project – Judith Baker, Biodiversity Officer at PDC had confirmed she would attend our March Council meeting to talk on this subject.
8. Enforcement at Middlefield – Nothing further to report.
9. SCI Submission Draft – This matter is now closed.
10. Signs – Paul Whitmarsh to continue to monitor situation particularly in AONB.
11. AONB – Paul Whitmarsh again expressed his concerns and the Chairman asked Simon Cross and Paul Whitmarsh to put together a list of issues for consideration by the Parish Council and to remind people that they were living in an AONB area.
12. CAB – Donation sent, awaiting reply.
13. Wool PCC – Simon Cross reported that there had been no news on the Parochial Council and that he would make more enquiries regarding cemetery management.
14. Environment Agency – Flood Wardens Newsletter passed to Sue and Pete Burden.
15. Parish Precept – deferred until clerk returns from holiday.
16. Mini recycling site. PDC had confirmed they would install at Middlefield as soon as possible. Information about this will be included in the next newsletter.
17. Future dates of planning meetings. Letter and list from PDC re for the year and clearance dates. Chairman still to copy for all parish councillors.
18. Council Tax public consultation – No response yet received to our letter.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. There were no Councillors' Reports
2. Highway Matters – Paul Whitmarsh to contact Highways Department re flooding at junction of Bindon Lane and Wood Street. Barry Quinn reported that the “lengthsman” scheme was being considered for revival where an individual was responsible for a stretch of road funded by Parish and County Councils. This role was formally undertaken by the late Bill Brown in Wool.
3. Parish Plan Meeting – The Chairman reported that he had attended a Workshop meeting in the Parish Hall Wareham. It was suggested that the Parish Plan should be kept as an agenda item at each Parish Council meeting to monitor progress on the Action Plan and to consider any updates needed in the future.

4. DAPTC – NHS Foundation Trust, last paragraph, clerk to send response and add items to next newsletter.
5. Code of Conduct - Simon Cross to check the new amendments. The Chairman suggested that all members of the Parish Council receive a copy of the updated edition. Clerk to obtain copies.
6. Dorset Community Action Survey - to be completed by Barry Quinn.
7. Winfrith End State - meetings to be held in Wool and East Burton 13th and 15th Feb respectively.
8. Dog Control Orders – appear not to apply to East Stoke. Becky Cady to read and provide response.
9. Council Service Standard - A copy of this document to be given to each Parish Councillor, Clerk to request additional copies.
10. Road Race - A letter has been received from Dorset Athletics Association informing the Parish Council that the Puddletown Road is to be closed on the 9 May in the evening for a 10km Road Race. To be put in next Newsletter.
11. DCC Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Paul Whitmarsh had contacted the Police reference these. Clerk to approach DCC to determine cost of a SID.
12. DAPTC Chairman's evening It was suggested that training costs be combined with annual fee. Barry Quinn expressed concern over cost of £200 but was advised that this would not be the additional amount for small PCs. The Democracy pack was again being sent out for the forthcoming elections.
13. DAPTC Area meeting Neill Child attended this event and reported that a talk was given by Guy Stapleford clarifying fly tipping, banning vans etc. Neill advised on the rubbish dumped in Binnegar Lane and also sent in suggestion for a cycle/footpath from East Stoke through to Wareham. This had been included in the Parish Plan and Paul Whitmarsh agreed to measure and report on this.
14. PTAG Safety Pledge – passed to Paul Whitmarsh for action.
15. Pathfinder proposal – Neill Child to read and comment
16. Village of the Year – it was decided not to participate as the criteria did not really apply to East Stoke.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Housing Survey - Becky Cady raised the subject of the PDC questionnaire on housing sent to selected households which was considered very intrusive, the Parish Council will respond objecting to some of the questions.
2. CPRE Meeting– 8 May – Neill Child to attend, Maureen Quinn to send return.

3. Freedom of Information Act – The model adopted by East Stoke which was due to expire this year but has been extended to 2008.
4. Travellers - Gallows Hill occupants had now been evicted from Moreton and were now at Hethfelton, Becky Cady reported that the Forestry Commission is going to court to have them evicted.
5. Community Action Fund for Dorset (CAFD) The Chairman advised that funds were available in this financial year and a suggestion was to replace some of our parish notice boards. The importance of notice boards was included in the Parish Plan and all councillors supported this initiative. The Chairman to submit application.
6. Church Lane - Becky Cady has been approached by two residents concerning the use of Church Lane by large lorries. Becky is to telephone Brian at the River Laboratories to ask if he knows what lorries are using the Lane.
7. C6 Bere Regis/Bovington junction Tib Axon reported yet another accident at this junction. Chairman to follow up with Police and Highways.

FINANCE

An invoice is to be raised for Newsletter printing and other LHI Project expenditure.
 Cheque for £48 received from Wool PCC re burial of Kenneth George Brown.
 Clerk salary & expenses December and January £322.40 was approved for payment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th March Usual Parish Council meeting

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 Chairman

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 Date