

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th October 2016

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
Cllr Barry Quinn
Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Julie Wright
Cllr Brown (District Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public
PCSO Brown
County Cllr Lovell
Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) i) Mr Topp is still concerned about the amount of vehicles speeding along Church Lane. He appreciates the new signage stating "Single Track Lane" however, he feels that they have made no difference. A lot of vehicles drive in excess of 40mph heading towards blind bends and there are still lots of lorries and coaches using this narrow road. The speed restriction is 60mph so they can legally travel at this speed and it has been noted that it is partially bad between 8 to 9am. PCSO Brown advised that it could be possible for the Police to do laser checks, done by the Camera Partnership but this is extremely doubtful. He also advised that residents should not carry out their own informal speed checks along this road as it would be extremely hazardous due to the narrowness of the road.
- ii) Both Cllr Wiltshire and Cllr Brooks suggested if the Parish Council could put up their own signs. Also, Cllr Brooks suggested conducting a survey by asking drivers about their journey. PCSO Brown said drivers would not appreciate being stopped particularly if they are in a rush. He recommended that the best way to carry it out was to log the vehicles by the Railway Crossing.
- iii) Highways should be contacted to remind them that the speeding issue needs to be addressed and to suggest a speed watch should be carried out midweek.
Action: The Clerk to contact Highways.
- iv) Cllr Wiltshire asked if a separate leaflet could be distributed with the newsletters reminding residents to slow down along this road.
- b) Mr Willgress said there are still signs along the footpath linking the land swap stating that they are private and to keep out. He believes that

they should have been removed months ago. Raymond Brown will be contacted by the Parish Council to advise them that the signage should be taken down. Mr Willgress has also noted that they are drilling behind Binnegar Hall. Cllr Quinn said this is part of a hydrology survey and the core services should be completed by Christmas.

Action: The Clerk to email Raymond Brown requesting the signs are removed.

- c) Mrs Burden asked when will the verges be cut again as there is a lot of bracken along the B3070. It was also commented on that there is a lot of rubbish even though there was a litter pick along the A352 only six months ago.

Action: The Clerk to ask Highways about rubbish and the cutting of verges.

- d) Mr Willgress telephoned the Army contact and found him not very helpful. If other incidents involving armoured vehicles happen then it is essential to obtain the registration number and note the date and time it occurred.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Child, Cllr Wright and District Cllr Brown.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st September 2016 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed. It was edited to show that Cllr Evans was not present.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Brooks is unable to give any feedback on Woodlands due to an I.T. problem. It has been observed that more noise occurs on weekends rather than during the week. Pistol shooting has been heard at the venue so the company maybe offering this an activity.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **6/2016/0547 - The Lodge**, Highwood, BH20 6AR. Demolish garage store, erect new garage. Extensions and alterations.

The Parish Council has no comments or objections

- b) **6/2016/0500 - Stockford Cottages (1)**, BH20 6AN. Site cabin for ancillary use in garden.

This planning information does not require comments from the Parish Council.

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

- a) **6/2016/0394** - Land between Stokeford Farm, East Stoke and Westminster

Road, Wareham. Construct 33kV underground grid connection cable route.

No updates have been received.

- b) **6/2016/0334** - Manor Farm Caravan Park, BH20 6AN. Demolish

existing shop and erect detached three bed house with attached double garage and office and shop.

No updates have been received.

9. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- i) The Unitary Authority Consultation is currently open and will run until the 25th October. He stressed that it is important for as many people as possible to complete the consultation.

b) District Councillor Brooks

- i) Luckford Lake would like to put in some log cabins. Cllr Brooks has asked Planning for an update.
- ii) The gridlock that happened on Dorset roads was discussed at the Weymouth Ironman wash up meeting. Bad marshalling was attributed to some of the problems and if they hold another one next year, more robust measures need to be put in place. The organisation were requested to produce the documents to show the marshall's certification but nothing came through. Some of the roads were closed up to 30 minutes before the time stated. A way to alleviate the congestion would be to have phased closures. The marshalls were not local and it was asked whether future events could use people recruited by Parish Councils. The event organisers will be called to the account at the County Council in November.
- iii) Cllr Quinn said there has been a meeting with the two local MPs to discuss cycling events. The Minister has been advised to issue new legislation. Two cycling events occurred on the same day around Lulworth unfortunately due to one being a sportive and the other a race the notification requirement to the authorities were different. To avoid any conflict between cycling events overall control needs to be required. At the DAPTC AGM one of the items will be to license these events.
- iv) Cllrs Brooks, Miller and Quinn will attend the Dorset Future Workshops. Cllr Quinn attended the Public Services Review which intends on helping people to stay in their houses for longer by providing aids such as stair lifts. The aim is to join up Housing with Social Services and the NHS. It was agreed that Cllr Miller needs to be involved due to her housing role.
- v) The Parish Council will have an additional meeting to discuss the Unitary Authority Consultation.

10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported

- a) The road traffic accident that took place near Monkey World is still under investigation. It is believed the pedestrian was walking from Monkey World towards Wool. Cllr Quinn said there have been discussions about a footpath to Monkey World over recent years. The Friends of Wool Station suggested a feasibility study should be carried out, but to carry out this research would cost £6000. Cllr Quinn had a site visit with Steve Howard the Highway Officer and discussed the possibility of doing a hard-

core surface from Tout Hill to Monkey World. This landowner is the Drax Estate and they will need to be contacted. A working group will reconvene to start progressing on the project. County Cllr Lovell suggested the road safety officer Michael Potter could be involved. A plan will be needed before applying for funding. It was discussed the possibly of using the Wool Parish Council's Section 106 or asking large businesses who have sites locally to donate. PCSO Brown said the plan will need to look at where people would cross the road as the junction would be a very dangerous place to have pedestrians crossing.

- b) Poachers have been spotted in the area. One resident heard a gunshot and was followed by a Land Rover Discovery.
- c) Cllr Cady asked PCSO Brown if there have been any crimes in East Stoke. He confirmed that it has been quiet recently, but there have been numerous thefts from parked vehicles in other areas of Purbeck. Arrests have been made.
- d) Cllr Wiltshire said there might be travellers in Hethfelton Woods. PCSO Brown confirmed that they carry out regular checks there.

11. Travellers Site at Woolbridge

PCSO Brown has only had one reported incident in the vicinity of Woolbridge. This involved a loud person walking pass. At the moment County has no funding to make this a permanent site, but County Cllr Lovell said there will hopefully be some money cascaded down from Government.

12. River Frome Issues

The island has been removed and the corner is now reinforced. There is uncertainty whether it was the Environment Agency who undertook this work.

13. Autumn Newsletter

Subjects to be included are Hawkins Trust, East Stoke and Wool Community Chest, Highways, the Parish Plan, the tank centenary, Remembrance Day, Friends of Bluebell Wood and the Village Hall. The Highways article will notify residents that some work will now have to be carried out by the Parish Council. The newsletters will be delivered between 3-6th November.

14. East Stoke and Wool Community Chest

The closing date for applications is the 9th October. So far two applications have been received and Cllr Quinn will organise the application for the Village Hall Committee for the purchase of gazebos.

15. Village Hall

There has been a delay as the Barrister mistakenly thought the Committee were still waiting for clearance on paying the fees. Work will now be carried out and the information will be provided by the week commencing 17th October.

16. Repairs to the Fyler Headstone

Cllr Quinn has had another look and it has deteriorated even more, the main tablet is split into two. Options were discussed, including having a plaque made with the inscription of what is on the headstone.

17. Highways Issues

- a) Update on issues reported
No updates were given
- b) RTA near Monkey World
This item was discussed Minute Number 234/10/a

c) Other Issues

There are currently traffic lights along Puddletown Road due to works being carried out by Hansons.

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

- a)** Reshaping your councils - Consultation on unitary proposals for Dorset. The closing date for the Town and Parish Council questionnaire is 25th October.

This item will be discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Thursday 20th October.

19. Correspondence Received

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

- a)** Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular - September 2016. The deadline for submitting proposals for the AGM has been extended to 30th September.
- b)** Sustrans September enews - Cycle to Work Day, Weather myths & Back to school. Cycle to Work Day is on 14th September.
- c)** Children in Need Funding Workshop. The course is on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 9.45am in Wareham Youth Centre.
- d)** Cancer charity calls on young supporters to design new mascot. Wessex Cancer Trust is running the competition and the closing date is 31st October.
- e)** Purbeck Affordable Social Housing Forum. It will be held in the Purbeck District Council's Council Chamber and the two proposed dates for the forum are Wednesday 16 November at 2 p.m. or Thursday 17 November at 6 p.m.
- f)** Notification of planning applications. Paper plans will continue to be sent and an email notification will contain more information than what has previously been sent on the weekly list.
Cllr Quinn asked if the Clerk is happy with the new system and she confirmed that she is. The changes involve the Officers themselves notifying the Parish rather than a weekly list to all Parish Councils.
- g)** Essentials for Councillors courses being run in October and November. There will be a daytime course in Dorchester on 11th October and 24th November. An evening course will be run at Tarrant Keyneston on 19th October and 22nd November. It is a two part course.
- h)** Environment Agency - Groundwater Flood Warning Service. With the help of local knowledge they are keen to extend the groundwater flood warning service to areas which currently do not benefit from this service. Any historical information including photographs would be greatly appreciated.
- i)** Travel & Transport newsletter: Repairs completed & more to come. The newsletter includes the £2m surfacing dressing programme.
- j)** Consultation on council tax referendum principles. The government is concerned about increases in parish precepts. The proposal is for local councils to hold a referendum if they plan to increase their part of council tax above a certain amount. The consultation is due out on 15th September.

- k) Places available to book today for the workshop for Local Government Reorganisation this Thursday at Horton and Chalbury Village Hall. The course takes place on 29th September.
- l) Second phase of Big Programme transport schemes. Over £20 million of investment will help fund a series of highway improvements in the Bournemouth area along the A338 and B3073 corridors.

19. Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment August Salary	£213.88	000521
T. Lee Landscaping	£850.00	000522
Re-imburse E Maidment for Wessex Water bill 26/2/16-24/8/16	£12.39	000523
Re-imburse E Maidment for Epsom printer and cartridges	£64.68	000524

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

20. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Brooks inquired if the Old Pound near the Church is Common Land or whether it belongs to the Parish Council. Cllr Quinn advised Cllr Brooks to contact Emma Webb at PDC to find out more.
- b) Now the nesting season is over the beech hedge can now be trimmed back. The maintenance contractor may not have the machinery to cut it so it maybe necessary to contact a local farmer or the YFC. The cherry trees are now dead and will have to be removed.
Action: The Clerk to contact Mr Lee for advice.

21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th October 2016 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:35hrs.

Chairman:Date.....