

## ***EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL***

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013

PRESENT                      Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
                                    Cllr Tib Axon  
                                    Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES                Cllr Neill Child  
                                    Cllr Christine Evans  
                                    PCSO Stuart Hann

IN ATTENDANCE        11 Members of the Public  
                                    Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

#### **1 Public Participation Time**

- a) Mrs Gillian Topp, Rights of Way (RoW) Officer had walked through from Rushton – here people are leaving the gate open. Is it possible to put up a sign asking for people to shut the gate behind them.

**Action:** The Clerk will contact Dorset County Council RoW team to see if they have any 'Please shut the gate' signs.

- b) Mrs Karen Barnes reported overgrown hedges at Willowbank and Long Coppice, Bindon Lane.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to these properties requesting that their hedges are cut back.

- c) Mr Pete Burden. The river is silted and farmers are complaining about the water on their land and that they are prepared to dredge the river themselves. An Environment Agency report on the TV stated that farmers can dredge the river and dig out ditches. Consent is needed to dredge a river.

- d) The drains are silted along the A352, the one outside Holmebridge House needs clearing as it floods every time it rains. It was reported that the sides of the road (A352) need sweeping as when it rains all the debris washes down and accumulates on top of the drain causing flooding.

- e) Tank transporters are still travelling in too large a convoy to safely cross the Holmebridge Crossing without holding up traffic on A352 - there is not enough room for all the vehicles to turn onto the B3070. They are also trying to direct the traffic. The lead vehicle is left behind to phone to inform Network Rail that all the vehicles are clear of the crossing. The transporters are proceeding up the road without a lead vehicle.

**Action:** Cllr Quinn will take up this issue with PCSO Hann.

#### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Child and Cllr Evans.

#### **3 Grant of Dispensations and Declarations of Interest**

##### **a) Grant of Dispensations**

No applications had been received.

##### **b) Declarations of interest**

Cllr Cady stated that she did **not** have a pecuniary interest in the planning applications 6/2013/0141 and 6/2013/0173.

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

**5 Matters arising from the minutes**

187/18 a) The village hall site has been cleared and hard core has been laid and is being used by Network Rail whilst the Level Crossing is being renewed.

**6 Planning Applications**

a) **6/2013/0141** - Erect three bedroom agricultural workers dwelling with detached double garage. Stokeford Farm (Mayfield), East Stoke, BH20 6AL.

No objections. The Parish Council noted that the District engineer is objecting to the application as the disposal of foul sewage should be by connection to the public foul sewer and not by the proposed septic tank. The applicants currently use a septic tank as they have permission for a mobile home on the site and even with the high ground water levels in the area this has been working efficiently. The question is why the District Engineer did not object to the disposal of foul sewage at that time.

The Parish Council query if it is possible to connect to this sewer as it is owned by Synergy and if this current sewerage treatment plant has the capacity?

One further comment was about if there is a current size limitation on agricultural dwellings.

b) **6/2013/0173** - Variation of Condition 4 of PP 6/2009/0638 to retain mobile home for use by agricultural worker for a further 3 years. Stokeford Farm (Mayfield), East Stoke, BH20 6AL.

No objections.

**7 Update on previous Planning Applications**

a) **6/2013/0045** - Holme Lane (Luckford Cottage), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. Demolish existing hay and barn shelter and erect new stable block & menage arena. **Approved.**

**8 Reports from County and District Councillors**

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) The Chairmans' Networking Evening has taken place.

ii) Gypsy and Traveller update – there is no change on the situation with the group at Coombe Keynes.

**9 Police Update**

Leaflets from the Police had been distributed with the Easter Parish Council newsletter. An email had been received from Mrs. Ham regarding two men in high visibility jackets trying to find someone who wanted their free road materials. They stated that they were doing some tarmac work at the Stokeford Inn. This information was passed onto the Police. If any parishioner wants to be on the emergency email list then please pass your details to the Parish Clerk.

**10 River Frome Issues and update on any flooding issues**

a) The river has gone down but the water table is still high.

- b) The flat valve on the outflow pipe has still not been sorted. Mr Burrridge stated that this should be done by the end of April. Stephen Mephram will make a site visit next Friday with Cllr Quinn and the Flood Warden.
- c) DCC Flood risk management. The ditches are full. Mr Dodsworth, Network Rail drainage Engineer, will sort this. It was reported that signs have been put up on bridges with the telephone number to ring in the event of flooding in water courses and under bridges. A blocked drain has been reported past Beehive Cottage.

#### **11 Footpaths/ Bridleways**

No issue to report.

#### **12 Highways Issues**

- a) **Highways Vegetation Management programme** (verge cutting, weed control, tree management etc.) for the financial year 2013/14.
- b) **Dorset Highways** regarding the changes in the management and display of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). No new TROs will be considered until financial year 2014/15.
- c) **Dorset Highways Capital Maintenance Programme for financial Year 2013/14.**  
The resurfacing works on the A352 will not be brought forward. There will be some extensive patching on this road through the village in the very near future.  
A352 will be resurfaced from Stokeford to Woolbridge roundabout in January 2014.  
It was reported that some of the potholes have been filled.
- d) Highways issues to report
  - i) The gravel at the side of the road at Wood Street has not been cleared.
  - ii) The drain near the Stokeford gets icy as water is coming out of the drain cover. It is thought that this water may come from a spring.  
This issue has been reported and County Cllr Lovell has been informed.  
Action: Cllr Quinn will find out what action will be taken.
- e) Update on previous issues reported  
Binnegar Lane – lorries are still trying to use this lane. This is a problem with SITA. Cllr Quinn has requested that the signs stating 'Except for loading' are removed from the weight limit signs.

#### **13 Individual area of responsibilities of Flood Warden, Rights of Way Officer and for the person maintaining the War Memorial Planter**

It was resolved that the Terms of Reference were approved.

#### **14 Parish council Website**

Details of a website from Vision ICT had been circulated. The initial cost would be £175 for the first year and £125 from year 2 onwards. The Village Hall are designing their own site. Would people use the Parish Council website. It was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting.

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

#### **15 Parish Land**

Cllr Quinn is waiting for the Statutory Declaration from Purbeck District Council's solicitor.

#### **16 Feedback on Training and Chairmen's Networking Meeting**

The Chairmen's Networking Meeting was not well attended by the Parish Councils. There was an extensive agenda. District Cllrs should speak about any issues they have with officers outside of this networking meeting. It is a very useful event for the Parish/Town Council Chairmen.

## 17 Consultations or items for consideration

### a) **Community Governance Review**

Cllr Quinn gave a briefing on this review at the Chairmans' Networking Meeting.

If this was being carried out prior to the Boundary Review there would be support to move the properties on the Puddletown Road into East Stoke (some residents here have expressed wish to be in the East Stoke parish). This would have left Arne parish being centred round Stoborough.

Cllr Quinn had asked at the East Holme Parish meeting if they would like to be in a grouped Parish with East Stoke. No, they would like to stay as they are.

The properties to move into East Stoke are Oak Tree Farm, Copseside and Woodstreet Farm.

The boundary at Gallows Hill straddles three parishes. It would be better for one parish council to deal with and it should be part of the Bere Regis parish. Cllr Quinn will provide maps to show the current and proposed new boundary is.

**Action:** The Clerk will respond to this consultation with the two comments above.

### b) **Bus Service consultation survey**

The website address for this consultation was distributed.

### c) **Community and Volunteer transport in Dorset consultation survey**

This was given out to a resident.

## 18 Correspondence Received.

a) Village Hall Committee's fundraising quiz night to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at the Stokeford Inn.

b) Winter Maintenance. Parish council's need to budget for refilling grit bins.

c) Rural Crime Prevention Event (Operation Countryside) to be held on 26th April 2013, 9am – 4pm, at Kingston Maurward College.

d) Frome and Piddle Catchment Initiative Final Plan.

e) Two letters of correspondence from Ros Ham. One about the War Memorial position and the second regarding communications.

f) Proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park. Updated Statement of Community Involvement.

g) Resignation from Cllr Naylor.

h) Superfast Broadband – register your interest. Poster on notice board.

i) A flyer for the ITV 1 programme Secret Dealers. "Secret Dealers is back for a new series on ITV1 and we are looking for people in your area to take part. You could have some of your possessions expertly valued with the opportunity of selling them commission-free to one of our dealers".

j) Thank you letter for donation to Victim Support and one from the Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau.

## 19 Finance

### a) **Payment**

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mr B Quinn (Newsletter printing)	£17.50	000379

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

b) **Final quarter budget report 2012/13 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.**

The final quarter budget was **noted**.

c) **Monies required to purchase a new lap top computer**

It was approved that the Clerk could spend up to a maximum of £500 on a new laptop with Microsoft Office.

**20 Items for information or next agenda**

Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment Survey.

**21 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....