

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

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT                      Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
                                    Cllr Tib Axon  
                                    Cllr Neill Child  
                                    Cllr Christine Evans  
                                    Cllr Adrian Naylor  
                                    Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES                      Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman  
                                    PCSO Stuart Hann

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

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

a) Jenny Rodd stated that there was a good turnout for the village fete but not many people from the village attended. The fete was enjoyed by those who came. The village hall may not get used.

b) Mr Martyn Lobb made the comment that no one attended the fete (apart from Committee members families) from south of the railway line. If these people do not support a village fete will they support a village hall?

Cllr Cady responded by saying that there was late advertising of this event. People had already got other plans on this date. Residents who did not come did support the event by making cakes, donating bric-a-brac and have made monetary donations.

c) Mrs Gillian Topp agreed that there was late advertising of the fete. It is difficult to get the village together.

d) Mrs Vicki Haskell asked if there was any further news about the East Stoke level crossing.

The County Council Cabinet met yesterday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, but there was no update from this meeting.

#### **2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were tendered by Cllr Karen Barnes.

#### **3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.**

Cllr Cady had a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7) b) 6/2011/0572 planning application and Cllr Quinn declared a personal interest in this item.

#### **4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September were approved and signed.

## 5 Clerks Report

The Chairman read out the following report:

a) **Minute Ref 167/15 c)**

The overgrown hedges at Poacher's Liar, Holme Lane and on the B3070 at West Holme Farmhouse have been cut back.

b) **Minute Ref 168/ a)**

Dorset County Council Highways do not generally line minor rural roads unless there is a poor collision record at a particular site as per the Rural Roads Protocol which states that signs and lines are kept to the minimum necessary.

The hazard lines highlight a length of road that has a proven personal injury problem and these are usually coupled with relevant warning signs and possibly SLOW road markings. The collision record along the lanes mentioned would have to be looked at to see if such measures can be justified but generally warning signs are erected first.

The Chairman asked that details of any accidents in Bindon/Holme Lane are reported to the Clerk. The Clerk will compile a database of the dates of accidents and what had occurred.

c) **Minute Ref 168/1c)**

Rights of way officers are responsible for the statutory maintenance and management of Dorset's public path network under the Highways Act 1980 and for the continuous review of the Definitive Map under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. There are four area rights of way officers who are responsible for a specific area of the county; they are supported by the field teams who are responsible for the practical work on the ground.

d) **Minute Ref 168/5 a)**

The green container from the Environmental Scientific Group has temporary permission from the Freshwater Biological Association until August 2012.

e) **Minute Ref 168/10**

PCSO Hann has requested some temporary 'No Excuse' signs.

Cllr Naylor reported that there was one of these signs at Middlefield Cottages earlier this week.

f) **Minute Ref 168/16**

Cllr Quinn has fixed the Church Lane notice board and it can be opened.

g) **Minute Ref 168/19 a) i)**

The silt in Binnegar Lane has been cleared by the DCC sweeper.

h) **Minute Ref 168/19 b) i)**

Wessex Water has repaired the water leak at Lindisfarne.

i) **Minute Ref 168/29 a)**

The Highwood dog bin has two of the right type of inners in it. The bin in the Churchyard has one of the wrong type inners as a temporary measure. This will be replaced by SITA in due course with two of the right type.

## 6 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

**None.**

## 7 Planning applications

- a) **6/1998/0001** - Scoping Consultation Binnegar. Binnegar Quarry, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, BH20 6AH. Determination of conditions for mineral site.  
When the areas that have been quarried and are no longer being extracted from, this land should be returned to common land for community uses especially those areas close to the heathland.

**It was resolved** that Cllr Child took the Chair.

Cllr Cady left the room and Cllr Quinn sat in the public area.

- b) **6/2011/0572** – Mayfield, East Stoke, BH20 6BA. Remove existing scrub/hedge to create access at plot at Stokeford Farm.  
District Cllr Quinn reported that the gateway was omitted from the original planning application for the siting of the mobile home. There was a gateway that was there originally but this is not a straightforward replacement. There will be new planting to restore the ancient hedgerow.  
It was **resolved** that there were no objections to this planning application.

Cllrs Cady and Quinn returned to the meeting.

- c) **6/2011/0606** – Longthorns (Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre), East Stoke. Extension to Chimpanzee Nursery Building.  
It was **resolved** that there were no objections to this planning application.

## 8 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/6/2011/0358** - Highwood (Baylea Farm Lodge), East Stoke, BH20 6AR. Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing). Continued occupation of Baylea Farm Lodge as a single dwelling house without compliance with condition 2 on PP 312296/M dated 21/02/1967. **Approved.**
- b) **6/2010/0082** - Masters Pit (Land at), Puddletown Road, East Stoke. 4 Wind Turbines Alaska Wind Farm. An appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspector.  
**This item will be added to the next agenda.**
- c) **6/1997/0492** - Masters South Sand Pit, Gallows Hill, Wareham. (East Stoke). Determination of conditions for mineral site. Permission is granted but work will permanently cease by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2042.
- d) **6/1997/0493** - Masters North Sand Pit, Gallows Hill, Wareham. (East Stoke). Determination of conditions for mineral site. Permission is granted but work will permanently cease by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2042.
- e) **6/1997/0494** - Hyde Sand Pit, Gallows Hill, Wareham. (East Stoke). Determination of conditions for mineral site. Permission is granted but work will permanently cease by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2042.

## 9 East Stoke Level Crossing

DCC Cabinet met yesterday to consider this item. Cllr Quinn had attended the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership meeting and there he met the new manager, James Soole, and he raised the question of what Network Rail is going to do at East Stoke? It will probably be something similar to the East Burton level crossing. A planning application will be submitted for a new level crossing, part of the application will include a tower for a camera, and this is needed for safety reasons.

At the next Parish Council meeting County Cllr Lovell and Cllr Quinn will give an update on the East Stoke Level Crossing.

## **10 Reports from County and District Councillors**

### **a) County Cllr Lovell**

No report.

### **b) District Cllr Quinn**

- i) The budget will continue to be a priority.
- ii) The Boundary Commission Purbeck Electoral Review is on-going.

## **11 Police Update**

Cllr Quinn reported that PC Spencer had followed up the attempted theft with Mrs Wiltshire. A theft occurred at Hethfelton but this and other thefts have not been circulated on the Police's Ringmaster system.

An incident occurred at Hethfelton Wood when a member of the public spotted two wires coming out of one of the stones sited at the entrance to the woods. The MoD bomb disposal team attended on Tuesday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> October, but were unable to do anything as it was dark. The Police cordoned off the area and the next morning the road was closed while the MoD bomb disposal team made a controlled detonation.

**Action:** The Clerk will contact PCSO to find out if there is any information the Safer Neighbourhood Team wish to circulate with the Parish Council's newsletter.

## **12 River Frome Issues**

There was nothing to report.

## **13 Church Lane Notice Board**

This can now be opened again. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Quinn.

Cllr Quinn was asked if he would look at the Highwood Notice Board as this is starting to get difficult to open.

## **14 Parish Land**

a) Mr Simon Cross was unable to stay to update the Parish Council on the registration of the Parish Land. A meeting will be arranged with Mr Cross soon and the information will be feedback at the next meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk will find out the date that Cllr Axon signed her affidavit (cost £13.00).

b) The Chairman invited Mr Kelly to speak. Mr Kelly stated that the Parish land was left for the children as somewhere to play. There was hope that the new Village Hall could be built on this site which would include a play area.

Cllr Quinn responded that there is a note on file at the PDC Planning Department that there was intent to build a new village hall on the original site when the old hall was demolished. It would be easier to get planning permission on the original site than on the Parish Land. That is not to say that it is not impossible to obtain permission to build a village hall on the Parish Land.

c) Cllr Naylor reported that an underground gas main runs diagonally across this land.

**Action:** This item will be added to the next parish Council agenda.

## **15 DAPTC AGM 5<sup>th</sup> November**

No one was available to attend the DAPTC's Annual General Meeting.

**Action:** The Clerk will tender the Parish Council's apologies.

## 16 Highways Issues

### a) **Parish Maintenance Units**

The Parish Maintenance Units will be known as Community Response Teams. The Clerk will follow up the jobs sent for the PMU that have not been completed during September.

### b) Other Highways Issues

**Action:** The Clerk will report the Holme Lane sign that needs fixing on the triangle of grass at the B3070 junction.

## 17 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

This has not been replaced.

## 18 Email regarding the re-tarmacing of Primrose Lane

The Clerk had followed up her email to Jason Lewis at Smiths Gore but there has been no reply. A response is required from Smiths Gore regarding whose responsibility it is to maintain this lane before the Parish Council can consider this issue.

## 19 Consultations

### a) **DCC letter about superfast broadband.** This letter invites the Parish Council to consider raising a Parish Precept to contribute towards the capital match funding required for superfast broadband.

The precept would need to be increased by £2/household. It was agreed that this was a realistic contribution. If the Parish had superfast broadband, Then East Stoke would see a big effect on broadband speeds.

PDC will need to find a contribution of £230,000.

**Action:** The Clerk will reply to the letter stating that East Stoke Parish Council is interested in the proposition of superfast broadband.

### b) **Boundary Commission** Purbeck electoral Review 2011 – consultation on warding arrangements

District Cllr Quinn gave a report on this review. PDC are minded to increase the number of District Cllrs to 27, which is not to say PDC will. There is a presumption in favour of three member wards as PDC hold elections by thirds. The number of electorate per District Cllr should be approximately the same.

A question was raised as why the number of District Cllrs is increasing when the number of MPs is decreasing?

PDC has been looking at the ward boundaries to achieve three member wards. Wards have to be joined. This is not an easy task

Reasons for the review: electoral equality and community identity.

A comment was made that single member wards have their strengths as people can identify who to contact.

**Action:** Cllr Quinn will circulate a response to this consultation.

### c) **Purbeck District Council** 'Planning Purbeck's Future' proposed changes to the pre-submission Core Strategy.

Comments can only be made on the changes being made to this document. This was **noted**.

- d) **Consultation** on the proposed new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries  
At the moment the South Dorset Constituency is unaffected.

## **20 Feedback from meetings attended**

- a) Planning Policy Development Panel  
Cllr Barnes will be attending a meeting to discuss Public Participation at Planning Board meetings.
- b) Clerks' seminar and Purbeck Olympic Networking Meeting
- i) Clerks' seminar  
The seminar covered Social Networking, DCC Highways restructuring, Insurance and an update on the Code of Conduct.  
The report for this item was circulated to all Cllrs.
- ii) Purbeck Olympic Networking Meeting  
The report on this item was circulated to all Cllrs.  
The route of the Olympic Torch will come through Purbeck on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. The route will not be known until November.
- iii) Highways Winter Briefing  
The report from this meeting was noted. The new Highways structure was explained. The map for the winter salting network was circulated. Grit bins have been filled. Any new requests for locating grit bins should be directed to the Technical Officer. The Clerk will add grit bins to the next agenda.

**Action:** The Clerk will forward the contact details for the Highway's Technical officer for this area to Cllr Barnes.

## **21 Churchyard water butt**

This item will be added to the next agenda.

## **22 Draft Autumn newsletter**

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Barnes for her hard work in drafting this newsletter. It was agreed that the newsletter should be printed in black and white. Cllr Quinn will find out prices for this from PDC and Tradewinds and arrange for it to be printed.

Changes to be made to the newsletter: The date of the Cabinet meeting was the 5<sup>th</sup> October. The article about the Churchyard water butt will state that it will be installed soon. The Hawkins Trust leaflet needs to be returned by 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action:** Cllr Cady will email Cllr Barnes with these changes.

## **23 Correspondence Received**

All of the following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

- a) The Bournemouth, Dorset, and Poole Renewable Energy Strategy is being updated.
- b) Details of Domestic Violence Awareness Training courses were received. These courses may be of interest to those working in the Voluntary Sector.
- c) The Dorset Countryside News September/October 2011 and information on the Autumn Bird Week.
- d) An invitation from PEAT to Parish and Town clerks and Councillors to an open meeting about Dorset's Renewable Energy Strategy.
- e) A consultation on restrictive covenants in the pub industry by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

- f) The next funding round for the Village SOS Competition is open for applications. Village SOS has been a TV series on BBC1.
- g) The news from the Association of Dorset Watches Autumn 2011.
- h) Details were received on the road shows on the future of mineral extraction across the county being held by Dorset County Council.
- i) A link to the Poole Harbour Commissions' Master Plan was circulated. This has been sent to the Flood warden, Mr Pete Burden.
- j) Details of level crossing closures to allow contractors to carry out detailed inspections of the railway track. The works in Wool will take place from 11.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> October until 7.00am 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- k) A list was circulated for who the contact is regarding drainage and flooding problems on roads, rivers, property etc. The contacts list for Highways was circulated; East Stoke is in Area 4.
- l) Ambassadors for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012. The closing date to apply for becoming an Ambassador is October 17<sup>th</sup>. A poster has been placed on the notice boards.
- m) A new guide, 'How to respond to planning applications' was received.
- n) Public Meeting on the proposed changes to DCC Day Care services. Wareham Corn Exchange, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm – 8.15pm.

## 24 Invitations

- a) Winfrith Site Stakeholder meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm  
Cllr Quinn will attend this meeting.
- b) The Clerk will attend the Dorset Police Enquiry Office Review consultation meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> November

## 25 DAPTC Training Courses

- a) **Cllrs update** 16<sup>th</sup> November, Dorset Youth Association, Dorchester.  
No one wished to attend this course.

## 26 Finance

### a) Receipts

The following receipts were **noted**:

Maintenance payment for Fyler and Butler Graves	£187.74
Second half of Precept from PDC	£2,750.00

### b) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
Weld Spray Contracting Ltd (Churchyard maintenance)	£449.02	000328
Wessex Water bill	£11.03	000329
Clerks' August/September salary	£333.11	000330
Mrs J Wright (2 Keys cut)	£12.00	000331

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

### c) **Donation to the Royal British Legion for a Wreath to place on the War memorial on Remembrance Sunday**

It was **resolved** to donate £30.00 to the Royal British Legion for a wreath. Cheque number 000332.

d) **The second quarter budget report**

The second quarter budget report was circulated with the papers for this meeting.  
The budget report was approved and signed by the chairman.

**27 Matters for information and/ or inclusion on next Agenda**

Items for next month's agenda grit bins and projects/expenditure for inclusion in next year's budget.

**28 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at 7pm.

**Chairman:**..... **Date:**.....