

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Cllr)

APOLOGIES Cllr Damian Cullinane

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Mike Lovell
12 Members of the Public
Mrs Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

Mr Naylor from Primrose Farm Lane asked 3 questions regarding the wind farm:

- I. Do wind farms have special planning applications and why was there no scale drawings showing the proposed turbines within the landscape provided; we were only shown computer generated photographs. So how can we mitigate it if we can't see how the turbines fit in the landscape? Trees may not be large enough.
- II. The planning board have not taken the advice of the planning officer's recommendation. How mitigation should be achieved should be sought from professionals.
- III. There is a very short deadline considering the Christmas holidays fall within the time given to respond. Will this deadline of 7th January 2011 be extended?

Mr G Bayliss South Trigon from Wareham St. Martin Parish. What wind turbines are they going to use (size/height etc)? If a householder puts in a planning application they have to specify the type of brick/tiles that will be used.

District Cllr Quinn responded that the public are being asked for their views on mitigation. The type of turbine would not influence this.

What is the noise generated by this turbine in this position?

Mr Naylor the turbine is to be on a ridge and then there will be the height of the turbine. The first field between Mr Naylor's home and the turbines is not owned by Infinergy or Mr Will Bond so would trees be able to be planted.

Miss Helen Crow stated that mature trees were to be planted along the track at the back of Middlefield Cottages. Miss Crow's concern was that these trees would block out light from the gardens. Another concern was the noise and that it had been reported that work had already started on this development.

Miss Crow reported that during the recent rainfall there had been flooding behind Middlefield Cottages and on the A352. It was felt that this flooding could have been caused by a French drain along the track that gets blocked.

Noise levels with the electricity tariff could be up to 45dB. The E.U. noise limits are not sufficient to protect residents. The planning officer recommended that the application should be refused due to noise to the residents and the scouts. The WHO noise limit for background noise is 30dB and above this limit would cause loss of sleep.

District Cllr Quinn gave the advice that Miss Crow should respond with these concerns and that the methods of mitigation won't satisfy the conditions regarding noise.

At the Planning Board meeting on 30th November it was said that conditions could be agreed within weeks. County Cllr Lovell stated the reasons for the planning board decision were so that the members on the board had more evidence to make a decision. If the planning board refused an application then the applicant has the right to appeal against this decision. The Inspector who considers the appeal would not impose conditions on the application.

The wind farm application is likely to be on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting in March 2011.

Mr D Littlewood, Rushton Lane, Parish Councils in the new Localism Bill are to be given more powers and have more say including planning in the community. The Chairman responded by saying at present the Parish Council can only respond to the planning applications, it is the planning board which makes the decisions.

Mr Phil Redl, 'Byways', was disappointed with the Councillors decision to support the application for the Wind Farm. The Councillors should have had read all the reports in detail and all the reasons for refusal and not be swayed by Infinergy's RPS report and their support at the meeting.

Why couldn't the Parish Council have 10 minutes to speak at the end like the applicant? Regarding the letter about the mitigation of the turbines, how tall will the trees have to be to mitigate? There should not be mitigation and the application should be refused and take a chance with the Inspector. There was a proposal for solar panels in this area.

County Cllr Lovell reported that the renewable and low carbon energy from waste plant facility at Winfrith had been approved. This will provide 10 megawatts of electricity and would produce the equivalent in heat for hot water that will heat units in the Technology Park.

Miss Crow commented that the Wind Farm is capable of producing 9.2MW but the turbines are only about 25% efficient.

Mr Bayliss, South Trigon, concerned that the issues in the Planning Officer's report were not addressed

- I. The Dorset Gliding Club had concerns that the turbines would cause a physical hazard to gliders.
- II. The effect on the adults with learning difficulties at the Purbeck Care Residential home. Two Wind Farm applications have been refused at Penpell and Flixborough on appeal after specialist medical evidence was presented. The noise aspect was a material consideration in both cases.
- III. Shadow flicker – The mitigated position of the 82 metre diameter turbines are 800m away from homes due to the shadow flicker effect. The ten dwellings at South Trigon are within the 800M limit and this has not been addressed.

Due to safety reasons the MoD have said there needs to be a red flashing light on top of the permanent meteorological mast. Mr Whitmarsh commented that if it is a strobe light it will be seen 15 miles away.

Other issues: the notice board glass is steamed up so the notices cannot be read. The Clerk will look into how this problem could be overcome.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Damian Cullinane and PCSO Stuart Hann.

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

None.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November were approved and signed.

5 Matters arising from the above minutes

None as all matters to be discussed are on the agenda.

6 Clerk's report on actions from last meeting

The Chairman read out the Clerk's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A short discussion regarding the parish purchasing its own Speed Indicator Device (SID), due to the cost this would need to be shared with other parishes.

Items for the Easter Newsletter: Olympics and the Purbeck Food and Drink Directory.

It was agreed to move item 9a) the report from County Cllr Lovell to before item 7 Planning Application as County Cllr Lovell had to attend another meeting.

7 Report from County Councillor

County Cllr Lovell stated that there will be a highways meeting tomorrow about the C6. County Cllr Lovell reported that DCC is finding ways to save money. DCC has saved 27 Million this year. DCC are still waiting for the announcement about the budget. Over next three years Dorset needs to make £50 million savings. Next year there is to be £22 million cuts, 500 jobs will be lost and services reduced. Libraries will close – but could the community get involved in running the libraries.

A working group was set up to find out how to save money and to try not to affect front end services.

DCC does not have large reserves. There will be a meeting on the 15th December to discuss the budget.

8 Planning Application

- a) **6/2007/0812** - Hill View Farm, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AW. Importation and spreading of fill to be followed by top soiling to create level field surface suitable for ongoing agriculture activities

The Environment Agency (EA) has completed their investigations and has withdrawn their objection. The EA sent a letter to PDC and was not picked up until 23rd November 2010 when Mr A Helmore from DCC contacted the EA.

Only a letter about the re-consultation had been received by the Parish Council. A link to the on-line application was included in the letter. The Parish Council would like to have copies of the full size plans and the Clerk will ask for an extension to the time required to respond.

9 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2010/0410** - Bindon Lane (Long Coppice), East Stoke. Erect extension to form rooms under new higher roof, erect replacement garage and stables and form new vehicular access to dwelling. **Refused.**
The reasons for refusal included in the planning officer's report was that there would be a loss of trees and hedgerows of landscape value which as a collective whole are seen to make a contribution to the landscape and the loss of these trees and hedgerows cannot be compensated for with replacement planting.
The trees and hedgerow where the new highways access was proposed has been removed.
Action: District Cllr Quinn will inform PDC of the removal of the hedges and trees.
- b) **6/2010/0535** - Area of Frome floodplain land below Rushton; Installation of water level control structures and low level soil bunds on agricultural flood plain land. **Approved.**
- c) **6/2010/0595** (Listed Building Consent) - Reed Cottage, East Stoke, BH20 6AN. Replacement doors and windows (retrospective). **Approved.**
- d) **6/2006/0666** - Floodplain east of Holme Bridge to Railway Line, East Holme. Installation of 8 water level control structures and 4 clay bunds on floodplain ditches. Creation of shallow scrapes and grips. **Approved.**
- e) Planning appeal no: **APP/B1225/C/10/2138712** – appeal against enforcement action by PDC regarding the fencing at Luckford Wood Campsite, Holme Lane, East Stoke. Noted.

10 Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) **District Cllr Quinn**
- i) **PDC Budget** – no news.
 - ii) **Rubbish Collections** – due to the snow problems at the beginning of the month. PDC will ensure that there will be a collection in two weeks.
Action: Parish email list so the news such as burglaries and the recent change of waste collection can be disseminated to many of the parishioners.
 - iii) **Electoral Cycle** – the proposal to change the electoral cycle was defeated and the electoral cycle will remain as election by thirds. There will be a Boundary Review which had a bearing on PDC's decision.
 - iv) **Waste Partnership** – There will be a Waste partnership across the county.

11 Keystone Project update

6/2010/0535 and **6/2006/0666** were **approved**. See minute 9b) and d) above.

- a) **6/2010/0534** - Area of Frome floodplain, land upstream of Holmebridge. Installation of water level control structure and low soil bund on agricultural flood plain land. This application was deferred.

Mr and Mrs Burden have been invited to go through the report about the Keystone Project and a meeting will be arranged in January 2011.

Cllr Quinn said that this has been referred to the Heritage Committee so that someone is responsible for the project.

Action: Clerk to add update of parish plan to the next agenda.

12 Police Update

An email update had been received from PCSO Hann. This was read out by the Chairman.

Thanks were given to Beccy Cady and Barry Quinn who kindly contacted PCSO Hann via mobile phone to highlight quite how bad the flooding was at Middlefield on Saturday evening, also to Paul Whitmarsh and other residents who did their utmost to prevent drivers coming to harm.

Personally PCSO Hann had never seen that sort of volume of water coming on to the road there and prior to the evening calls Dorset Police had passed the matter to the local authority to deal with on the basis of a personal caller to the Wareham desk officer earlier in the afternoon.

C6 traffic concerns, having spoken to Steve Howard from Network Traffic at DCC and Barry Quinn, it is hopeful that a site visit in conjunction with Wool Parish Council to discuss the related issues at 14.00 on Tuesday 14th December, concerns coming out of both Parishes are very similar it is hoped that this will prove productive.

13 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit (PMU)

District Cllr Quinn will ask PCSO Hann about why Binnegar Lane was closed at the bottom at the A352 but not at the top.

b) Other Highways Issues

Several potholes at Hethfelton, these were ringed for repair but have not been done.

Action: The Clerk will report these issues.

14 East Stoke Crossing Update

Cllr Quinn had spoken to Mr Roger Bell, Rights of Way Officer at DCC, and the East Stoke Crossing is not on their list. This crossing cannot be closed without a stopping up order.

When Network Rail says that this crossing will be closed they probably mean the removal of the gate keeper.

15 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

Action: To keep on future agendas until the fingerpost has been replaced.

16 Reports from Councillors- Meetings and Training

a) Cllr Barnes was unable to attend DAPTC AGM.

17 Volunteer of the Year

Cllr Tib Axon was nominated by Cllr Cady and this was seconded by Cllr Barnes, and it was a unanimous decision. Cllr Axon will have served 35 years on the Parish Council next year as well as doing volunteer work. Cllr Cady completed the nomination form.

18 Planter for War Memorial

A square planter has been put on the list for next year.

19 Fyler and Butler graves

Cllr Quinn will take a look at the graves in the New Year.

Action: The Clerk will add this to next agenda.

20 Fisherman's Stone bench in Water meadow

Cllr Quinn had spoken to Mr John Davy-Bowker at the River Laboratory; he suggested that the bench was moved upstream slightly where the banks are not eroded.

The Councillors thought that by leaving it there it would not get used. A suggestion was to move the bench to the Mill Pool; Cllr Quinn will ask Mr Davy-Bowker if this would be possible.

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

21 Invitations

a) Dorset Waste Forum to be held on 20th January 2011 at 10am, Dorchester Corn Exchange. Cllr Karen Barnes will attend.

b) Dorset POPP - Locality Planning Report Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 9.30am, Wimborne. No one was available to attend.

22 Consultations

a) Planning Purbeck's Future pre-submission Draft Consultation on Core Strategy

Due to the Wind Farm planning Board meeting the previous evening Cllr Cady and Cllr Barnes did not attend the December briefing.

No comments were made on this consultation.

b) Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole draft Minerals Core Strategy

Cllr Cullinane had made comments on this consultation.

Action: The Clerk will send these comments to DCC.

c) River Frome Rehabilitation Plan - Draft Report

Comments on the plan had been received by the Flood Warden, Mr Pete Burden. Due to the December meeting being postponed the Clerk consulted both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to submit these comments on behalf of the Parish Council. These have been submitted to Mr Maxwell at the EA.

23 Grit Bins

The Clerk had circulated the prices of grit bins from four companies. It was decided that three bins would be needed one at Middlefield Cottages, one at the crossroads of Holme Lane/Church Lane and one at the top of Church Lane.

Action: The Clerk will contact DCC to see if they would recommend one particular bin. This item will be added to the next agenda.

24 Historical Project update

Cllr Quinn reported that the interpretation boards are ready. The pilot one at Holme Bridge cannot be installed until approval is given from Highways and that there are no services under the ground where the board is to be installed.

Ian Hewitt has to install the board at St. Mary's ruins. This will not be until the New Year.

25 Signage

a) The Manor Lane sign will be erected in the New Year.

- b) Cllr Barnes reported on the number of advertising signs that are in the Parish especially as part is in the AONB. The FBA has 12 signs and Holme for Gardens has 15 signs. It had been reported at an earlier meeting about the number of signs at Rogers Concrete.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mr Davies at PDC to find out if any of these signs have planning permission.

26 Registering of Septic Tanks on-line

There is a seven page document to read before you complete the registration form. PDC have advertised this, there has been no direct communication from the EA. There is a need to register septic tanks by 2012.

27 Correspondence Received

All correspondence had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

- a) Letter from Infinergy about the Alaska Wind Farm and a new option for Community Benefits for their electricity

Is the reduction in electricity costs instead of other community benefits?

Action: The Clerk will invite Infinergy to the next meeting to explain the community benefits they would provide or is it only the green electricity.

- b) Emails from Mr J Barnes regarding a request for information
The Clerk will respond regarding the planning applications that any comments that the Parish Council has made are on the Dorset for You website.

- c) Letter from Mr Miles Butler regarding the white fence posts in Church Lane.
Mr Whitmarsh would be willing to move the posts back 0.5M.

Action: The Clerk will reply stating that the Parish Council supports the fence posts being there. The maintenance of the verge is good. The parish Council would like to be informed as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the fence posts – replacements and painting.

- d) Jan Dutton, PDC, information on Light bulb recycling
It is a good idea but the Parish has no where to put a collection box.

- e) Deer Management leaflet from the Poole Basin Deer Management Group. This was noted.

- f) A proposed new standards regime will be in the emerging Localism Bill.

- g) Galton's (Wyevale) garden Centre has over 100 allotments for rent. If any allotments are still available at Easter this will be added to the Easter newsletter.

28 Finance

- a) Invoices and payments for Consideration

It was resolved that the following payments were paid.

Mrs Julie Wright (Oct/Nov salary)	£333.11	(Chq 000304).
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- b) **Quotes to replace parish land's fencing**

No quotes had been received. .

c) **Budget 2011-2012**

Three grit bins and fencing of parish land costs needed to be included. £2,500 more will be earmarked for a new village hall. Precept for 2011/12 will remain as this year £5,500. This will be approved at the next meeting.

29 Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

Cllr Barnes reported that she had written to Bridget Downton about the Wind Farm Planning Board meeting.

Guidelines are set out for speaking at meetings and usually the Parish Council representative would speak last.

Action: The Clerk will write to Bridget Downton stating that lessons must be learnt from the Wind Farm Planning Board meeting and that the guidance should be followed when future major applications are considered.

30 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th January 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman: **Date:**