

East Stoke Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JULY 2011

PRESENT Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Neill Child

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

1 Public Participation Time

- a) Mrs Leigh Woolaston spoke on her planning application 6/2011/0358 – Baylea Farm Lodge. Mrs Woolaston has inherited her grandfather's house and wants to live there without an agricultural restriction. No agricultural activity has taken place in 35 years. Neighbour's letters of support have been sent to Purbeck District Council (PDC).
- b) Mr Adrian Naylor spoke on agenda item 15) the email on the re-tarmacing of Primrose Lane. It was hoped that the Parish Council would write to the Bond Estate asking for a contribution towards the cost of retarmacing as their property 'Heath Cottage' is at the end of this lane.
- c) Mrs Gillian Topp enquired about how a person is co-opted on to the Parish Council. The first step is to write to the Clerk expressing their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.
- d) Mr Pete Burden spoke on agenda item 10) River Frome issues.
 - i) As Flood Warden Mr Burden had been informed about a ditch that had been filled in under the railway line. It was thought that this was so that access could be gained to the south side of the river whilst works are being carried out and would be removed on completion.
 - ii) The mud from a pond that has been dredged out has been put at the sides of the riverbank.
Both of these issues are not allowing the valley to drain off excess water which may cause flooding.
Action: District Cllr Quinn will liaise with Mr Burden on these issues as they may be in the neighbouring parish. Mr Goater, PDC's engineer, will need to look at it too.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from the Chairman, Cllr Rebecca Cady, and Cllr Neill Child. County Cllr Mike Lovell tendered his apologies.

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

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest to record.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2011

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd June were approved and signed.

5 Matter arising from minutes of the last meeting

- a) 165/18 – Cllr Barnes has decided not to apply to be a representative on the Standards Board.
- b) 165/22 – an invoice will be submitted shortly for the cutting of the Churchyard hedge.
- c) 165/13 - the barrel is ready for the Churchyard and Cllr Quinn will speak with Cllr Cady about installing it.
- d) 165/1 c) -The footpath has been cut back.

6 Planning applications

- a) **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.

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application.

- b) **6/2011/0359** - Rose Cottage, Holmebridge, Wareham, BH20 6AF. Demolish conservatory and erect single storey side extension.

Two queries were raised regarding this application:

- 1. Why is there no design and access statement?
- 2. It is unclear whether the previous planning application is going to be implemented from this planning application. Will the previous plans be implemented?

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application. A condition should be applied that the materials to be used for the roof tiles and ridges on the extension should match the existing roofing materials.

7 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2011/0010** – Bindon Lane (Woodlands Lodge), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. Change of use of shower block to form one self contained holiday letting unit. Carry out external alterations and insert additional windows.

Cllr Quinn reported that the Planning Officer had visited the site. There is a green mobile home on site. The site is not open for camping.

The delay on making a decision on this application is that Natural England have not submitted a response regarding the heath land and a contribution would need to be made for this planning application. The Planning Officer is chasing Natural England for their comments. The applicant's agents have contacted PDC as it hasn't been determined and therefore could appeal.

This application is for a considerable development within the AONB and it was hoped that this application would be determined by the planning board as the previous applications for the site have.

- b) **6/2010/ 0640**- Bindon Lane (Copseside), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. Demolish existing dwelling and outbuilding and erect a dwelling with attached double garage and car port; form new vehicular access.

The applicant has appealed against PDC's refusal.

8 East Stoke Crossing

- a) The letter from Mr T Westwood regarding Network Rail's proposal to close East Stoke Crossing was considered.

It was resolved that the Parish Council does **not** consent to the application being made to a Magistrate's Court by Dorset County Council.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mr Westwood with the Parish Council's response and include the relevant part of the Highways act regarding when a Magistrate's Court can stop up a highway. This road is necessary as the residents confirmed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The emergency services have used this crossing twice very recently. This diversion will not make it easier to travel from one side of the village to the other but incur extra journeys of a further 4-5 miles.

The Clerk will enquire what the next steps in this process are as the Parish Council is consulting with the residents on this issue.

Cllr Barnes had received a letter From Richard Drax M.P regarding the closure of East Stoke level crossing and he suggested that residents write to Network Rail.

- b) Holmebridge Crossing

On Sunday 26th June Holmebridge Crossing was closed due to a barrier failure and traffic was diverted using the East Stoke level crossing. This is another reason why the crossing at East Stoke is necessary. The Parish council need to know the procedure when the barriers fail, how soon the maintenance team get to the crossing and how long it takes their staff to repair them.

Action: The Clerk will write to Network Rail (with a copy to the Police) regarding the closure of Holmebridge Crossing for maintenance work and when there is a barrier fault and the need to retain East Stoke level crossing

- c) Public Meeting for residents views on the East Stoke level crossing

It was agreed that a meeting would be held in September to gain the resident's views on the proposed closure of East Stoke level crossing.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to next month's agenda.

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) **County Cllr Lovell**

Dorset County Council's (DCC) Highways department is being restructured with the loss of a large number of staff.

- b) **District Cllr Quinn**

i) There will be a consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller sites

ii) The Boundary review is on-going. They are looking at making the council more effective and the councillors to have an even work load.

Currently the council elects by thirds therefore there should be three district councillor per ward. There are 24 district councillors this may increase to 27 – 3 councillors for each of the nine wards.

Parish Councils will be consulted on these changes.

10 River Frome Issues

Two issues were reported during the public participation time.

Another issue is that the culvert at south bridge has not been cleared.

Action: District Cllr Quinn will follow this up with Mr Goater as he has sent a letter to DCC about this blocked culvert.

11 Police Update

The Police were not present at this meeting. It was reported that a van with 'C & J metals' had been visiting properties in the village asking for any scrap metal but they are a legitimate company.

12 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit

Items for the PMU list: French drain in Binnegar Lane (near Moorcroft Cottage) and the culverts and ditches in Binnegar Lane need clearing.

b) Other Highways Issues

i) It was reported that Moorcroft Cottage had not cut their hedge. Letters have been sent from the Parish Council and DCC.

Action: The Clerk will contact Mr Les Evans as he has sent a letter asking for their hedge to be cut back and the work has not been carried out.

ii) There is a hole on the corner of Bindon Lane on the bend after Bindon Abbey.

Action: The Clerk will report this problem on-line.

iii) Trees on both sides of Holme Lane approaching the crossroads with the B3070.

Action: The Clerk will contact Les Evans about Mr Smith as the Parish Council has already written to him.

iv) Trees on Mr Stephen Goldsack's land

Action: The Clerk will report this to Mrs R Selby, chairman of East Holme Parish Meeting.

13 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

This has not been replaced.

14 Planter for War memorial – replanting

The planter has not been delivered. PDC are following this up.

15 Email regarding the re-tarmacing of Primrose Lane

One written and one verbal quote had been received. The Parish Council have no title deeds on the Parish Land. Mr Simon Cross will be contacted about the deeds as Cllr T Axon had signed an affidavit about this land.

In 1898 the Parish Land was left to the parish as a recreation ground.

Actions: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda including the cost of £525.25 for the Parish Council's share for re-tarmacing the lane up to the Parish Land. Holme Estates are to be contacted to see if they will contribute towards the re-tarmacing.

The Clerk will ask Mr Naylor to obtain a third quote for this work.

16 DAPTC AGM Resolutions

No resolutions were put forward.

17 Correspondence Received

- a) Invitation to join "The Purbeck Rural Alliance" which is being formed in case Infinergy appeal against PDC's decision on the Wind Farm.
The Clerk explained that joining this alliance could mean that all the Parish councillors would have a prejudicial interest to declare when considering any further Wind Farm applications.

Action: The Clerk will respond to the invitation stating that the Parish Council needs to be impartial so that we can represent the parish on future applications.

- b) Invitation to attend the Dorset AONB Annual Forum on Tuesday 12th July at Buckland Newton. Apologies will be sent as no one will be able to attend.
- c) A proposal is being put forward under the Sustainable Communities Act regarding major developments. Does the Parish Council support for Leiston Town Council's resolution? The proposal is for new guidance for developers of major planning applications to attend our meeting to answer questions about their planning application if we so wish and to provide resources (if we so wish) to enable us to assess their applications – which may be over 1000 pages long – based on a professional critique of their evidence

The Parish council **resolved** to formally support Leiston Town Council's proposal

- d) Information on Bournemouth University's archaeology services. Noted
- e) Purbeck District Council Planning team areas. East Stoke is in the North Team's area for planning and South for development control. Noted.
- f) Digitaluk sent news on the switchover to digital in 2012. The posters enclosed in the information pack have been displayed on the notice boards.
- g) Invitation for Clerk and Chairman to attend Boundary Commission's Further Electoral Review of Purbeck Wednesday 13th July at 6pm.
Cllr Barnes and the Clerk will be attending this meeting.
- h) Temporary Road Traffic Order for the temporary closure of Holme No.31 level crossing. This will come into operation from 23.45 Hrs on Wednesday 13th July to 06.30hrs on Thursday 14th July 2011. Noted.

18 Finance

a) Receipts

The following receipt was **noted**.

HMRC VAT refund	£165.74
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b) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
Society of Local Council Clerks (1/3 subscription)	£32.00	000317
DAPTC Annual Subscription payment	£151.12	000318
DAPTC New Cllr Seminar	£20.00	000319

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

- c) First Quarter Budget Report – 30th June 2011
This was noted. Expenditure is as expected.

- d) Parish Land fencing quotes for consideration
Two further quotes are needed. This will be added to next month's agenda.

19 Matters for information and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

- a) On Tuesday evening there was another accident in the 40mph limit on the A352.
- b) Amendment to cheque signatories to remove Cllr Cullinane and add Cllr Evans. Item for next agenda.
- c) Cllr Quinn had met with Rev Rhona Floate about the Historical Project board by the War Memorial. The board will be installed next week. The Trustees of the Church need to move the green sign that will be behind this board to replace the one on the wall further down which is tarnished.

20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th August 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....