



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY
3rd OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr David Purshouse
 Cllr Chris Evans

APOLOGIES Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time for 15 Minutes

- a) A resident asked if the Parish Council are aware of the damaged bridges along Church Lane. The Chair confirmed that they were reported to Highways a few months ago.
- b) The hedgerows along the C6 are overgrown and they need to be cut back to the regulated height. **Action:** The Clerk will email the Gliding Club, Longthorns, Monkey World and the MOD.
- c) It was questioned whether the Parish Council has given up the idea of building the village hall on the parish land. Update will be provided during the Item 7 on the Farrer Estate, where it is hoped a village hall will be built. There were problems with the parish land as there are two pieces of legislation that conflict with each other. The resident suggested that the local residents could be asked what they would like the land to be used for. It was commented upon that it is too small for a football pitch, but they could investigate if allotments would be viable option. **Action:** The Clerk to include it in the newsletter.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th September 2019 were approved as a true account.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

6/2019/0482 - Manor Farm, BH20 6AW. Demolish existing building and replace with a storage building

The Parish Council have no comments or objections.

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications

a) Binnegar Hall Update

The application deadline has been extended to 31st Oct.

9. Reports from Unitary Councillor

- a) The Peer Review is ongoing with members talking across the Council. They are currently discussing how they have progressed and if any improvements can be made. The feedback will be available on Friday 4th October.
- b) The Children's blue print For Change was not due to the ombudsmen result, as it was already in the pipe line. All the children's services including early social care will now be located together. Social workers will now stay with the same child for continuity purposes.
- c) Plans are in place for preparing for Brexit and they are working in conjunction with the emergency services and neighbouring councils.
- d) Dorset Council's (DC) Climate Change Executive Advisory Panel have met with the Extinction Rebellion and Parish Councils who have declared their own climate emergencies. It was discussed that if East Stoke Parish Council undertook an audit, then it will probably be carbon neutral due to it no owning any buildings.
- e) There are currently 150,000 not using the internet and a volunteer network has been set up called "Digital Champions" who can help improve people's digital skills. It was asked if there is a link with the number of people unable to access the internet due to poor broadband connectivity. There are currently discussions taking place with broadband suppliers to improve the service as at the moment it is only BT working on the infrastructure. There is now a commitment from the Government to improve services nationally.
- f) Dorset Council's draft Council Plan was approved at Cabinet on Tuesday 1 October. This plan sets out the Council's proposed priorities for the next four years. They are keen to seek feedback and views from town and parish councils on this draft plan throughout the autumn.
- g) It was asked if there was any update on the advertisement signs. Ian Styring will remove the signs at the Church Lane junction and he has spoken to the Farrer Estate. **Action:** Cllr Brooks to obtain an update.

10. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported

A white van with three people acting suspiciously was spotted at the Highwood junction. The woman was looking closely at a nearby house. The van was registered to an address in the Canterbury area. It was reported to the Police. **Action:** The Clerk to ask the Police for any updates.

11. Churchyard Maintenance

The quotes from the Phase 2 work were Tim Lee £350, Stephen Saunders £300-350, Tim Clarke was unable to do the work as it was too large. The only quote received back from the Phase 3 work was from Tim Lee for £480. Both Steve Brown and A&C Clearances looked at both jobs, but the Clerk was still waiting for the quotes back from them.

It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn to award the Phase 2 work to Tim Lee. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn to award the Phase 3 work to Tim Lee. The work should be completely carried out by March so the grass seeds could be sowed in the spring. There hasn't been any news from the Church regarding the ownership of the boundary.

Action: The Clerk to notify Tim Lee.

12. Parish Councillor Vacancy

This vacancy will be advertised in the newsletter.

13. Newsletter

Cllr Child will find out how many of the properties at the Farrer Estate are occupied in order to work out the number of newsletters required. The following articles will be included Remembrance Sunday, Police report, Holyrood Church, Parish Land and Hethfelton. It was agreed for the printing to be done week commencing 21st October.

14. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

- i) The bridges along Church Lane have been deemed safe and have been added to the highways list of jobs.
- ii) Cllr Brooks will chair the Highways Executive and they will discuss issues such as whether Parish Councils could do the weeding along pavements.
- iii) The gullies at the Wood Street junction were cleared this year, but unfortunately flooding reoccurred this week. **Action:** Due to it being on the Wool Boundary the Clerk will find out from Wool Parish Council if it has been re-reported.

b) Traffic survey for the A352

- i) Due to it being a 60mph zone the results of the traffic survey show that nobody was officially speeding. However, due to the sharp bends, it was agreed that anything other 30mph should be classed as excessive. Several vehicles were travelling at 40 or above including what appears to be one vehicle travelling at speed at approximately 1pm each day. It would not be possible to construct speed bumps due to the environmental factor of it causing more air pollution than they would if they were driving smoothly. Advisory signs are an option but it was agreed that a site meeting needs to be set up with Steve Mephram.
- ii) The Binnegar survey was conducted where the proposed bus stop will be located which is on the 50mph stretch slightly before the 40mph limit sign. The results show that a lot of the vehicles were travelling at over 50mph. There is a strong case to reduce the speed and it was suggested that a 40mph speed limit should be imposed from the B3070 to the Woolbridge roundabout. It was noted that there are often tailbacks at the B3070 junction during the summer months when the Holmebridge level crossing is down. **Action:** The speed restrictions will be discussed at the meeting with Steve Mephram.

c) Other Issues

The bridleway at Rushton was reported two years ago and work has still not been carried out. The right of way is overgrown and the gate cannot be opened while on horseback.

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

- a) Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils. Dorset Council would like to have a conversation with parish and town councils to develop an agreement about working together on matters of common interest. Workshops will take place on the following dates: 16, 22, 29 October starting at 7pm. The venues will be confirmed shortly.
Cllr Child maybe able to attend.
- b) Dorset Council Community Lottery for Community Groups, Residents and Charities. Dorset Council is seeking the views of local residents, community groups and local charities on the proposal to run a Community Lottery for local good causes in the Dorset council area. In order to determine if there is a willingness for this to happen, we want to ask people to complete a short online survey which is open from 12th September to 13th October.
This can be accessed from the Dorset Website.

16. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Confirm Report: Road works report – Purbeck. Information on roadworks taking place in September including Binnegar from 2-4th September. **Noted.**

- b) DCF ENews September 2019. The works to the Fossil Forest are nearing completion and will be open to the public in December 2019. **Noted.**
- c) Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Various Roads, Purbeck. Perenco's project is progressing faster than anticipated some of their dates have been brought forward. These works will be completed by 14th September. **Noted.**
- d) Purbeck CA AGM. Invitation to attend the Purbeck Citizen's Advice AGM on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm, in Westport House. **Noted.**
- e) Have Your Say at our Drop-In Consultation Days. The Jurassic Coast Trust is running a series of consultation days, including one at the Wareham Library on 20th September. **Noted.**
- f) Postponed - Dorset Flood Warden and Community Volunteer Resilience Training Day. They are looking at rescheduling it, but the details are yet to be confirmed. **Noted.**
- g) Temporary closure of A352 at Wool Level Crossing. It will come into operation on Tuesday 1st October and will remain in place for a period of 5 days. It is anticipated that the works will take place each night between the hours of 00.15 and 06:00hrs. **Noted.**
- h) Dorset Council Town & Parish Precept Requests 2020/21. The deadline for submitting a precept request is 31st January 2020. **Noted.**
- i) Wool Old Bridge, International ICE People's Choice Award. They have been nominated for an international Institution of Civil Engineers Award and request for members of the public to vote for the project. Voting closes on 27th September and the winner announced on 12th November 2019. **Noted.**
- j) 2 Tier Local Government Councillors- Office Call on Garrison Commander. These meetings are held every six months to discuss military matters which might affect the local community.
Cllr Cady attended the meeting. Derek Hefferman has taken over from Stewart Burman as the Community Liaison Officer. The Garrison Commander raised the issue that children attending the new Special Educational Needs School in Bovington maybe adversely affected by the tank noise. It was suggested that they could do a pro-active approach where the children can do a meet and greet with the soldiers and tanks. Alternatively, sound proofing could be looked into.
- k) Dorset Council Peer Review - Parish and Town Council Focus Group - 3 October 3pm, Dorchester. Parish Councillors have been invited to join a focus group which will be on Thursday 3 October 3.00 - 4.30pm in Dorchester (venue tbc). **Noted.**
- l) News release: Climate Emergency work update. Plans are being drawn up for Dorset Council councillors and officers to promote the good work of the Low Carbon Dorset programme, which has already helped many public sector organisations. **Noted.**
- m) Dorset AONB News: Landscapes for Life Festival 21-29 September 2019. All the events are listed on the [Dorset AONB website](#). **Noted.**
- n) Ongoing Promotion of NALC Annual Conference 2019. The Conference will take place at the Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes, 28-29 October 2019. Tickets are £310 per head. **Noted.**
- o) Fingerpost Restoration / Landscapes for Life Festival. The Fingerpost Restoration Workshops will take place on Thursday 26th September between 4-7pm and Saturday 28th September between 10am-1pm. **Noted.**
- p) Dorset Community Impact Fund Round 4 - Open For Applications. The application deadline is Sunday 10th November. **Noted.**

- q) Winter Season 2019/20 - Dorset Highways - Salt bins & Dumpy bags. There has been a slight increase this year of 2.5% due to the rising costs of salt and in doing so, the dumpy bags and salt bin prices have changed. **Noted.**
- r) Police Liaison Committee. The collective view is that the use of 30mph bin stickers on wheelie bins is not supported. **Noted.**
- s) Winfrith SSG meeting - 7 November 2019. Invitation to meeting to be held at Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall from 13:30 on Thursday 7th November. **Noted.**
- t) Woolbridge Interview - Radio Solent. Local Historian Alan Brown will be talking about the history of Woolbridge on Radio Solent from 7 to 7.15am on Thursday 26th September. **Noted.**

17. Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted.

Second half of precept £4375.00

- b) **The following payments were approved.**

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment September Salary	£220.83	000544
Dorset County Pension Fund	£64.25	000545
Re-imburse E Maidment for ink cartridge	£15.98	000546
T. Lee (Grounds Maintenance July – Sept 19)	£710.00	000547

18. Items for Information or next agenda

None

19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th November at the River Laboratories.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20

Chairman:

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