

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JULY 2013

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Christine Evans

APOLOGIES Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)
 County Cllr Mike Lovell
 Wareham West SNT

IN ATTENDANCE Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

No comments.

2 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Tib Axon and Cllr Barry Quinn.

3 Granting of Dispensations

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4 Declarations of Interest

None.

5 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th June were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6 Matters arising from the minutes

- a) 190/ 1 a) Cllr Child will ask Mr Rowland if he would be willing to witness the declaration.
- b) 190/ 1 a) Only one quote had been received for completing the fencing of the Parish Land. The Clerk will contact the Young Farmers to see if their quote is still valid and ask the other two companies who quoted for the fencing last time if they would like to quote for this job.
- c) 190 18 c) Travellers – the ones at Wareham have moved on again but a different larger group have moved onto land behind the Community Centre at Sandford. These are being taken to Court on Friday 5th July for eviction.

7 Planning Applications

These planning applications were discussed at the Liaison meeting.

- a) **6/2013/0364** – Binnegar Quarry Wareham ECO- Park, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset. Removal of condition 4 (Hours of use) of 6/2012/0402 to allow unrestricted use of site offices and welfare facilities.
The Parish Council had **no objections** to this planning application.

- b) **6/2013/0365** - Binnegar Quarry Wareham ECO- Park, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset. Application to permit the erection and installation of a single storey 'Portacabin' type unit directly on top of an existing single storey 'Portacabin' type unit thereby creating a 2 storey welfare cabin for use by site staff.
The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application. The Parish Council has received no formal notification from Purbeck District Council (PDC) but was informed by District Cllr Quinn that the judicial review of the Alaska Wind Farm has failed.
- a) Cllr Quinn is aware there are issues with the neighbours over the operation at Holme Acre which are being followed up with Planning.
- b) PDC Officers wish to attend a council meeting to discuss the settlement boundary. The Parish Council agreed that an officer could attend the Parish Council meeting on 5th September to discuss the settlement boundary and the recently adopted Affordable Housing supplementary planning document. The normal Parish Council meeting agenda would follow on from this if time allowed if not the remaining business on the agenda would be finished at an extra meeting to be held on 12th September at 7pm.

8 Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) County Cllr Lovell
No report.
- b) District Cllr Quinn
 - i) **Emergency Planning** - A member's training session was held at PDC last week although this was open to PCs it was too late in the day when they were notified. Another session will be organised for PCs and it may well be covered at the next Chairman's Networking session as Parishes are being encouraged to produce an emergency plan and lodge it with the District. Guidance in the production and a template are on the Dorset for You Website.
 - ii) **Partnering** - A press release went out on Monday that stated PDC has opened discussions with East Dorset District Council and Christchurch Borough Council with a view to sharing services in order to achieve savings in these times of austerity. This does not mean loss of sovereignty, identity or members but an extension of what PDC are currently doing with the Waste and the Revenues and Benefits Partnerships for example. An initial report goes to Council next week and it could be implemented by April 2014.
 - iii) **Community Governance Review**- The feedback from the Parishes has been collated and was reviewed by the Audit and Governance Panel last month and a report is going to Council next week. This is going to recommend three areas to pursue;
Possible formation of a new Parish or Community Council in Bovington
Tyneham Parish to be merged with Steeple to get rid of a historic anomaly as nobody lives in the parish.
Changing the parish boundaries so that The Purbeck School lies wholly within Wareham Town as currently part of it is in Arne parish.

Other proposals for boundary adjustments are being referred back to PCs to provide the evidence. This is a bit disappointing and Cllr Quinn is seeking clarification on what guidance is being provided on what is actually needed as he thinks that parishes have been misled somewhat on this.

10 River Frome Issues and update on any flooding issues

- a) Cllr Quinn has chased up Gary Cleaver at the Flood Risk Management Team at DCC regarding actions from the meeting back in January and to date there has been no answer.
- b) An email had been received from the Flood Warden. This will be added to the agenda for consideration at next month's meeting.

11 Parish Land Update on Registration and Maintenance

This is still ongoing. There is a need to resolve the signing of the Statutory Declarations for Cllr Quinn and Cllr Axon.

12 Highways Issue

- a) Moorcroft Cottage discharge is now onto their own land following Cllr Quinn's email but the problem is complicated as it seems to be coming from Court House. The owners are grateful for the Parish Council's forbearance in this matter.
- b) DCC have agreed that SITA can put a sign on the A352 stating no access to ECO park via Binnegar Lane.
- c) The Clerk has reported the over grown vegetation obscuring the road sign just before the A352 /B3070 junction.
- d) The overgrown vegetation obscuring the visibility at the A352/B3070 has not been cut back.
Action: The Clerk will find out when this work is due to be carried out.
- e) The drains between Binnegar Lane and the Church need clearing.
- f) The ditch that runs parallel to the footway on the A352 needs clearing. Vegetation is overgrown here too which is making it difficult for pedestrians.
Action: the Clerk will request that the ditch is cleared.

13 Consultations or New Items for Discussion

- a) **DAPTC AGM** motions for resolution at the AGM
East Stoke Parish Council would like to put forward the following Motion for the DAPTC's AGM...

"For Dorset County Council Highways to acquire more money to be able to clear ditches and maintain hedges/verges so that they do not obstruct footpaths or roads"

- b) **Purbeck District Council** is looking for three Town/Parish Councillors (non-voting members) for the Purbeck District Council Standards Committee. Cllr Child has put his name forward.

14 Parish Council Website

This item will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

Action: The Clerk will write to The Village Hall Committee to say that the Parish Council are keen for a meeting to take place between the Parish Council and the Village Hall representatives to discuss the idea of a community website rather than separate websites for each of the groups in the parish.

15 New Notice board

The Clerk had placed a poster on the notice board to see if people read notices there. "Would you like to continue to read notices on this notice board?" asking residents to contact the Parish Council with their response. There had been no contact about this notice board. The Clerk will put up another notice to see if there are any responses by next month's meeting.

16 Correspondence Received.

- a) Dorset Community Action's Community Lunch to be held on 9th July at 9.30am - 13.30pm at Furzebrook Village Hall. A £4 donation is required on the day.
Cllr Quinn will be attending the Community Lunch.
- b) Letter from Lloyds TSB regarding changes to their terms and conditions.
- c) Number of people who have registered their interest in Superfast Dorset Broadband. The Purbeck total is 730 and for the postcode BH20 6 there are 153 registrations.
- d) A letter from the Wareham Development Trust regarding their Parish Partner Programme. The Trust can help with resources and funding of parish projects including footpaths.
- e) Press release regarding the Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Fair to be held on 11th July 2013 at Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. Dorset Community Action (DCA) will be running two workshops on successful fundraising and managing project budgets which will be a great chance to learn to secure and manage funding.
- f) Closure of Wool Level Crossing from 00.30hrs to 08.00hrs on Sunday 30th June 2013.
- g) Structural and Investment Framework (SIF) briefing note. Attached to this is an expression of interest form for projects ideas for the use of EU structural investment funding.
- h) Dorset County Council has launched a new traffic and travel portal '[TravelDorset](#)'. This will be added to the autumn newsletter.
- i) Newsletter from the AONB about the South Dorset Ridgeway Landscape Partnership funding.
- j) Dorset Countryside news for July and August.

17 Finance

a) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
DAPTC Annual Subscription	£157.77	000388
Freshwater Biological Association (Rent for meetings)	£120.00	000389

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

b) First Quarter Budget report 2013/14

The report was circulated with the papers for this meeting. The report was noted.

18 DAPTC Training Courses

- a) New Councillors course Part 2, 3rd July, 2pm - 4pm, at Dorchester. £25/ delegate
 - b) Legislation Update - 8th July at Loders and 10th July at Tarrant Keyneston. £25/ delegate
 - c) Bring your Own Chair, 7pm – 9pm, 11th July at County Hall. £25/ council
- No one wanted to attend any of these courses.

19 Items for information or next agenda

None.

20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st August 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....