

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neil Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Barry Quinn
APOLOGIES	Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor) Cllr Julie Wright County Cllr Wharf
IN ATTENDANCE	5 Members of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time**

- a) Revd Langford reminded everyone that Remembrance Sunday falls on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The precise timing will be dependent on when the Wool Service finishes. Residents of East Stoke are invited to take part in the Community Angel Competition, which involves making a homemade angel of any material, size but must have wings. The entries will be displayed at Holy Rood Church from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It was agreed that future church events can be advertised on the Parish noticeboards and online. Revd Langford asked when the public house will be opening and Cllr Cady confirmed that it will be very soon and when the new sign is displayed it will mean that it is open.
- b) Mr and Mrs Burden attended a meeting regarding the possibility of the Arne Moors being converted into an intertidal habitat. There were over 300 attendees and concerns were raised that due to an inlet being created from the riverside to make it tidal the river may slit up. It is a big project and an area the size of 200 football pitches will be flooded. For it to go ahead, they will need to apply for planning permission and comply with various regulations. More information can be found at the arnemoors website. Mr Burden also said the weeds around Holmebridge have been cut back.
- c) Mrs Axon has organised a wreath, however Cllr Quinn has said that two have already been delivered but he has not seen them yet. Cllr Quinn will confirm with Colin that they have not double ordered.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Wright, District Cllr Brooks and County Cllr Wharf.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Cllr Wiltshire said there was not enough Neighbourhood Watch leaflets to distribute to all the householders.

- b) On Item 247/16/a/v Binnegar Hall was added as the location was not included on where the Colmar Construction sign was. The Parish Council asked if the eastern entrance could be used but Cllr Quinn believes there maybe issues due to it being a joint entrance.

c) Cllr Cady thanked the Councillors for delivering the newsletters.

#### **7. Parish Councillor Vacancy**

A member of the public has expressed interest but it was agreed to wait until next month before making any decisions as the advert in the newsletter has only recently been published

#### **8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

**6/2017/0515, Binnegar Hall, BH20 6AT.** Erection of a detached carport and extensions to the existing detached bungalows.

The Parish Council has no objections or comments regarding this planning application.

#### **9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information Received**

a) **6/2017/0424, Kemps Country House, BH20 6AL.** Demolish existing annexe building and erect a terrace of six 3-bedroom dwellings and associated car parking with details of access, layout and scale - Reserved matters application seeking approval for appearance of the building & landscaping. **Withdrawn. Noted.**

b) **6/2017/0256, Binnegar Quarry, BH20 6AX.** Application to vary conditions 4, 6 & 39 attached to Planning Permission number 6/2015/0421 to allow removal of a ramp in Area B1. **Granted. Noted.**

There will be a liaison meeting next week.

c) Invitation to attend the Planning Committee - Wednesday 25 October - 6/2017/0286 Hill View Farm.

This application has been refused due to the contemporary design.

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

Cllr Quinn gave an update as County Cllr Wharf and District Cllr Brooks were not present.

a) There is still no decision on the Local Government structural changes as it was hoped that there would be an announcement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November but it will now probably not be before the Budget. In the interim the 2 committees have met and it is proposed that if the proposals do not go ahead then the western part of the county will form a super district council.

b) The Local Plan review briefing on the preferred sites will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The consultation has been delayed until the New Year as the Government was late in publishing the Housing Needs document. The housing requirement figure is lower than the previous one which was discussed 18 months ago.

c) It is currently being proposed that planning applications can be considered by the Planning Committee if it is recommended a local member and 2 supporting members. Members of the public cannot demand it goes to committee as there needs to be sound planning grounds that it is necessary and this can only be done by District Councillors. The policy would benefit Parish Councils as sometimes there is a difference of opinion with the Planning Officer.

#### **11. Police issues to report or update on issues reported.**

Cllr Quinn received an email from the Wareham Police Inspector asking for feedback on how his team liaised with East Stoke over the Bestival period. Cllr Quinn said there was a debrief afterwards and their team worked well. There were three crimes in the Wareham West neighbourhood over that weekend, but it wasn't nothing more than

usual. It was noted that it was a different matter actually inside the Lulworth Castle Grounds.

**12. Maintenance of Churchyards**

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

**13. Village Hall and Parish Land Update.**

- a) Mr Whitmarsh is considering using a knapsack sprayer on the old Churchyard and to do the rest of the work during the Spring. Revd Langford will ask if any of her parishioners would like to volunteer for the working party.
- b) Revd Langford has been in contact with the Diocese regarding the planting of the saplings and she has been sent a plan of the Churchyard. Within the plan it shows the area between the Church and the road, including the War Memorial is not registered. This issue will be investigated as at the moment the Parish Council are paying for it to be maintained. Revd Langford confirmed that there are sources of funding available, including a maintenance of graves fund. The Diocese gave Revd Langford a procedure to follow before removing the saplings as the first step is to contact the householders and posters will be displayed in the Churchyard and on the noticeboard opposite. It was agreed not to take action until next month to allow sufficient time for the householders to respond.
- c) The Barrister has not replied to the letter the Parish Clerk sent on the 28<sup>th</sup> September. The damaged fence at the entrance to the Parish Land will be repaired by Mr Haskell.

**14. Grounds Maintenance Contract**

The contract is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. The Clerk asked if the Parish Council needs to consider adding extra maintenance, including the verge along the A352. It was commented upon that the corner of the B3070 by the Old Post Office is overgrown but it is believed that this is privately owned and the area by the Holmebridge layby is also not being maintained. It was agreed not to add these items to the tender at this stage, but at a later date it maybe necessary to draw up an interim contract as it is dependent on how the non-essential highway maintenance is delivered in the future.

**15. New website**

The Clerk is currently working on the new website. She asked if anyone has any high resolution photographs of East Stoke as the ones the Parish Council hold are of low quality. Cllr Cady knows of someone who might be able to take photographs and will contact them.

**16. Highways Issues**

**a) Update on issues reported**

- i) Cllr Quinn reported potholes in Binnegar Lane and Rushton and will forward the highway reports to the Clerk.
- ii) Cllr Wiltshire explained that the list of issues from the highways tour meeting are all still outstanding, except that weedkiller has been sprayed on the A352 pavement. It was agreed the list should be forwarded onto the new Community Highways Officer, Ian Styring. Cllr Cady suggested the Clerk could contact the other Parish Clerks to see whether their works were carried out.  
**Action:** Cllr Wiltshire and the Clerk will compose an email to send onto Ian Styring.
- iii) Cllr Quinn reported a while ago overgrown vegetation at the Holmebridge junction which is obstructing visibility of the road sign for B3070 approaching from Wareham. He had to chase up this job and the Highways Department has finally contacted Mr Bond to cut back the vegetation.

**b) Footpath to Monkey World**

There have been no updates and it is unknown whether the plan to use MOD land was discussed at the Army liaison meeting.

No update

**c) Manhole cover on the A352**

Cllr Quinn chased up this issue 10 days ago and within 24 hours the temporary work had been carried out. Warning signage has increased and near the tarmacked area they have placed some cones. Cllr Quinn will find out when BT will make the permanent repair. It was also noted that the manhole cover near the Stokeford Cottages is also sinking into the ground.

**d) Potential new footpath**

It is hoped to create a bridleway circuit that experienced riders can use by having a bridleway parallel to the A352 and to widen the B3070 junction. One of the issues is the gates need to be able to operate from a saddle. It was commented upon that the Stokeford Common is difficult to access as it is extremely overgrown. Tara Hansford has emailed over an action plan on research the Parish Council needs to implement before the project goes forward. The first item is to find out who owns the land and to see whether there are any detailed maps. Cllr Quinn will investigate the ownership of the land for both potential new projects.

**e) Other Issues**

No other issues to report.

**17. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration**

**a) Proposed train timetable changes consultation. This closes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. **Noted.****

**b) Camp Bestival & Bestival - Licence Minor Variation. The proposed dates are: Camp Bestival, 26 – 29 July 2018 and Bestival, 02 – 05 August 2018. Loudsound have not yet submitted a licence variation, but once this has been done there will be a consultation with the statutory authorities who will put in their representations. If the Licence is refused then it would mean that Camp Bestival would also be cancelled as they share a joint licence.**

**c) Broadband for East and West Holme. Update on progress with the community scheme for East and West Holme.**  
The funding gap identified by Openreach is £84,000 and 50% of the costs will be covered by the County Council's Community Broadband Fund. However, this means that there is a shortfall of £42,000 to be raised within the community. The Parish Council has not received feedback from Mr Goldsack as to his opinion of the costs involved. Cllr Evans said that the service should be financed by BT. It was observed that Openreach have installed a new cable near Holmebridge but it is uncertain whether the service has improved. Cllr Wiltshire has contact details from when a team was investigating Hethfelton and she suggested contacting them.

**Action:** The Clerk will contact Mr Goldsack to seek his opinion.

**d) GDPR Note. Guidance on the General Data Protection Regulation that comes into force on 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

A presentation was given by David Fairbairn, the PDC Solicitor at the Parish and Town Council Chairmen and Clerks Liaison Meeting. It is currently unclear as to what action the Parish Council needs to undertake. Cllr Cady suggested the Clerk should contact Mr Fairbairn to see what he advises each Parish Council to do.

**Action:** The Clerk to email Mr Fairbairn.

**17. Correspondence Received**

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

meeting.

- a) Invitation to Winfrith SSG meeting - 2 November. The forthcoming Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group meeting will take place at the Winfrith Village Hall at 2pm. Cllr Quinn attended the meeting and he says everything is still on target. The Magnox contract runs until 2019 but afterwards there will be little change on the site as the majority of people will stay.
- b) Citizens Advice Purbeck Annual Report and Impact Report. **Noted.**
- c) CE circular 6 October - AGM 2017 - information and timetable. Containing important information about the DAPTC Annual General Meeting on Saturday 4 November 2017 from 10am in the Council Chamber of Dorset County Council. **Noted.**
- d) Christmas trees – collection. DWP will not be collecting Christmas trees for free this year. Residents who subscribe to the garden waste collection service can cut up their real Christmas tree and place it in their garden waste bin for collection. Logs or large branches (more than six inches in diameter) cannot be collected. **Noted.**
- e) PTAG Action List 20 Sept 2017 Meeting. The next meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Wareham Town Hall. **Noted.**
- f) Cycleways Presentation. A Sustrans presentation from Nick Ward presented at the June PTAG meeting in Swanage. **Noted.**
- g) General Data Protection Regulation. Information on the regulation which will come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. **Noted.**
- h) Proposed temporary closure of Rushton Level Crossing. Between 23:00 hrs on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and 07:00hrs on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. **Noted.**
- i) Transport Select Committee Media Release – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Email below regarding licensing arrangements for community transport. **Noted.**
- j) TEN notice for a Wedding at Hethfelton House on 04.11.2017. **Noted.**
- k) Rough Sleeper Estimate for Purbeck. The estimate will be carried out on 31<sup>st</sup> October. **Noted.**
- l) Invitation to Apply for the PCCs Safer Dorset Fund Community Grant Scheme. The fund has been established to provide financial support to voluntary and community sector organisations that deliver projects meeting one or more of the Police & Crime Plan priorities. Grants of between £100 and £3,000 are available. **Noted.**
- m) Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) AGM - Saturday 4th November 2017 in The Council Chamber, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester. Invitation to attend AGM. **Noted.**

## 19. Finance

### a) Payments

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment Oct17 Salary	£204.14	000688
Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions Oct 17	£59.40	000689

Chairman's Initials

Minute No. 248

Re-imburse Cllr Quinn for printing newsletters £34.00 000690

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

**b) Second quarter budget report 30th September 2017.**

The bank reconciliation, bank statements and a copy of the Receipts and Payments Cashbook were circulated with the papers for this meeting. The bank reconciliation at 30th September agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £33,880.49.

Cllr Quinn explained the Historical Project is still ongoing.

**c) Purchase of wreath**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £60 towards the wreath. Cllr Quinn will double check to confirm there was no duplication with the order. The cheque will be signed at the next meeting.

**20. Items for Information or next agenda**

The layby at Woolbridge is still being used by HGVs and also by fishermen.

**21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30

Chairman:

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