

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2007.

PRESENT

Cllr. Simon Cross (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. and District Councillor Barry Quinn
Cllr.Mrs J. Axon
Cllr. Neill Child
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

APOLOGIES

County Councillor Mike Lovell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none for this meeting

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th April were signed as a correct record.

As post to four councillors had gone missing it was agreed that minutes and agendas in future would be sent by email to avoid this happening again. Clerk to report lost letters to Post Office.

Chairman Simon Cross congratulated Cllr. Barry Quinn on becoming District Councillor for West Purbeck in the recent local elections.

MATTERS ARISING

1. **Purbeck Keystone Project** – Letter received from Jo Bowry, Project Manager, detailing answers to our concerns over lack of communication. Methods of communication in place are project leaflet and display boards. Website to be updated monthly in future. Also the project to become a regular feature in PDC magazines which will hopefully be delivered to every house in East Stoke. Press releases will be targeted at Echo and Advertiser and Parish Council to receive any posters and flyers. Paraphrase of this letter to be included in next newsletter. Copy of this letter also to be forwarded to David Hedgeman and Peter Burden.
2. **Travellers** were still present in Hethfelton Woods. Clerk had spoken to Gypsy Liaison Officer who advised the Forestry Commission had taken out a possession order and had been to court twice. This matter remained unresolved and had now been referred to a higher court in Winchester. A two day hearing had been set for 23/24 May. The case was being defended and a barrister was coming down from London to represent the travellers. DCC confirmed this was a difficult case with no easy answer. The Chairman suggested the Parish Council write to the Forestry Commission asking them to review their policy on security for Hethfelton Forest by installing locked gates. This would prevent any future break-ins. Paul Whitmarsh advised that Lulworth Estate had invested in more substantial gates and locks and the Fire Service hold keys to the gates in case access is needed.
3. **Wood Street Junction** - Chairman advised the problem was now solved and a new manhole cover had been installed.
4. **CJ Barnes** – Clerk had contacted Enforcement Officer who advised he was continuing to look into the situation and Luckford Wood which may either become the subject of a report to the planning board or an enforcement order. His decision had yet to be made. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the EO in two weeks to see if he had reached a decision. He also asked the Clerk to send a copy of our email to Chris Frampton, Enforcement Officer, to Environmental

Services pointing out the ongoing difficulties we have with this site and asking if they could help in any way to rectify the problem. District Councillor Barry Quinn offered to follow up.

5. **War Memorial** – It was noted the trees had not yet been trimmed back. Chairman asked the Clerk to email him the name of the owner of the Nave. Paul Whitmarsh reported a dropped kerb had been put in but this was not what had been requested. Paul to email Jon Munslow.
6. **Parish Land** – Nothing further to report.
7. **Heritage and Historical Project** – Barry Quinn advised a meeting had been held on 8th May. Information for the history booklet was still being gathered. Laser scanning had been undertaken last month by Bournemouth University. Permission was needed from English Heritage to scrape away the top soil on some graves so the whole stone could be scanned. A trial geophysical survey had been done around the Old Parsonage. Another survey around the ruins of the old church was planned for the week after next after this permission was in place. Information boards were being put together. Barry Quinn advised the timetable to complete the works was still on track.
8. **Village Hall** – Nothing further to report. Barry Quinn to get the matter moving forward next week. Paul Whitmarsh advised that a window had been broken into and he had now nailed all windows.
9. **Middlefield Fence** – Although the western fence had now been made an ‘open fence’ the Parish Council still felt the southern fence was too high. Chairman asked Clerk to email Enforcement Officer.
10. **Mini Recycling Centre** – Barry Quinn advised that Shirley Cragg, a resident at Middlefield Cottages, had phoned him to say a petition was being drawn up to stop the plastic recycling unit being put at Middlefield. The person who originally asked for the unit had since left the area. As many children played around the garage area it was considered to be too dangerous. The petition had now been lodged with PDC. The village hall was thought to be an alternative site, but when PDC looked into this it appeared the access was not suitable for the truck. It was decided to let the matter rest for the moment.
11. **Dog Control Orders** – Two copies of the Public Consultation Notice had been received. Any comments were needed by 18th June. The Parish Council had no observations to make.
12. **C6** – It was noted that the vegetation obstructing the signs had not yet been cut back. Barry Quinn to chase Richard Bastow.
13. **Notice Boards** – Barry Quinn advised he had obtained a quote from S & S Joinery for £426 plus VAT for one notice board in hardwood. It was considered this quote could be lowered slightly if 4 boards were made and possibly in a smaller size. Also it was understood East Holme Parish needed a new board and by ordering another one, this could lower the price even more. £1200 had been received from the Community Action Fund via. DAPTC. A monitoring form for the money needed to be completed. Barry Quinn to action.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barry Quinn advised that when he visited Lulworth Parish Council, the Plans to be considered at the meeting were spread out on a table so Councillors and any persons present could view the plans before the meeting. It was felt this was a good idea and will be done by our Parish Council in future.

1. **6/2007/287** – A. Naylor, Sunnysdale – Extensions and alterations to form family room and 3 bedrooms and bathrooms in newly constructed roof.
No objections. Clerk to advise case officer Phillip Payne.
2. **6/2007/265** – Mr Spicer, Poachers Lair – Demolish existing structure and erect new timber building for personal cars and memorabilia.
Parish Councillors have no objections but recommend that the new construction be only used for personal use as stated and not business use. This to be set as a condition of permission if granted and officers to ensure condition is enforced.
Clerk to inform case officer John Hartigan.

3. **6/2007/266** – K. Wilkie, Woodside, Hethfelton – Create new vehicular access on to A352.
All Councillors were against this application as it was unnecessary development in the countryside where there is already an existing satisfactory driveway in place. The visual aspect of the area would be spoilt. District Councillor Barry Quinn to ask for this application to be referred to the planning board. Clerk to write to case officer Rob Jefferies.

PLANNING LETTER

Letter received from Mike Grime re proposed changes to Scheme of Delegation for Planning Applications.

After discussion our main points of concern were:-

1. Our Council wished to continue to be notified by PDC by sending all copies of Planning Applications and details to be considered. All Councillors wanted to continue to view the applications and make appropriate comments. We consider in a rural area such as ours it is very important to get all opinions.
2. As a small Parish Council it was impractical to have a separate Planning Committee which is fully representative and be able to exploit local knowledge.
3. The Council wished to discuss all applications at the full Parish Council meeting pointing out to PDC that our meetings are timed to be able to make our comments to them by the clearance date as detailed on the weekly lists.
4. The Parish Council meets to represent all of the parish and by advertising the application on the notice board this enabled people to attend the meeting and make their representations.
5. The Parish Council would not want to see any changes to the present system regarding neighbourhood objections as again in the rural area there may only be one or two neighbours affected.
6. The Council were not in favour of receiving e-gov planning applications until the PASS facility enables downloading of plans onto the usual A4 size by using the standard size printer.

Clerk to email Mike Grime with these points.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. **County Councillor** not present to give a report.
2. There were no further **Highway Issues**
3. The **Parish Plan** had already been dealt with
4. **Winfrith Area Action Plan** – Nothing further to report
5. **Community First** – Annual insurance renewal quote received for year 1/6/07 – 31/5/08 totalling £320.44. This was just a £1 increase from last year. All Councillors voted to accept this quote. Clerk to forward cheque.
6. **Dorset Housing Survey** – Letter received stating that survey undertaken in February/March had a lower than anticipated response from households in West Purbeck. As a result a second round of surveys would be delivered to households not previously surveyed. The return date for these surveys would be 11th May. Results to be analysed by an independent authority and would be strictly confidential. Results will determine the future housing situation and hopefully secure more affordable housing over the area. The Chairman suggest the Clerk email Cari Wooldridge pointing out the concerns already raised with Brett Spiller that the previous survey was thought to be very intrusive and therefore the Parish Council were not surprised at the low response.
7. **Purbeck Aware** – Leaflets handed out to Councillors and Clerk had put a copy on the main notice board.
8. **Model Code of Conduct** – Letter from Department of Communities and Local Government sent from DAPTC. Copy handed to each Councillor. DAPTC to hold course for councillors in June @ £25 per person. Also Peter Aston at PDC would be running a course in June. Hopefully councillors would attend at PDC when a definite date had been set. Chairman to copy Code of

Conduct from Government and distribute at next meeting. Code would need to be adopted by 1st October.

9. **Landscape Character Assessment** – Draft copy received. Comments needed by end May/early June. Neill Child to peruse document as Council's AONB representative.
10. **AONB** - Pastures New Project – Documents handed to Neill Child.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that a **SITA van** was seen to be following the refuse collection. This van appeared to be taking bins away for analysis of rubbish. Chairman asked the Clerk to write a letter to Bill Davidson to ask if this fact was correct and if so what was the purpose behind it. Also to ask was this being done just in Purbeck or was it country wide. Another question to be asked was if it was correct that recyclable material from public houses was being taken to landfill.
2. It was reported by Mrs Axon that an **accident had occurred on the A352** at Binnegar. A man had been knocked off his bicycle. As outlined on the Parish Plan it was recommended that a shared cycleway/footpath be constructed from Binnegar to Wareham. Paul Whitmarsh to follow up with Jon Munslow.
3. Barry Quinn asked the Clerk to contact CBO Lindy Christopher re lack of response to our letter written to Inspector Adams on 11 April with particular reference to the Travellers in Hethfelton Wood. Also to set a date for her to attend our Parish meeting.

FINANCE

1. Cheque of £168 received from Rev. Judy Hill re burial of Gilbert Smith
2. Community First – annual insurance premium - £320.44

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th June 2007.

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Chairman

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Date