

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2013

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES County Cllr Mike Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

- a) Mrs Jenny Rodd asked if the Village Hall Committee could use the Parish Land for a bonfire night and if there are plans for the grass to be reseeded?

Cllr Quinn provided an update on the registration of the Parish Land. At the moment Cllr Quinn is waiting for the solicitor. Mrs Axon has to make a new statutory declaration and this will support the one the Cllr Quinn has made. Cllr Quinn has spoken to the solicitor at PDC but he is unable to witness the declaration as he was the one who prepared it. Mr Hart at PDC may be able to witness it; if not then another solicitor will have to be the witness and the Parish Council would have to pay the standard fee.

Action: Cllr Child will find out if Robin Rowland would be willing to be the witness on the declaration.

The issue of reseeding the land – Cllr Quinn has spoken to Alan Morgan of the Young Farmers and they would carry out the reseeding as training exercise. Quotes were received for the completion of the Parish Land. There was a gate removed during the previous fencing work that could be used for the access to the wooded area.

Action: The Clerk will circulate the quotes for completion of the fencing of the Parish Land.

For a bonfire there is the requirement to hold insurance for this event and a risk assessment would be required. It was unsure if the Village Hall's Insurance would cover this type of event. There would be no parking on the Parish Land. Mrs Rodd said that parking would be at the Stokeford Inn and so would be able to use the bar too. An alternative would be to have a bonfire at Middlefield Cottages.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mrs Ham to state that the land would be available to be used and to see if their insurance would cover this event.

- b) Mrs Sue Burden reported the overgrown hedge at the A352/B3070 which is impairing visibility at the junction. Next month there will be extra traffic due to Camp Bestival.

Action: The Clerk will inform DCC Highways.

- c) Mr Pete Burden reported that Network Rail have not been out to sort out the water courses This needs to be followed up.
- d) The Clerk reported that Paula Williams had been asked if Network Rail will provide a donation of £75 to replace the broken finger on the fingerpost at East Stoke level crossing.
- e) PCSO Hann has moved to another job from the Wareham West Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- f) Mrs Julia Dyer, Holme Birch, had contacted the Clerk regarding the planning application at Holme Acre (6/2013/0301). Mrs Dyer has made complaints to Environmental Health at PDC about the noise and they will be looking into it. Mrs Dyer will be writing to object to the removal of the condition. Today Mrs Dyer informed the Tree Officer about the removal of trees on the site and Jenny Key, Administrator, was going round to look this afternoon.

2 **Apologies**

None.

3 **Granting of Dispensations**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

5 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2013**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 9th May were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) 189/3 e) Removal of army signs. The Clerk had contacted Major Barr but had received no response.
Action: The Clerk will contact the Range Officer to find out why these signs are missing.
- b) 189/ 16 b) Moorcroft Cottage is still discharging water on to a highway. This water should be discharged into a soakaway. The Clerk has reported this to Highways but no action has been taken.
Action: Cllr Quinn will write to the owners and copy the letter to the Clerk.
- c) 189/ 1 b) The sign on Holme Bridge has been reported to Highways and it has been passed to the Structures team to find out if permission has been sought for the sign on Holme Bridge.

7 **Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2013/0301** - Holme Lane (Holme Acre), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. Removal of Condition 3 of PP 6/2012/0403 (Demolish existing workshop and stores and erect a replacement building to be used for repair and maintenance to motors, plant and agricultural machinery, boats and marine engines) so that the permission is not restricted to be for the benefit of Southern Counties Engineering Services only.

The Parish Council objects to the removal of condition 3 and the industrialisation of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in what is a residential/rural area. There have been complaints made to the Parish Council regarding the noise from this property.

8 **Update on Previous Planning Applications.**

- a) **6/2013/0173** - Variation of Condition 4 of PP 6/2009/0638 to retain mobile home for use by agricultural worker for a further 3 years. Stokeford Farm (Mayfield), East Stoke, BH20 6AL. **Approved.**
- b) **6/2013/0141** - Erect three bedroom agricultural workers dwelling with detached double garage. Stokeford Farm (Mayfield), East Stoke, BH20 6AL. **Approved.**
- c) **6/2013/0211** - Bindon Lane (Inglewood Farm), East Stoke. Change of Use of land to form horse ménage. **Approved.**
- d) **6/2012/0246** - Land at Masters Pit, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset. Construction of a single 500KW wind turbine 75 metres to hub, with 27 metre long blade (giving maximum height to tip of blade in vertical position above ground of 102 metres) together with associated infrastructure including vehicle access, track, crane hard standing, construction compound and underground cable run to substation; to provide renewable electricity for use by minerals processing plant. **Granted permission with conditions.**
- e) It was reported that the judicial review of the Alaska Wind Farm has failed.

9 **Reports from County and District Councillors**

- a) County Cllr Lovell
No report.
- b) District Cllr Quinn
 - i) The control of the District Council is Conservative due Cllr Wharf standing as a Conservative and being elected.
 - ii) Community Governance Review – the Audit and Governance Panel met on 3rd June. They are proceeding with moving the Wareham Town boundary so all of the school is in Wareham; putting Tyneham with Steeple; Bovington a Community or Parish Council or Ward with Wool.
It will be up to the Parish Councils to provide evidence for moving the Parish boundary.
 - iii) The Binnegar Eco Park Liaison Committee has met. The issue of lorries using Binnegar Lane was raised and lorries are being told not to use this lane. The bridleway will soon be finished. There has been movement into the Battery Bank which should not have occurred.

10 **River Frome Issues and update on any flooding issues**

There is a website where you can report signs on bridges and Cllr Child has reported the one on Holme Bridge. There are no rights to stop navigation up a river and this cannot be enforced.

11 **Parish Land Update on Registration and Maintenance**

An update was provided during the public participation period minute 190/1a).

12 **Highways Issues**

- a) On the B3070 there are 2/3 elm trees lying on the BT wire. This is opposite West Holme Farmhouse.
Action: The Clerk will report this to Highways.

- b) The missing fingerpost at Wood Street has been reported.
- c) The condition of the lane at Highwood has been reported. The potholes and damage to the sides of the road will be repaired from Roebuck Farm to Vernleigh soon. The remaining part will be made good by the Lulworth Estate when all the trees have been removed.

13 Parish Council Website

The cost of a website would be £175 for the first year and £125 thereafter. The issue of parish communications has been raised in a letter from Mrs Ham stating that several other Parish Councils have websites.

Would a village website be a way forward so all the groups Parish Council, Village Hall and Hawkins Trust are all accessed through one website?

A suggestion is that a working group is formed with representatives of the Village Hall, Parish Council and the web designer of the current Village Hall website.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mrs Ham to say that a website is a very good idea. Due to the cost of providing a website a suggestion has been put forward that a working group is established to consider a community website. The Parish Council would like the Village Hall's view on this suggestion and if they would wish to take this idea forward.

Action: The Clerk will send Mrs Rita Haskell the Terms of Reference for the person who maintains the War Memorial.

14 New Notice board

Prices were circulated for a new notice board to replace the one by the Old Post Office. Due to the few properties this notice board serves is it worth the cost of replacing it? Should a new notice board be in another location? Grants may be available and this would need to be looked into. Sponsorship by a local business could also provide funds towards a new notice board.

It was agreed that the Clerk would place a poster on the notice board to see if people read notices here. "Would you like to keep this notice board? If you do then please inform the Parish Council by emailing or writing to the Parish Council."

15 Consultations or items for consideration

- a) Coastal and Flooding Issue roles and Responsibilities

An article appeared in the recent 'About Purbeck' magazine. This document is a working document and it will be reviewed to see if it is providing the correct guidance.

The website link to access this document will be put in the autumn newsletter.

16 Correspondence Received.

- a) Dorset Countryside news for May and June.
- b) Update about the development of the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- c) News release about the final stage of refurbishment that will take place at the Sports Centre.
- d) Invitation to an event to mark Community Safety Week on 3rd June, 10am – 3pm, at The Corn Exchange, Dorchester. Poster about events for safety week was placed on the notice boards.
- e) Leaflets for the optional garden waste service. The garden waste service is being made available ahead of the new 'recycle for Dorset' collection service, which will start in this area next year. You need to apply by 31st July for this service. The service will start in November.

- f) Invitation to Dorset Advocacy's 20th Anniversary celebratory Garden Party on 5th June, 11am – 3pm.
- g) Being Well - The Well Being Show to be held on Saturday 8th June, 11am - 3pm at The Lighthouse, Poole. Admission is free to this drop-in session. Poster on notice boards.
- h) An invitation for Town and Parish Councillors to attend one of the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Stakeholder Engagement events to be held on 25th June, 2pm - 5pm, at Charlton Down and 2nd July, 9.30am – 12.30pm, at Canford Magna.
- i) Changes to Dorset Community Actions Services 2013/14.
- j) Navitus Bay Community drop-in sessions to be held during June/July. Poster on notice boards.
- k) Annual Housing Newsletter from Purbeck District Council.

17 Finance

a) Receipts

The following receipts were **noted**.

HMRC VAT refund	£521.20
Burial Fees (Mr D Thomas, Mrs K Barnes)	£352.00

b) Payment

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs J Wright (April/May salary)	£333.11	000386
Mrs P Harding (Honorarium Internal Audit)	£40.00	000387

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

c) Annual statement of Accounts and Supporting Statement

The above documents were circulated with the papers for this meeting.

It was **resolved** that the Annual statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2013 and the supporting statement were approved.

d) Annual Return

- i) Section 1 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences. Copies of all these documents were distributed with the papers for this meeting.

The end of year bank reconciliation agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £15,525.87 and this agrees with Boxes 7 and 8 on the Annual Return (£15,526).

It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Axon and it was **resolved** that Section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences were approved. Section 1 was then signed and dated by the Chairman.

- ii) Section 2 of the Annual Return

A copy of Section 2 was circulated with the agenda papers for the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that all the answers to the statements were 'yes' except for the one regarding Trust Funds as the Parish Council is not the sole trustee of any trust funds.

It was proposed by Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Child and

resolved that Section 2 was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

e) Internal Auditor's Report

The report and report on the annual return had been circulated prior to the meeting. The comments on the report were noted.

18 Items for information or next agenda

- a) There is a bin at Holmebridge which is well used and is being emptied.
- b) It was reported that there has been overnight camping at Holmebridge.
- c) The Travellers are back at Wareham.

19 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th July 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Chairman:..... Date:.....