

f EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman Cllr Tib Axon Cllr Neill Child Cllr Christine Evans
APOLOGIES	Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor) County Cllr Mike Lovell
IN ATTENDANCE	4 members of the public Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

- a) Mrs Lowry (Oak Tree Farm) reported the poor state of the tarmac lane at Highwood and has been in contact several times with Dorset County Council Highways but is getting nowhere so has contacted Cllr Lovell. This road has been damaged by the lorries taking away the felled conifer trees. The Lulworth Estate has accepted responsibility and is repairing the track.

This was reported back in May by the Parish Clerk (PEM 450608) and Cllr Lovell was requested to look at the road over the Bank Holiday. Since this date the Parish Clerk has contacted DCC to get this lane repaired. Mrs Lowry has been keeping the Parish Clerk informed of her attempts to get Highways to repair the road but to date there has been no work done. This road is maintained by DCC. Two weeks ago the verges were re-profiled. It was reported that Cllr Lovell had spoken to Mrs Lowry and that he will be going to take a look at the road.

Action: The Clerk will contact Cllr Lovell and get him to investigate this road as this is a health and safety matter and send the photos taken back in May.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

- b) Mrs Topp had received a report of a couple of dead elms near the right of way by the river laboratory. These have been removed by the River laboratory's groundsman. There was also a report of an electric fence across a stile but Mrs Topp saw no evidence of the fence.
- c) There is an overgrown footpath by Buddens and this will be reported.
- d) The train horns are still sounding after 11.00pm. This is probably due to the men working on the new level crossings.

2 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from 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 3rd September 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd September were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6 Matters arising from the minutes

There has been a reply from the insurers about the War Memorial and the display of banners. The Parish Council feel that having advertising banners on the War Memorial wall will be a distraction for drivers and this is not covered by the insurance.

7 Planning Applications

a) **6/2013/0503** - Puddletown Road (Rogers Concrete Yard), Binnegar, East Stoke, BH20 6AU. Change of use of site from General Industrial Use (B2) to a non hazardous materials recovery, recycling & transfer station.

The Parish Council had **no comments** to this application.

b) **6/2013/0504** - SITA UK Binnegar Environmental Park, Binnegar Road, Binnegar, BH20 6AH. Modification of Condition 16 of Planning Permission 6/2012/0633 to allow 24 hour operation of Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Mondays to Fridays & extended working on Saturdays.

The Parish Council had **no comments** to make about this application.

8 Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

a) **6/2013/0409** - Hethfelton (West Cottage), Wareham, BH20 6HS. Demolish existing double garage and erect a triple bay garage. **Approved.**

b) **6/2008/0001** - Binnegar Quarry, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AH. Determination of conditions for mineral site. **Withdrawn.**

c) **6/2013/0234** - Wareham Ball Clay Ltd, Binnegar Quarry, Puddletown Road, Binnegar, BH20 6YB. Section 73 application to vary condition 19 (Order of Working) of 6/2007/0516 and allow extraction of mineral deposit in area B1 (land on south side of Puddletown Road) to a depth of 24m above Ordnance Datum, before extraction completed in main quarry on north side of road. **Granted consent.**

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell
No report.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) **Partnership** -The Business Case was presented in draft form to the Project Board on 26th September and will be issued to members in preparation for a brief on 10th October ready for special council meeting on 28th October.

ii) **Fly Tipping** – The rubbish on the A352 at Hethfelton was cleared following visit by Jill Jackson. Note there was a Road Traffic Collision at this spot on 26th September involving a motorcyclist.

iii) **Campervan at Holmebridge** Cllr Quinn has spoken with PC Claire Jephcott from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and agreed that the Highway Code states that in this location where the speed limit is over 30mph then vehicles must be lit after dark. So enforcement is possible.

It was reported that the campervan had returned.

iv) **Community Governance Review** – Cllr Quinn has emailed the Chairman regarding this issue.

v) **C6 Accidents** - In light of the recent report on the fatality in August Cllr Quinn thinks that the Parish Council should have another go on extending the lower speed limit. County Cllr Mike Lovell to lead.

Action: The Clerk will contact Cllr Lovell to ask him to arrange a site meeting to discuss the C6 speed limit.

- vi) **River Frome/Holmebridge** - Mr and Mrs Burden have made progress and will provide an update. The sign that was on the bridge has been removed.
- vii) **Enforcement** Cllr Quinn has raised an enforcement case about the new fence at Reed Cottage following a comment made to him. The officers are mindful of the need to be consistent in our approach i.e. as with 1, Middlefield, Birchwood and April and Rose Cottages.
- viii) **Binnegar Quarry Liaison Group** No further update on the "No SITA Access" sign.
- ix) **Wind Farms** Mr Bayliss has been granted the appeal against the Judge's ruling in the Statutory Review for Master's Pit wind farm.
- x) **Economic Development** There was a Members Workshop on Wednesday 11th September to determine priorities for encouraging economic development in Purbeck. Particular focus was on the Dorset Green and Holton Heath and the road access from Baker's Arms roundabout.
- xi) **Middlefields** - The technical issues reported last time need to be discussed relative to the Parish Housing Needs Survey as a precursor for further progression. Cllr Quinn has requested information on the capacity of the sewage treatment plant through Mike Goater, the District Engineer. The planning application for Mayfield suggested it was at capacity. The engagement of Middlefield residents is crucial.
- xii) **Grit bins** – the one between the level crossing and the A352 junction is overgrown.
Action: The Clerk will report that the verge is overgrown.

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

No issues to report.

The Clerk reported that there is a Consultation on the Local Flood Risk Management plan by DCC. There will be a drop-in session on Monday 14th October, 12.30 – 16.00 at Wareham Corn Exchange attended by DCC, PDC and the Environment Agency.

11 **Parish Land Update on Registration**

The Parish land has been registered with the Land Registry and the freehold has been granted.

The plaque will be erected for the Jubilee tree and protected erected around it.

The offer of the trees for the Parish land has been withdrawn as the Jubilee silver birch tree has not been looked after. The person who maintains the War Memorial planter will be asked if they could look after the silver birch.

Cllr Quinn will submit his receipts for expenses for the costs incurred registering the land.

12 **Any issue to report to the Police**

None.

13 **East Stoke Level Crossing**

The Clerk had asked for an update on the timescale for the installation of the automatic barrier/CCTV at East Stoke Level Crossing but there was no reply in time for this meeting.

Action: The Clerk will contact Network Rail again for an update. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

14 **Autumn newsletter**

There is an article from the Village Hall Committee; Cllr Quinn has provided an historical snippet. Other items for newsletter are the Remembrance Sunday Wreath laying at the War Memorial, update on the progress of the installation of the new Level Crossings and the Parish Council vacancies.

15 Highways Issues

- a) Update on issues reported
None.
- b) Highways issues to report
There were no other issues to report.
- c) Other Highways Issues
None to report.

16 Consultations or New Items for Discussion

- a) Dorset AONB Partnership's draft Management Plan for 2014-2019.
No comments.
- b) Purbeck District Council (PDC) is conducting a partial review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1: Planning Purbeck's Future. PDC would like your views on – 'What do you think are the key issues surrounding the sustainable development of Purbeck that the PLP1 partial review should address?' Closing date 31st December 2013.
Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.
- c) DAPTC would like to know the council's comments on 'What makes a good PACT?' and these answers will be passed on to Martin Underhill, the Police and Crime Commissioner.
The Parish Council's comments on a good PACT are one that attends meetings and provides responses to messages/questions from the Parish Council.
- d) Dorset Homechoice Allocations Policy consultation. Poster displayed on notice boards.
- e) Purbeck District Council's Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). **Noted.**
- f) Would the Parish Council actively support further affordable housing at Middlefield. What are the technical issues to overcome?
The Parish council would actively support affordable housing at Middlefield for eligible residents who have a link with East Stoke. The technical issues to overcome are: sewage, parking and flooding at the back of some properties.
Action: The Clerk will pass these comments on to Aster Housing.

17 Feedback from Chairmans' Network Meeting

District Cllr John asked why PDC were holding this meeting when there are only seven Parish Councils represented. There were apologies too from District Councillors and Bridget Downton.

Shared Services – Weymouth and Portland are saving money by losing 25 junior managers. For PDC Staff cuts will not be possible as they have already made these cuts and the District Council is looking into sharing services with Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council as a way to save money. PDC is run better than any other council. Finance was discussed there will be less money and they will have to make inhouse savings. They are looking at their long term plans. A 2% increase in council tax this is just to maintain the current services. There is a review of the staffing and are reviewing the benefits scheme. If there is no partnership they are looking at how to raise money. In two years time there will be a reduction in the precept money – there will be training for Clerks on this.

There is a partial review of the Purbeck Local Plan.

IT computer systems – the Parish Council may be able to tap into discounts available to local government purchases of IT equipment. There could be computer and IT support through PDC.

Action: The Clerk will contact Mr Gammon to express an interest in purchasing a laptop computer for the Parish Council.

The Chairman raised under AOB the fact that Chairs/Clerks should attend together. The Chairman raised the lack of support from PDC for the Parish Council to consult with the properties and other Parish Council/Meetings about this review. Mr McKenzie stated that the Parish Councils just need to get the paperwork for this in.

Another issue raised by another Chairman was that there should be a timescale for enforcement so that Parish Councils know when an issue will be looked at.

18 **Parish Council Website**

The Chairman will liaise with Vicki Haskell about a shared website and report back at the next meeting.

19 **New Notice board to replace the one at the Old Post Office**

Highways will allow the notice board to be located at Holme Bridge.

Action: The Clerk will contact Mr Will Bond to see if he has an objection to the location of the notice board.

20 **Correspondence Received.**

- a) Update on Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for the Future.
- b) Advice for Parish and Town Councils on unauthorised Encampments.
- c) An invitation and nomination form for the Volunteer Awards Evening being held on 29th October, 6.30pm – 9.30pm, at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester. There are three nomination categories - Young Volunteer of the Year (under 25yrs), Volunteer of the Year and Team / Group of the Year. Closing date for nominations 3rd October.
- d) Rural Community Energy Fund. Details passed onto Village Hall Committee.
- e) A letter from Dorset County Council (DCC) advising that Members of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee suggested that it would be helpful for all Town and Parish Council members to have an overview of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee. Also received was a briefing Note about Health Scrutiny.
- f) Dorset Community Action's Autumn Training and Event programme.
- g) An invitation from DCC to attend a number of Open Afternoons being run by different Directorates (Corporate Resources, Adult and Community Services, Environment Directorate and Children's Services) at the county council.
- h) Dorset Countryside News September – October.
- i) An update on the Frome and Piddle Catchment Initiative.
- j) Details from DCC about ordering salt for the grit bins.

21 **Finance**

a) **Receipts**

It was **noted** that £4,000.00 has been received for the second half of the precept.

b) **Payments**

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs J Wright (September salary)	£168.21	000395

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

c) **Parish land fencing quotes**

One quote had been received. The Clerk will ask other companies for quotes and contact the Young Farmers again about their quote to see if it is still valid.

- d) A letter from Wareham Town Council asking for funding support by writing a letter of support and if possible a donation (this can be small) but it will open up third party funding for the refurbishment of Wareham's toilets.
It was **resolved** to donate £10.00 (cheque 000396) towards the refurbishment of Wareham's toilets.
- e) Purchase 'Local Councils Explained' from NALC – cost £49.99.
To be considered at December's meeting.
- f) Purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday
It was **resolved** to make a donation of £30.00 (cheque no 000397) to the Royal British Legion.
- g) Second quarter budget report 30th September 2013
The second quarter budget report 30th September 2013 was **noted**.

22 **Items for information or next agenda**
None.

23 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

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