

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
7TH AUGUST 2008.**

PRESENT

Cllr Neill Child – Chairman
Cllr Rebecca Cady – Vice Chairman
Cllr Barry Quinn – District Councillor
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Damian Cullinane
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

APOLOGIES

Cllr Karen Barnes
County Councillor Mike Lovell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations for this meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Gillian Topp asked the Parish Council to confirm how many parish councillors were on the Council. The Chairman replied that there were seven. When the last Council meeting was held she asked if Councillor Karen Barnes had declared an interest in her planning application and whether she withdrew from the meeting whilst discussions were taking place. The Chairman confirmed that she had withdrawn from the meeting. In the Parish Council's email to PDC she had noticed that it was stated that a vote was taken after discussion on her application and 6 councillors were against the application as it stood and one was in favour. The Chairman agreed that this was an error and the correct vote should have read 4 councillors were against and one was in favour. This was because Councillor Barnes had left the meeting and did not vote and Councillor Cady was not present. The Clerk apologised for the error. No correction was needed to the minutes as it was stated "that one councillor was in favour of the application and the rest were against".

PLANNING APPLICATION (Delegated)

6/2008/471 – Kemps Country Hotel – 2 Storey Extension to unit of existing coach-house within the grounds of the hotel. The Clerk was asked if there had been any letters of objection received from neighbouring properties. It was then pointed out by three councillors whose properties were in the close vicinity of Kemps Hotel that they had not received the standard letter of consultation from PDC. Barry Quinn would chase. After discussion Councillors were concerned that the current waste disposal unit would not be able to cope with the extra bedrooms proposed. As there had been no consultation with neighbours, the Council did not consider this application should proceed until this had taken place. Clerk to write to Case Officer John Hartigan.

PAST PLANNING

- (a) 6/2008/353 – Woodside, Hethfelton, First Floor extension – Approved 3/7/08
- (b) 6/2008/312 – J. Barnes – Deferred
- (c) 6/2008/384 and 385 – West Holme Nurseries – Approved
- (d) 6/2008/393 – Stephen Goldsack – Erect barn – Declared invalid and withdrawn.
- (e) 6/2008/363 – Monkey World – Orangutan nursery – Approved 8/7/08.

Clerk advised that a letter had been received from case officer John Hartigan in reply to our letter of 10th June stating that he was not aware at this time of any further proposed nurseries for Monkey World. He had emailed DCC Highways to enquire if an infrastructure contribution would be applicable. They replied that this facility did not require a contribution as the application did not materially increase the number of visitors to the park. However, in the past Monkey World has indicated a desire to liaise with the local community regarding a pedestrian, cycle or other transport initiatives in the area. DCC would raise this matter with Monkey World to ascertain if their offer would extend to a footway from Wool up the C6 to Monkey World. Also he had brought our observation that the Planning Board has not had a site meeting at Monkey World for some time to the attention of Alan Davies who will raise the matter with the Planning Board chairman.

- (f) 6/2008/0066 – Roebuck Farm – Barry Quinn advised that he had a meeting with Richard Palmer of PDC over the officer's position on this application as he believed it did not accurately reflect the situation and background to the case.

PDC were of the opinion that January 2010 would be an appropriate time to assess the progress of business at Roebuck Farm. At the time of Roebuck Farm's application in 2005, a 3 year business plan was submitted showing where the business would hope to be after this length of time.

Richard Palmer stated that as the proprietors of Roebuck Farm had only started business at the site at the beginning of 2008 they had requested an extension to 2010 and PDC considered this to be reasonable. He asked the Parish Council for any further comments. With regard to the dwelling, planning permission for its use needed to be submitted this autumn as it expired in January 2009. He considered this would give an interim opportunity to assess the business and tie in with the time period of current application 6/2008/0066.

Barry Quinn advised Richard Palmer that Mr Green had been active on site at Roebuck Farm since permission was granted for a mobile home in 2006 which was considered to be essential for the business. Although the Parish Council recognised that there was little or no agricultural or industrial activity on site until the beginning of this year when some delay may be connected to the conditions of the lease on Mr Green's current premises. Mr Green would have been aware of this factor at the time of the original planning application in 2005.

As the Parish Council considered that there had been a presence on site for some 18 months, it should be possible to determine after this time if the business is running to plan. As there appears to be a contradiction with the facts, a decision on this application should be deferred for further investigative action.

MINUTES of the planning meeting held on 26th June as already circulated were signed as a correct record. Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd July already circulated to councillors were signed as a correct record after an amendment to Matters Arising Item 15 which should read on the first line of the text “SITA instead of District Council”.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Planning Application 6/2008/381 – Mr and Mrs Topp – Clerk advised that she had been in touch with PDC and no decision had yet been made on this application.
2. PCSO Meeting – Barry Quinn advised that he had received email from PCSO Hann confirming that he would give the issues raised at last month’s meeting his best attention and would try to provide regular updates. He advised that the Wareham Police had set up speed check at Middlefield Cottages which resulted in the issuing of one fixed penalty notice. With regard to Ringmaster, Ros Hamm advised that she had received by email notice from Wareham Home Watch on different issues. This had been notified on Parish Council notice boards. Gillian Topp advised that since the meeting with PCSO Hann she had received two emails with reference to ‘Camp Watch’.
3. Notice Boards – Paul Whitmarsh advised he had put up galvanised posts. He would put the Church Lane sign which had been damaged in between the posts at the main notice board outside the village hall site.
4. Moorcroft Cottage – Barry Quinn advised that some of the remedial work had been done and he believed the property had now been sold.
5. War Memorial – Rebecca Cady advised that Rogers Concrete had no planter that was suitable for the site. She advised that Darren Haskell had offered to make a brick planter and Rogers Concrete would donate the bricks and compost. Rebecca Cady to approach West Holme Nurseries for donation of different plants throughout the seasons. Gill Hart to plant up. Letter received from English Heritage re listing of war memorial. Barry Quinn to respond.
6. H & H Project – Barry Quinn advised that meeting had been held. Ian Hewitt to make draft report. It was hoped the Bournemouth University element of the project would be complete by end of November and their paper would be presented in February. History booklet to be published. Barry Quinn to get in touch with publishers to determine who would sell the booklet, i.e. publishers or Parish Council.
7. Village Hall – Nothing further to report.
8. Naming of Lanes – Nothing further to report.
9. New Planning Regime – Barry Quinn advised there had been a meeting of the Review Panel but he had not heard what the outcome was.

10. Network Rail – Barry Quinn advised he was attending a meeting on 18th August at PDC. Meeting to be chaired by Chief Executive PDC with representatives from Network Rail, DCC Highways, Cllr David Budd and Cllr Simon Goldsack. The purpose of the meeting was to look at all level crossings within the district. It was believed Network Rail were keen to close all crossings in the area which would have a severe impact on the community. Parish file on this subject handed to Barry Quinn.
11. Cemetery Gates – Paul Whitmarsh advised he had rebuilt bottoms of the gates and when he was not so busy he would take to Poole for shot blasting and then paint.
12. Fyler and Butler Graves – Two quotes had been received from Stones Monumental Masons and Albert Marsh to clean up both graves. As these quotes were very high it was decided to obtain another quote. The Clerk was asked to write to Wool PCC to clarify where the maintenance monies were coming from, i.e. a trust fund or if there was contact with the families. Also to confirm whose responsibility it was to structurally maintain actual graves.
13. SITA – Damian Cullinane confirmed he had met with SITA and he explained that if exchange of rights of common took place this would not mean SITA had access rights over the land. Therefore Damian was satisfied that there would be no public access across his land and he had withdrawn his protest.
14. BT – Rebecca Cady advised that this letter had not yet been written.
15. Internal Audit – Clerk had met again with Peter Sills who was satisfied that some of the monies held in bank accounts were earmarked for certain projects but he asked her to check with DAPTC to make sure it was legal to do this. Clerk had received email from DAPTC stating that although the Parish Council had no powers to hold reserves other than for reasonable capital needs, research stated that for specific purposes with the approval of the Council and providing it is ring fenced and advised to the auditor, reserves may be built up for future known projects. Clerk would email Mr Sills with this reply.
16. Vacancy for Parish Clerk – Clerk advised there were three applicants for the job. Chairman and Vice Chairman to interview applicants on Thursday 28th August. They asked that the Clerk contact DAPTC to see if there were any draft interview questions or criteria that was needed for the job.
17. Bus Stop at Holmebridge – Clerk had received reply from DCC who regretted that although they had made a site visit to Holmebridge they were unable to identify a suitable location for stops on both sides of the road and were conscious at the time of the visit of the speed of traffic along this stretch of road. Therefore they were unable to recommend that a request for a stop be granted.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. No County Councillor present to make a report.
2. District Councillor Barry Quinn had nothing of significance to report.
3. Highways:-
 - (a) B3070 – Paul Whitmarsh told the meeting he had written to Blair Turner advising that the crossroads sign to the north of this junction was missing. A year ago he had requested a replacement sign through Amy Hollyman but nothing had been done. Barry Quinn advised he

had spoken to Graham Patten who lives in the property at the junction of these crossroads who considered there had been 17 accidents at this spot in the last 14 years. A site visit was due to be held the following day (Friday 8th August) at which Sgt Scott Oliphant, Richard Bastow and other representatives from DCC Highways would attend. Suggestions for work that needed to be done would include looking at signage, clearing of overhead branches, de-cluttering of signs and repainting road markings.

- (b) Church Lane Drainage – Barry Quinn advised that water had been lying by the Village Hall site. This appeared to be contaminated with sewerage and pipes were exposed in the nearby verge. Wessex Water had tested the water which was found to contain e-coli and other bacteria. Gordon McKenzie (resident of The Tower) had been informed as the pipes seemed to be coming from his property but it could be a spring as was the case in Binnegar Lane. A site meeting was to be held next Thursday to try and determine where the water is coming from and take remedial action. If this was found to be the Church septic tank, it would be the owners' responsibility to sort out.
- (c) Wall by War Memorial – One complaint had been received about the wall encroaching on to the highway. Work on building the wall had now stopped until the drainage problem was sorted out.

- 4. Parish Plan – Barry Quinn advised Gillian Topp had attended a network meeting with Sue Burden although they did not find it very informative.
- 5. Dorset Waste Forum – Deferred until next meeting.
- 6. Newsletter – Barry Quinn asked if the councillors felt a newsletter should be sent out before the usual letter in October with the Hawkins questionnaire. He suggested items for inclusion could be:-
 - (a) Outcome of PCSO Hann's meeting
 - (b) War Memorial
 - (c) Change of clerk.

Councillors felt that if a newsletter was sent out now, another one would need to be produced in October along with the Hawkins questionnaire and this would be too soon if one was sent out now. Barry Quinn asked for Councillors to think of additional items that could be included.

- 7. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Development Framework – Letter received advising that initial consultation document is being produced on the Minerals Site Allocations Document. Consultation to be run from October to December and copies will be sent to Parish and District Councils.
- 8. Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation – Western Extension in North East Purbeck to include 2750 new dwellings in Upton, Lytchett Matravers and Lytchett Minster. Public consultation until 17th October at which time Secretary of State to make a final decision. Parish Council already responded. Barry Quinn advised he had also responded on behalf of the Parish Plan Group.
- 9. 'Anchor Staying Put' – Housing options for older people. Email and documents received. Notices placed on notice boards about this scheme which is sponsored by Purbeck District and Dorset County Councils.
- 10. Ragwort – Barry Quinn advised that Mrs Wiltshire from Hethfelton had complained about toxic ragwort along the A352. He had been in touch with

Blair Turner at DCC Highways who advised that this was classed as a noxious weed and would be pulled out in organised programmes of work executed by the Dorset Works Organisation (DWO). He would advise DWO to add this area to the list. Barry Quinn told the meeting he had also been in touch with Neil Randall at PDC and advised him of other areas in our parish that needed to be dealt with and these would be consolidated with other areas in Purbeck and forwarded to DCC.

11. DAPTC – Future Training Update – Defer until next meeting.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Waste Strategy Review – Public consultation launched on 4th August. This Strategy would have wide ranging implications on how waste is dealt with in Purbeck and throughout the County. Short Press Release attached had been placed on notice boards and clerk had copies for councillors.
2. Paul Whitmarsh advised that a DVD was available titled “Craftsmen in the Countryside” which featured East Stoke.
3. Paul Whitmarsh advised the meeting that he felt due to personal legal problems he should step down from the Parish Council. When these problems were resolved he would like to join the Council again if a position was vacant. Barry Quinn suggested that as there is a presumption of innocent until proven guilty advice should be sought from Peter Aston and DAPTC. He offered to contact these people and obtain their opinion.
4. Councillor Axon told the meeting that the hedge bordering the Parish Council land had been partially cut down in the middle. It was not known the reason for this although a couple of years ago it was cut down by the pub staff. The situation would be monitored.

FINANCE

1. Clerk two month’s salary and expenses £332.63
2. Cost of advertisement for parish clerk position in Wool Parish News £8.00
3. Cheque for £98 received from Wool PCC re memorial for Len Haskell
4. Refund received of VAT paid in year ending 31/3/08 £1099.46

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th September.

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Chairman

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Date