

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th
DECEMBER 2008**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

None

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mike Lovell, Dorset County Councillor

3 Members of the public were present

1 Public Participation Time 7:00-7:15pm

Cllr Shakesby confirmed that he did attend the meeting referred to in minute 129/13, the minutes of 6th November to be amended to reflect this.

Concern expressed regarding accidents outside Holmebridge House, complaints have been made to Police, some work has been carried out with regard to road markings but these have become obliterated by tank track marks. Between 6:00am and 8:00 am vehicles are considered to be driven at high speeds and are not obeying the no overtaking signs. This has been previously discussed with Richard Bastow, unfortunately unable to place double white lines on a straight road.

Tank movements, concern expressed that small tanks with trailers are ignoring the stated speed limits. Additionally tanks and tank carriers are crossing the railway at Holmebridge without telephoning for permission. Where small convoys cross at Stoke Crossing they back up onto the main road creating a hazard. Clerk to contact Bovington for clarification and advice.

2 To receive apologies for absence

None

3 Declarations of interest-to record declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda

None

4 Planning Matters- to consider the following planning applications:

a. **6/2008/0737 Arqiva** Land at Hethfelton, install 3 new 25.7m antennas on existing tower
No Objection

b. **6/2008/0742 Mr J Smyth** Kemps Country House (Retrospective application) to erect two free standing signs

The Parish Council has no objections to the proposal, but would object to any additional illumination and any other signs whether free standing or fixed

5 Previous Planning Decisions

a. 6/2008/0312, Mr & Mrs Barnes, change of use, garage into three bedroom dwelling, Planning Board 18/12/2008

b. 6/2008/0381, Mr & Mrs Topp, variation of 6/2004/0465, all round use, with no limit on length of stay, Planning Board 18/12/2008

c. 6/2008/0471, Mr J Smyth, Two storey extension, Planning Board 18/12/2008, site visit 11/12/2008, Cllrs Barnes & Child to attend.

d. 6/2008/0641, West Holme Crossroads, Erect Agricultural Barn, Planning Board
18/12/2008

- 6 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held 6th November 2008, agreed subject to the removal of comment regarding Cllr Shakesby.
- 7 **Matters Arising** from the above minutes
6/2008/0641 Mr S Goldsack, Land adj West Holme Crossroads, PDC are seeking further information regarding future intentions.
- 8 **County Councillors Report**
Transport, Bus Meeting with County Council scheduled for 12/01/2009, 7:00pm at West Lulworth Village Hall. A representative from East Stoke invited to attend. Any questions to be passed to Cllr Lovell the week before, there may be another bus service for East Stoke. Comment made that the X53 bus is too expensive for short trips.
- 9 **District Councillors Report**
Planning Policy, Liaison meetings for Clerks and Councillors to be held in January, the voice of the Parish Council is considered important.
Networking Meeting 12/11/2008, Pathfinder update, RSS and Volunteer of the Year, nominations are requested from each Parish, nominations required for next meeting, closing date 16/01/2009
- 10 **Freedom of Information** –New Model Publication Scheme, the Cllrs considered the information provided and noted that it was not an option to implement. It was resolved that the scheme be adopted and the Clerk to prepare paperwork for the next meeting
- 11 **Data Protection Act**-Registration of Parish Council as a Data Controller, Councillors considered whether the Council should be registered and requested Clerk to obtain further information.
- 12 **Highways Issues**
Cllr Whitmarsh reported on recent Highways Seminar, re-organisation is planned, (R Bastow leaving) poor communications with people on the ground. Senior Management are aware, Cllr Whitmarsh and Cllr Lovell to liaise on reporting
Lengths man Scheme, suggestion that this could cost each Parish £2000, effectively 50% of precept
Parish Maintenance Unit, due in January, Cllr Whitmarsh to liaise with Blair Turner, tree on junction to be referred to Les Evans
- 13 **Registration of Footpaths,**
Cllrs are not aware of any paths used, that are not recorded on the register.
Current liaison officer, Ian Howlett is looking to stand down, when a replacement is identified. Cllrs to establish if anyone is willing to take over this role, if not, an advertisement to be placed on the notice boards.
Footpath SE14/10 appears to be no longer used, to be checked by Cllr Child.
- 14 **East Stoke Crossing**
Meeting has been rescheduled for 2009; the crossing is being opened more speedily. Requirement to establish what happened at the enquiry. Comment made that all trains are slower, may be due to work at Bindon Abbey.
- 15 **Parish Plan Update**
No report, however with changes to the crossing it is important that work is started on updating.
- 16 **Affordable Housing/Rural Exception Site workshop** (Report from Cllr K Barnes)

Attendees worked through a check list, this issues raised will be taken forward as part of the consultation, some affordable housing opportunities lost because of 14 unit flats. Very important for local people to place their names on the list.

17 The Hawkins Charitable Trust-Distribution of Hampers

Cllrs to meet at Wool Spar on 21st December at 10:30 to collect and distribute hampers. Position regarding current and future trustees to be reviewed.

18 Fyler & Butler Graves-Report from Councillors

Both graves are considered to be safe and stable, Fyler grave (in old church yard) requires railings to be painted, re pointing work and remaining weeds to be killed. Butler grave requires levelling of stone work and re pointing of kerb set. Enquires to be made Gordon Mackenzie, and via Cllr Lovell. An advertisement to be placed in Wool Parish News if initial enquires unsuccessful.

19 Campaign to Protect Rural England, renewal of membership

Cllrs considered whether Corporate Membership of this organisation is appropriate and resolved that membership would not be renewed this year

20 Parish Land adj. Stokeford Inn- Proposition from Dr N Lyons re Extended Lease

Legal opinion to be sort as to whether the Parish Council can lease for in excess of 1 year. Would entering a longer lease be detrimental to Parish Council? Tenancy has now lapsed. Parish council has responsibility for fencing. Permission to be sought from Simon Cross regarding use of existing documentation

21 Dorset Village of the Year Award

Parish Council do not wish to enter.

22 East Stoke Common-Registration of Land

E-mail received from Simon Cross advising current position and detailing costs incurred to date

23 Village Hall

This needs to be the key aim for the Parish Council in 2009, while the Parish Council has use of the facilities at the Freshwater Centre, these could be withdrawn at any time. Grants to be identified in the new year. Sectional buildings on a concrete base to be considered.

24 Consultations & Discussion Papers

Scoping Opinion, reviewed by Cllr Child, no comments

25 General Correspondence Received

Paul Stafford, request for newsletters electronically, may be an option in the future.

Richard Amplett, request for information, names on War Memorial, details to be passed to Cllr Axon.

26 Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

27 Finance

a. Expenditure & Receipts

The following account was approved for payment

Cheque No	Detail	Invoice/ Minute No		Amount
236	S Sheppard-Clerks Salary & Expenses incurred			£396.55

Receipts

	Detail	Invoice/ Minute No		Amount
	Memorial Mrs Chant			£12.00

b. Precept 2009/10

Clerk to prepare precept for figures for 2009/2010 for consideration at January 2009 meeting

c. Completion of Changes to bank Authorities

Formwork due from Councillors

d. Audit completion from BDO Stoy Hayward

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP has completed the Audit for year ended 31/03/2008. No matters requiring issue of separate additional issues arising report were identified. It was resolved that the Annual return be approved by the Council. Details of the Annual Return were displayed for 14 days.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th January 2009

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE 8th January 2009