

## ***EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL***

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT** Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
Cllr Tib Axon  
Cllr Karen Barnes  
Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman  
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

**APOLOGIES** Cllr Christine Evans  
Cllr Adrian Naylor  
County Cllr Lovell  
PCSO Stuart Hann

**IN ATTENDANCE** 4 Members of the Public  
Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

#### **1 Public Participation Time**

- a) Mr Paul Whitmarsh had been approached by the organisers of a mini-festival to be held during August to use his land for camping. Mr Whitmarsh stated that there is a restriction on the land for camping and there would be implications for planning. Environmental Services have said that both the campsite and the building on the land would have to be used. The festival will not be going ahead at Luckford Wood but it may be held at Creech or on the Lulworth Estate.  
Cllr Quinn has informed the Licensing Officer and Environmental Services of the above plans.
- b) Temporary events notices can have up to 250 people if there are no health and safety reasons for the event not to go ahead.
- c) Mr Topp asked for clarification over the timing for the installation of the new barriers at East Stoke level crossing. The plan is to install the barriers in spring 2013 and they would be manually operated until the re-signalling has been completed. The barriers would be commissioned in the autumn 2013 and controlled from Basingstoke.
- d) Mrs Barnes raised the issue of road safety by installing automatic barriers. Large delivery vehicles and caravans use this crossing. Traffic could queue back to the A352. This lane from just after the level crossing is only suitable for single file traffic. Traffic could stop on the crossing.  
Church Lane could become a 'rat run' if the timing of the closure of this crossing does not coincide with the one at Wool.
- e) Sat Navs send delivery vehicles via the East Stoke crossing. This error can be reported to Ordnance Survey and the Clerk will forward the link.
- f) The train horns are still sounding especially in Wool. The Clerk reported that this is probably for safety reason as there are men working on the railway in Wool.
- g) It was reported that coaches are using Church Lane via Bindon Lane to go to the River Laboratory.

**Action:** The Clerk will invite a DCC Highways representative and Network Rail to 10<sup>th</sup> January Parish Council meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Quinn will raise the concerns expressed about the automatic barriers and road layout at the next Community Rail Partnership meeting and at the meeting with Mr Stephen Mephram next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Christine Evans and Cllr Adrian Naylor.

**3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.**

None.

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

**5 Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

**6 Register of Members Interest form**

Completed forms have not been received from Cllr Barnes and Cllr Naylor.

**7 Granting of Dispensations**

Cllr Quinn proposed that the Clerk should approve the granting of dispensations, this was seconded by Cllr Cady.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk will grant dispensations.

**8 Appointment of a representative to the Binnegar Environmental Park Liaison Committee**

It was agreed to appoint Mrs Gillian Topp to this committee. Mrs Topp was not at the meeting to accept this appointment. The Clerk will attend the first meeting if Mrs Topp is unavailable.

Cllr Quinn is the District Council's representative and the Vice-Chair of the committee. The Committee is chaired by County Cllr Mike Lovell.

**9 Planning Applications**

a) **6/2012/0624** – Erection of 7 sponsorship acknowledgement signs. Burton Cross & Tout Hill Roundabouts, Wool.

Cllr Cady reported that she will be meeting with Mr Stephen Howard and the Tank Museum to discuss placing some art on the Woolbridge Roundabout.

As Highways are receiving money from sponsorship it was asked if some of this money could be used for improvements to footpaths in this parish.

PDC have an Infrastructure Levy but most of the levy will go on the re-signalling project with a little amount of money available for small projects such as cycle ways.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

b) **6/2012/0633** - Binnegar Quarry & Environmental Park, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, Wareham, BH20 6AH. Section 73 application to defer the requirement within Condition 28 of 6/2007/0516 to close the existing access and allow its retention for a period of 3 years.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

c) **6/2012/0636** - Binnegar Quarry & Environmental Park, Puddletown Road, East Stoke, Wareham, BH20 6AH. Alterations to improve the existing access junction layout & access visibility at Binnegar Quarry & Binnegar Environmental Park.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

- 10 The District of Purbeck (Poacher's Liar) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 2012 –**  
protection of ten oak trees.  
This TPO was noted.  
Cllr Quinn reported that this is linked to the planning application 6/2012/0403 which is due to be approved with conditions attached to the permission.
- 11 Reports from County and District Councillors**  
a) County Cllr Lovell  
None.  
  
b) District Cllr Quinn  
Cllr Quinn reported that PDC will be receiving funding from the Government for their Council Tax Benefit Scheme.
- 12 Police Update**  
PSCO Hann was unable to attend this meeting.  
A car accident occurred at Kemps Hotel and the A352 through East Stoke had to be closed.
- 13 River Frome Issues**  
a) There was no update regarding the Environment Agency's visit to look at the blocked arch at Holme Bridge.  
  
b) Mr Stephen Goldsack has cleared the ditch. This has allowed the water at this culvert to flow under the road.
- 14 Footpaths/ Bridleways**  
Steve Kourik sent an update on the wet bridleway reported at August's meeting. This bridleway does run over wet ground but a walked route is available and should be cleared.
- 15 Highways Issues.**  
a) Dorset County Council Highways are assessing all grit bins; they will be designated either 'Strategic' or 'Community' bins.  
The parish's grit bins are still full of grit.  
  
b) Roundabout Policy  
Mr Stephen Howard had sent a response about DCC's Roundabout Policy.  
This is a policy for roundabout sponsorship. This policy is designed to help those who follow in our footsteps to understand what the initiative is designed to do and how it should be managed. The policy gives details on the Policy Objectives, Key Influences, Definitions and Scope, Inclusions/Exclusions, an Outline of the Process and Measures of Effectiveness. This policy is a working document and will be constantly being re-appraised and revised as necessary.  
  
c) Any highways issues to report  
i) Flooding on the bend near Wood Street.  
ii) Drains need clearing in Binnegar and Bindon Lanes.  
  
d) Update on previous issues reported  
The silt has not been cleared.

**16 Noticeboards**

These are becoming difficult to open. There is nothing that can be done at the moment and they will be looked at in the drier weather.

**17 Parish Land**

Thanks were given to Cllr Child for obtaining a valuation of the parish land.

Cllr Quinn had met with the Woodland Trust. The Woodland Trust preserves or protects ancient woodland and also creates new woodlands.

An idea of the Village Hall Committee is to create a play area at the Parish Land. Another idea put forward was for part of the land to be used as allotments.

A query was raised over whether the woodland at the Parish Land should be maintained.

**18 Local Government Boundary Commission for England Purbeck Further electoral review**

PDC sent a letter to the Boundary Commission regarding their recommendations for West Purbeck. A reply has been received to this letter states that there is no other viable scheme.

The report from the Boundary Commission will be laid before Parliament on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

There is no provision in legislation for the Boundary Commission to change their recommendation. Cllr Quinn has met with Mr R Drax MP. The Parish Council has sent a letter asking for Mr Drax MP to reject these recommendations when it is laid before parliament.

It is not known what happens if these recommendations are rejected by the Government, it has never happened. There are no costs to PDC for this electoral review as the Boundary Commission incurs the cost.

**19 Consultations or items for consideration**

a) Volunteer of the Year

It was agreed that Mr Pete and Mrs Sue Burden would be this parish's Volunteer of the Year.

b) Parish Council Survey from Nick King one of the candidates for the Police and Crime Commissioner

Advice has been received that this survey should not be completed as it is electioneering by one of the four candidates standing for election.

c) Boundary Commission for England – Consultation on the revised proposals for the Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review. Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> December.

No changes are planned for this area and no comments were made.

**20 Feedback from Meetings Attended**

a) Planning Training

The Clerk had distributed a list of what is and is not a material consideration when considering planning applications.

b) Chairmen's Networking Meeting

Cllr Cady attended this meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October. The items discussed were:

i) Tree Preservation Orders and Tree management. The office is always manned and Jenny Key is the administrative officer.

ii) Core Strategy Update.

iii) There were 10,000 responses to the draft Gypsy and Traveller development plan document.

- iv) Community Infrastructure Levy – there are three different bandings. If two or more properties are being built then one of these has to be affordable.
- v) Neighbourhood Plans are where you want development to be built. Parish plans are aspirations. PDC will support Neighbourhood Plans.

On 7<sup>th</sup> November Stephen Mepham from Highways will be having a site visit in East Stoke. Issues to be raised:

Junction at West Holme, B3070/A352 junction, dual use footpath, extension of footpath on A352, drains Bindon Lane, Middlefields, Binnegar Lane and the silt, railway crossing road layout, bollard at Woolbridge.

## 21 Jubilee Tree Planting

The planting of a silver birch tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 at 11.30am at the Parish Land.

Cllr Barnes will arrange for the hole to be dug and to supply a support post.

## 22 Correspondence Received

All of the following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

- a) The next stage of the consultation for the Navitus Bay Wind Park will take place next February 2013.
- b) Guidance on Dispensations from PDC's Monitoring Officer.
- c) The poster for the support services provided by ARC Dorset has been displayed on the notice board.
- d) Autumn Parish Matters newsletter from the Parish Council's Insurers 'Came and Company'.
- e) Press release about half-term activities for children at the Purbeck Sports Centre.
- f) Flood Fair on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November between 10.00am and 4.00pm at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester. Poster on notice boards.

## 23 Finance

- a) Payments  
Payee

	Amount	Cheque Number
Ms R Cady (Post for old Churchyard –Historical Society)	£14.76	000368
Mr B Quinn (Printing of newsletter)	£17.50	000369
Royal British Legion (Donation for Wreath)	£30.00	000370

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

- b) Second quarter bank reconciliation – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
The bank reconciliation for September was circulated prior to the meeting. The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance agreed with the reconciled bank statements. The cashbook balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 was £18,334.63. The second quarter bank reconciliation was **approved**.
- c) Any projects or items to add to the Budget 2013/14  
Filling of grit bins

## 24 DAPTC Training Courses

- a) Free IT and Internet training 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am at Stratton Village Hall  
This course is for Clerks and Councillors interested in IT and the Internet.

**25 Items for Information or the next agenda**

- a) The Hawkin's Trust Christmas deliveries will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.  
Gifts can be picked up from Cllr Cady during the morning.

**26 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....