

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2009

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**Present:** Mr Neill Child (Chairman of the Parish Council), all other member of East Stoke Parish Council and 18 electors

**In attendance:** Mrs S Sheppard (Clerk) Cllr M Lovell (County Councillor) PCSO's Stuart Hann and Dave Brown

**Apologies:** None

**1 Welcome**

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Neill Child welcomed all to the meeting.

**2 Apologies for absence**

None

- 3** To confirm the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 1 May 2008.  
The minutes were read and had been signed at the meeting of

**4 Matters Arising from these minutes**

None

**5 To receive the Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Wind farm**, the planning application for this has been withdrawn and is likely to be resubmitted at a later date

**Cemetery gates**, these have been refurbished by Mr Whitmarsh, compliments have been received.

**Village Hall/** community room, a survey has been undertaken, a group to be set up to take this forward.

**Level crossing**, still threatened with closure, use is being monitored.

**Cllr Adrian Cullinane** had sadly died, his place on the Parish Council being taken by Damian Cullinane.

**Sue Barrett**, the Parish Clerk of 17 years had retired, thanks were given for the excellent work done by Sue.

**New PCSO's** Stuart Hann and Dave Brown were thanked for attending meetings and for the support given to the Parish

**6 To receive reports from Parish Organisations**

- a. Ringmaster-** Ros Ham explained the workings of the ringmaster system and those present were given the option of registering to receive e-mail notifications (via the Parish Clerk). Going forward it is intended to include good news in the notifications. PCSO Hann advised that it was also possible to receive messages via telephone message. **It was reiterated that everyone needs to be vigilant**

- b. Hawkins Trust-John McConnell**, Mr Hawkins a retired Naval Officer died in 1951, he left a bequest to his daughters who died in 1959.

Monies were left to the Parishes of Corscombe, Winterbourne Stickland and East Stoke, £6000 to be divided between the parishes. Original coal was provided for those over 70 and trip to the pantomime with tea for the children. Today Hampers or Spirits are offered to the over 70's with the Children receiving an Easter egg.

- c. **Historical Project-** Barry Quinn, names on the War Memorial are currently being researched by Richard Amphlett, originally the research was intended as a school project.  
Advice has been received from Dr Ian Howlett re the booklet, and revisions are required to the draft produced at the end of last year.  
A history trail leaflet is being produced, which will be distributed to local caravan sites and hotels.

## **7 Public Discussion period on Parish matters**

Railway crossing, would increase usage by local residents support its continued presence? Why could the crossing not be automated similarly to Holmebridge? It was explained this was not an option due to the camber of the road.

Comment was made that the Holmebridge crossing had been out of action. The name for Manor Lane has been agreed, but Royal Mail will need to issue a new postcode. Sign posts are to be installed.

The meeting closed at 19:46pm

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**Chairman**

**Date**