

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF EAST STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 5th MAY 2011**

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady Chairman
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Damian Cullinane
Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

In attendance: County Cllr Mike Lovell
Mrs Julie Wright, Parish Clerk
6 Members of the Public

1 Election of Chairman

a) Cllr Ms Rebecca Cady was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Barnes and this was seconded by Cllr Child. No other nominations were made.

It was resolved that Cllr Cady was elected as Chairman

b) Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman

Cllr Cady duly signed her declaration of acceptance of Office form.

2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs Karen Barnes was proposed by Cllr Quinn as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Cullinane. There were no other nominations.

It was resolved that Cllr Mrs Barnes was elected as Vice Chairman.

3 Public Participation Time

a) Mr Adrian Naylor raised item 10 e) on the agenda the email from Dr Lyons about tarmacing Primrose Lane and wanted to know if the Parish Council will pay a contribution towards resurfacing this lane as the Parish Land is accessed via this lane. It is a private road and the last time it was resurfaced was about 15 years ago.

Action: This item will be added to next month's agenda.

b) Mrs Rita Haskell wished to make a comment about item 15) The Fisherman's Stone Bench. This bench is a private memorial seat on private land to be used by fishermen.

Cllr Quinn had been to look at the inscription on the stone bench and the inscription reads: Robert Charles Harvey, Corfe, 1945 and a Latin phrase translated to 'For Purbeck Fishermen'. The bench is on a concrete base and is not in any immediate danger of falling into the river.

The comment was made that there are two more memorial seats – one at the Highwood Crossroads in memory of Mr G Langdown and one at the West Holme Crossroads (B3070) in memory of Mrs Moulton.

Action: Cllr Mrs Barnes will write to the Environment Agency to say that the Fisherman's bench will not be moved at present. The Parish Council may

wish to put a bench by the Mill Stream or the EA may put an interpretation board here.

4 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been sent by PCSO Hann.

5 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

6 **Planning Application**

- a) **6/2011/0231** – West Holme Farm (Holme Nurseries), East Stoke, BH20 6AQ. Demolish existing barn and erect farm shop, retail space and plant area; revise parking area and modify vehicular access.

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application. The PC want the following noted:

1. The quantity of road signs advertising Holme for Gardens has already been reported to the Enforcement Officer. Planning Enforcement Reference E/2011/0003. Any new signs should be subject to the necessary planning permissions.
2. The tea rooms do not form part of this application and the permission for the temporary tea rooms expires in 2013.

7 **Previous Planning Application Updates**

- a) **6/2007/0812** - Hillview Farm, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AW. Importation and spreading of fill to be followed by top soiling to create level field surface suitable for ongoing agriculture activities. **Permission granted** with conditions.
- b) **6/2011/0116** - Holme Lane (Charlecote), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. Station agricultural residential caravan (renewal). **Approved**, one year renewal.

8 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2011**

The minutes, as previously distributed, were approved

9 **Matters arising from the above minutes**

- a) Update on 163/8 b) 6/2011/0. The tree officer and Case Officer have made a site visit. Work has been stopped on the driveway.
- b) The finger post for the footpath to East Stoke has been replaced in Bindon Lane.

10 **County and District Councillor's Reports**

- a) County Cllr Lovell
- i) County are working on their delegated budget, some services may not be deliverable due to the cuts.
 - ii) On June 20th the report from the current libraries consultation will go to the County's Community Overview Committee after which there will be a public consultation.
 - iii) Cllr Lovell was informed of the amount of time (almost a year) of the restructuring of the Sure Start Children's Centres. This has had an adverse effect on families and the staff.
 - iv) The restructuring of the schools due to the Purbeck Review has also affected both families and schools.

- b) District Cllr Quinn
 - i) PDC are working on next year's budget 2012/13.
 - ii) There had been comments made about the Wareham roundabout depicting the Arthurian legend of the sword in the stone. This structure has been paid for by 'Wareham in Bloom'.
 - iii) Restructuring of General Managers and their responsibilities
 - 1. Mrs S Joyce – Financial Services and Revenue and Benefits
 - 2. Mrs F West – Environmental Services and Licensing
 - 3. Mr P McStraw – Central Services
 - 4. Ms B Downton – Planning Services
 - iv) There are no more litter bins, to be used as a dog waste bin at Rushton Lane, available to be given to the Parish Council.
 - v) Flower Planter. Cllr Quinn will find out when it will be delivered and if the planter will be replanted by the contractor.
- 11 **Appointment of two DAPTC Representatives**
 It was resolved that Cllr Mrs Karen Barnes and Cllr Mrs Christine Evans are the two representatives on the DAPTC Purbeck Area Committee.
- 12 **Police Report**
 No report.
- 13 **River Frome Issues**
 Mr Pete Burden asked about the Frome Catchment Parish Council Chairman's briefing with the Environment Agency to discuss the River Frome Rehabilitation Plan. There had been no invitation received.
- 14 **Highways Issues**
 - a) Parish Maintenance Unit
No work.
 - b) Other Highways Issues
 There are several potholes on A352 (left hand side) opposite the Stokeford Inn and further along the road to Wool.
Action: The Clerk will report these.
- 15 **Fisherman's Stone Bench**
It was agreed to leave the bench where it is at the present time.
- 16 **Finger post at East Stoke Crossing**
 This has not been replaced.
- 17 **Trees**
 Cllr Quinn gave a report on dead trees that need to be felled.
 - a) In the field south of Hethfelton House there is a dead elm tree.
 - b) Church Lane. There is a dead elm near the East Stoke crossing.
 - c) There is a dead tree at the entrance to the Forestry Commission woods.
 - d) Binnegar Lane. SITA need to be contacted to look at the trees along this lane and take action if necessary.
 - e) There is a branch on the side of the road (B3070)
 - f) Tree at Woolbridge.
 - g) Manor Lane/Holme Lane – there is a dead tree in Mr Smith's field.

Actions: The Clerk will write letters to the owners of the land (items b) – g) above) informing them of these trees. Cllr Barnes will speak to the owners at Hethfelton House item a) above.

18 **Signs for the Church**

Cllr Quinn needs to speak with Rev. Floate to get the Church's approval for erecting the interpretation board for the Church next to the War Memorial. This will obscure one of the original Church signs so this could be moved to replace the one lower down on the wall.

Action: The Clerk will write to the Trustees of the Church to swap the signs.

19 **Finance**

a) **Receipt**

It was noted that the first half of the Precept from PDC of £2,750 had been received.

b) **Invoice and payments**

It was resolved that the following payment be made
Came & Co, Insurance premium 2011/12 £280.85 Cheque no 000312

c) **Wessex Water Direct Debit**

The tap in the Churchyard was running and it couldn't be turned off. It has been turned off at the stopcock. Mr Axon will replace the washer on this tap.
The Parish Council will look into alternative ways of providing water e.g. a water butt.

It was resolved to cancel paying the Wessex Water bill by direct debit.

d) **Quotes for the replacement of Parish Land fence**
No further quotes had been received.

20 **Correspondence Received**

a) **Information leaflets available for West Purbeck Ward and the District Profiles -**
these provide key statistics about the area e.g. housing.
Noted. This item will be advertised in the autumn newsletter.

b) **Dorset County Council's Highways sent their Vegetation Management Programme for 2011/12.**
Noted.

c) **Details of a young people Local Councillor Shadowing Award.**
It was felt that the Local Councillor Shadowing Award was more appropriate for the District Councillor. The details of the award were passed to Cllr Quinn.

d) **Purbeck Standards Committee vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors after May elections**
Cllr Mrs Barnes asked that her name was put forward.

e) **Email from Dr Lyons about the tarmacing Primrose Lane and tender**
It was agreed that the Parish Council will need to see a copy of the lease to ascertain if the Parish Council has any responsibility to maintain Primrose Lane.

Dr Lyons wished the length of time for the lease to be for 3 years. The Parish Council made comments that it would not be fair to new people moving into the area if the lease was not tendered for on an annual basis.

21 **Training**

a) **Free** Community Land Trust Seminar, 19th May, Sturminster Newton. No one wished to attend this event.

22 **Invitations**

a) Purbeck Community Action meeting 18th May at 2pm at PDC.

b) NHS Dorset public meeting 'Have Your Say'. Thursday 12th May, Swanage Bay Caravan Park

No one will be attending either of these meetings.

23 **Feedback from meetings attended**

Cllr Cady reported on the Chairman's networking meeting held at PDC.

Items discussed were the Dorset Waste Partnership. Recycling rates need to be increased the best way is to have a weekly collection of food waste.

A review is being carried out on the District's toilets.

The restructuring of the General Managers' responsibilities at PDC.

24 **Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda**

East Stoke Crossing. PSCO Hann and Inspector Baker will be attending the APM next Monday 9th May. If the East Stoke crossing is closed it would make it difficult for Royal Mail, voting on Polling Days. There will be a consultation process after which they would need to apply for a stopping up order to close the road over the crossing.

25 **Dates of next year's meetings.**

It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd June 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____