

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

PRESENT            Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)  
                         Cllr Neil Child (Vice Chairman)  
                         Cllr Chris Evans  
                         Cllr Tessa Wiltshire  
                         Cllr Barry Quinn  
                         Cllr Julie Wright  
                         Cllr David Purshouse

APOLOGIES        County Cllr Wharf  
                         Cllr Brooks (District Councillor)  
                         Cllr Miller (District Councillor)  
                         Cllr Brown (District Councillor)  
                         John Alford, Senior Coordinator, Traffic Team

IN ATTENDANCE   2 Members of the Public  
                         Shelley Fletcher, Monkey World  
                         George Henderson, Monkey World  
                         Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time**

No comments were made.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received and approved for District Cllr Miller, District Cllr Brooks, County Cllr Wharf and John Alford.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Child declared an interest in Item 20b as he is involved with the Purbeck Film Festival.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 were approved as a true account.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

No applications were received.

**8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information Received**

**6/2017/0682 - Hill View Farm, BH20 6AW.** Conversion of redundant light industrial building into 3 residential units and creation of first floor.

**Approved. Noted.**

**9. Transportation links to Monkey World**

- i) Cllr Cady explained the Monkey World attraction lies in the East Stoke Parish. Over the half term holidays the centre ran a very popular "Kid for a Quid" offer unfortunately due to unprecedented wet weather it resulted in having to close the overflow carpark due to it being waterlogged. A lot of people decided to park their cars on the roads around the centre and walk to the entrance. Various independent

people raised concerns over the safety and welfare of families walking to the attraction on a road which has a 60mph speed limit.

- ii) Ms Fletcher explained that messages were posted on social media and Longthorns Campsite opened up their field for parking. Cllr Cady said that at one point a tank transporter and a learner tank driver were trying to manoeuvre down the road while all this was happening. Mr Henderson was at the scene when and said it was all cleared within 20 minutes. Cllr Cady suggested whether it would be possible to do advance tickets for special events. It was confirmed that Monkey World are investigating this option. Monkey World stated they were not going to run any further promotional offers in the immediate future due to the large demands on the uptake as it puts a lot of stress and pressure on their staff members.
- iii) Cllr Cady said a solution would be to build the footpath to Monkey World and explained it has been discussed for years. Ms Fletcher outlined a timeline of events and she said that she was surprised to find out that the Parish Council were under the impression that Monkey World did not want to come aboard with the scheme. Monkey World was first contacted about a possible footpath by Tony Smalle from the Friends of Wool Station back in 2014 who wanted to carry out a feasibility study. Since then there has been a telephone conversation with District Cllr Miller and they requested a meeting for 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 unfortunately Dr Cronin was unable to attend so instead they requested a copy of the plans. The meeting finally took place on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and it was very positive. Monkey World explained that they were keen to save the hedgerow and consideration must be taken into account of the proximity of the path to the enclosures. On the 13<sup>th</sup> September, Monkey World received a completely different set of plans which were dated 20<sup>th</sup> July and it showed no correlation to the plans which were agreed only 15 days previously on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Monkey World questioned the plan and asked why it was not going up to the main car park. Since the 20<sup>th</sup> October Monkey World has not received any further correspondence. Ms Fletcher read on the Wool Parish Council Agenda that Monkey World has been asked to donate £18.5K, but the business has not received any communication about it.  
The new plan cannot be approved by Monkey World as they do not have access to the gate that runs up from the overgrown track. It is believed that it was deregistered in about 1998/99. Monkey World agreed to forward on the plans to East Stoke Parish Council as these plans had not been received or communicated to by County Council Highways, nor by a District Councillor or County Councillor representative at any of our meetings to keep us updated.
- iv) It was agreed that for the scheme to go forward a meeting needs to be organised where Monkey World, Highways, and representatives from County, District and the Parish Councils of both East Stoke and Wool. It will be preferable if the meeting takes place in the evening and for it to be held at Monkey World.

#### **10. Reports from County and District Councillors**

**As there were no County or District Councillors present, Cllr Quinn gave an update.**

- i) The decision on the Local Government Review was finally decided upon at the end of February. This was only due to Purbeck threatening to pull out if a decision was not made quickly as otherwise there would not have been enough time for it to be implemented. The unitary will be classified as a District Council with County functions so will become a brand new council. Ten groups have been set up with a Programme Director overseeing the project. Amongst items that will be looked into include investigating the boundaries for new wards. If need be, the fall-back position is to use the existing county divisions and to have two councillors for each. Other groups have been set up for area based decision making which will

- look at planning and licencing. For these services it will continue at Westport House in the short term and this may continue for the next couple of years. There will be savings as there will be a series of redundancies however the disposal of assets cannot be done straightaway. It has been acknowledged that there has to be area hubs as a customer facing desk is required for benefits and housing.
- ii) The Local Plan Review closes on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. An Infrastructure Drop-in took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and another one will take place in Moreton on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. So far there has been 4000 responses which is more than the previous consultation. Telephone surveys have been conducted as well as the questionnaire to all households. The Black Dog Inn had not received a copy and Cllr Quinn will try to obtain one for them.
  - iii) The refuse collection was affected by the bad weather and the DWP has said that all missed bins will be collected by the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**11. Police issues to report or update on issues reported.**

No issues to report.

**12. Maintenance of Churchyards**

- a) Cllr Cady explained that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain the Flyer and Butler graves with the account managed by the Church holding approximately £1200. To repair the Flyer grave quotes has been obtained from Parkinson Solutions for £250 and from Brian Rigler for £499. The Clerk has contacted Minster Memorials and Jim Bagglely but unfortunately they are unable to do the work. It was unanimously agreed to award Parkinson Solutions.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Parkinson Solutions.

- b) When the Church was converted only the northern part of the Churchyard was registered. Geoff Edwardes now has the plans and will register the remaining.
- c) Cllr Quinn had a meeting with Historic and Natural England regarding the Old Churchyard and the maintenance work is going ahead, however, it is unclear as to whether this is a one off or will be done annually.

**13. Village Hall and Parish Land Update.**

- a) There have been no updates from the Barrister as they never responded to the letters. It was noted that due to the statutes it is an offence to build on the land. Bere Regis undertook a land swap to build their new school and it was questioned if the Parish Council could look into how they did it.
- b) The Village Hall Committee is planning on holding a Race Night at the Black Dog on the 16<sup>th</sup> March which will include a Ploughman's Supper. Tickets will be limited and there will probably only be 40 places available which will have to be brought in advance due to the catering arrangements.
- c) Cllr Quinn will investigate as to whether the Parish Council can receive any money from the wayleave over the Parish Land.
- d) Fencing quotes have been collated and they are Sharman Fencing £2130, Corbin Fencing £1372.8 and Heartwood Tree Management (including tree work) for £1336. The Clerk is still waiting for a quote from the Young Farmers. The quotes for the tree work are Ian Michie Tree Care £300, Leaks Tree Care £380 and Thomas Lily Tree Care £520. It was agreed to seek confirmation that the Heartwood Tree Management quote is inclusive of VAT. This item will be decided at the next meeting.
- e) An option for the village hall is to use the pub land with public access through the woodlands.

**14. Broadband for East and West Holme**

There is currently no update.

**15. Website Update**

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Photographs of Councillors have been posted on the website and the Clerk is still waiting to receive the other ones. There will be an updated page on the War Memorial which will be published shortly.

#### **16. Grounds Maintenance Tender**

Two tenders were received and opened. The total costs for work were Rolls Landscaping Ltd 2018/19 £3360 + VAT, 2019/20 £3528 + VAT, T. Lee Landscaping £2840 per annum. It was agreed that there needs to be confirmation in writing that the total price Mr Lee quoted is £2840 as he did not itemise the jobs. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn that once this has been clarified in writing the tender would be awarded to T. Lee Landscaping.

**Action:** The Clerk to seek written confirmation from Mr Lee and will write to the unsuccessful applicant.

#### **16. Highways Issues**

##### **a) Update on issues reported**

- i) East Stoke/deer warning sign has been reported but is still broken.
- ii) The Church Lane sign at the Highwood junction is covered in ivy. Cllr Purshouse will trim it back.
- iii) The Manor Lane junction signage has still not improved and the only sign stating that there is a junction will soon be covered in vegetation. It was agreed to report it online and then forward the enquiry report to District Cllr Brooks.
- iv) The Slow signs have been painted on the road.
- v) During the Highways Tour, Ms Atkin said the extension of the 40mph speed limit has been refused and that they would encourage the new entrance to Hethfelton House to go through Monkey World by linking up with the new footpath. She did not state, however what the criteria were for refusing the speed limit as the Parish Council do not know if the type of vehicles using the road including holiday traffic and armoured vehicles were taken into account. The owner of the Black Dog commented upon the speed of the vehicles going past their property as many inclined to brake sharply at the 40mph limit.  
Action: Dawn Atkin to be contacted for confirmation on the criteria and an update on the other works.

##### **b) Woolbridge Update**

No update.

##### **c) Potential new footpaths**

Tara Hansford has not responded to the email yet.

##### **d) Other Issues**

No other issues were reported.

#### **18. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration**

- a) Consultation on new homes for Purbeck. Responses should be received by the 12<sup>th</sup> March.  
It was agreed that the best option would be Option A. Cllr Wiltshire will complete the survey.
- b) GDF Consultation. A consultation on a permanent solution for the disposal of the UK's radioactive waste. Closes on 19<sup>th</sup> April.  
Cllr Quinn will complete the consultation.
- c) Wool Cycleway proposals. Wool Station to Monkey World to Bovington Lane and Wool Station to the Dorset Innovation Park  
This item was discussed 252/9/iii

## 19. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Corallian Energy Ltd application for consent. For the drilling of an offshore oil exploration/appraisal well located approximately 6km east-northeast of Studland.
- b) Free Purbeck Advice Surgery. It is open to charitable organisations who would like to speak to a Community Advisor. It will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Sandford Memorial Hall.
- c) Royal Garden Party Nominations. The deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- d) Permanent Secretary's Newsletter - January 2018 - deadline nearing for Transparency Codes Funding. The deadline for applying for funding is mid-February.
- e) Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) activated. This was triggered on the 5<sup>th</sup> February because the night temperature were predicted to be zero degrees Celsius for three consecutive nights for any rough sleepers in Purbeck.
- f) Temporary closures of B3390 at Moreton Level Crossing. It is planned on consecutive nights from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- g) TEN notification. Noticed received for sale of alcohol at Hethfelton House on 28<sup>th</sup> July.
- h) Temporary closures of A352 at Wool Level Crossing. The works will be carried out over two nights on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February.
- i) Places available on the 'Introduction training for Councillors with less than 9 months experience' on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 10am to 12 noon.
- j) Views on your Landscape - Dorset AONB Annual Forum 2018. To be held at Westport House, Wareham on 21<sup>st</sup> March between 18:00 and 20:00hrs.
- k) Resilience planning - offer of assistance from SSE. They have offered to visit Parish Councils.  
A plan for the Parish was never compiled and it was suggested that now the pub is open to use it as a central hub. Mrs Salmon confirmed that she is happy for it to be used.
- l) County Councillor Report North West Purbeck. Information on the Unitaries, Dorset Waste Partnership, Woolbridge, Council Tax and the Dorset Innovation Park
- m) Purbeck Film Festival donation request letter.
- n) Camp Bestival/Bestival Minutes and Actions from last Community Liaison meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Residents can raise any concerns to the Parish Council who will forward them at the Liaison meeting.

## 20. Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment Feb 17 Salary	£204.14	000700
Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions Feb 18	£59.44	000701
Miss E Maidment reimburse for ink cartridge	£6.99	000702

It was **resolved** that the above payment schedule was paid. Due to the meeting being postponed for a week it was formally agreed by email that the cheque to Mr

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Lee should be paid as soon as possible therefore it was signed and posted to him before the meeting.

T. Lee January – March 18 Maintenance Contract      £832.50      000703

- b) Consideration to donate to the Citizen's Advice, Purbeck Film Festival and Wool Skatepark

Donations were already distributed at the beginning of the year so it was agreed to postpone the item to the next financial year.

- c) To receive the third quarter bank reconciliation

The third quarter budget bank reconciliation, budget report, cashbook and bank statements were circulated prior to this meeting. The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance agreed with the reconciled bank statements. The cashbook balance at 31st December 2017 was £32,087.85. It was noted that the deposit balance on the original paperwork was missing.

- d) Risk Assessment year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

It was duly signed and agreed.

**21. Items for Information or next agenda**

- i) Simon Cross has kindly offered to deliver all the Hawkins Trust presents. The newsletters will be delivered in April/May and will be added to the agenda.

- ii) Cllr Purshouse enquired about the Resilience Plan. It was confirmed that the Parish currently hasn't got one and it was agreed to invite Marc Norris, the Customer and Community Advisor at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks to give a presentation at the APM.

- iii) The APM and the APCM will be added to next month's agenda

**22. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm and it was proposed that the APM and APCM could both be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05

Chairman:

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