

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2005.

PRESENT

Barry Quinn - Chairman
Simon Cross - Vice Chairman
Tib Axon
Adrian Cullinane
Sara Grayson
Andy Saunders
Liz Rudd – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

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BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Parish Councillors' Responsibilities - The Chairman explained to Councillors why he had called this meeting. At the monthly Parish Council meeting held last Thursday only three Councillors including himself had turned up. He confirmed that the Council had also not seen the County Councillor for some time and the District Councillor only infrequently. If this situation with attendance were to continue he would have grave concerns over the future of East Stoke Parish Council. As he was also Chairman of the Steering Committee and about to shortly produce a Parish Plan for this area, he found it increasingly difficult to cope with both these posts alongside his full time job. The Chairman was concerned that the Parish Council needed to consider all the issues put forward each month by District Council and County Council properly as comments or a response was often needed. If only a few Councillors turned up to the monthly meetings it was not possible to fully represent the views of the people of the people of East Stoke. Vice Chairman Simon Cross felt that with the loss of services in the village it was an uphill struggle to get people from the village together. He thought that if there was something that particularly troubled any villagers they would come along to the meetings, the dates of which were always pinned on the notice boards. The Chairman asked Parish Councillors to help him by attending every meeting if at all possible and give their individual thoughts on those matters for discussion. Also councillors could help by taking on the reading of documents that needed a response, and providing a list of bullet points if applicable. Simon Cross commented that maybe it would be possible to co-opt people to help with this task. The Chairman responded by saying that we had done this in the past for example the Monkey World Liaison Committee and it was also being done with respect to work for production of the Parish Plan (Schools and Play). We would consider this in the future but the difficulty was often in the communication with those co-opted.

2. Outstanding from Meeting on 10th March.

- (a) Roebuck Farm - Liz Rudd confirmed that the new owner had still not come up with a business plan and had until the end of March to do so. This matter would come before the full planning board in April and if there was not plan produced by this time, enforcement to remove the caravan would begin.
- (b) 'Charlecote' – Liz Rudd had not yet been able to establish if there was a building programme for this application. She would report at next meeting.
- (c) Draft Strategy of Community Involvement – Letter and document from PDC. Six week consultation period to 8th April. Simon Cross to read and comment.

3. Parish Maintenance Units - As detailed in Newsletter from DAPTC a presentation had been held for Parish Clerks and Councillors to discuss the progress of this service. There was no record of this meeting being communicated to our Parish Council. The Chairman

asked Andy Saunders to telephone Jon Munslow to enquire how notice of this meeting was circulated. Also to request electronic questionnaire form from areaeast@dorsetcc.gov.uk for completion.

4. DAPTC Report.

(a) Recycling - Chairman talked on new system to be introduced in August. He confirmed collection would be on a fortnightly rotation, i.e. one week wheelie bin, next week kerbside recycling box. Liz Rudd advised that some properties would be inaccessible and they would still have the present black sack system. Chairman had registered his concerns with Jan Dutton of PDC.

(b) 16th July – Emergency Planning Meeting in Broadmayne.

(c) Chairman had asked David Topp to follow up date of meeting with PDC over Rave issue.

5. Annual Parish Meeting - This was now to be held on 27th April. The date for this meeting had originally been advertised as 20th April but the new date had been circulated in the recent Parish Plan newsletter. Agenda to be produced at next meeting.

6. PDC Sports and Leisure Officer - The Chairman advised Tim Huxley would like to come and talk to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

7. Parish Newsletter - To be delivered middle of April. This year as Easter was early there had not been time to prepare newsletter in time to deliver with the Easter Eggs. Items for inclusion; Boiler Juice, Setting up Website, Recycling, Footpath Liaison Officer.

8. Future Meetings - Meeting set at 14th April. Clerk to check with Planning Department that any comments on planning applications which were due on 14th April would be acceptable on 15th. Dates of future meetings to be set at next meeting.

9. Village Hall - Chairman advised that a meeting was needed with William Bond to talk about lease of the Village Hall. So far he had not heard anything from Mr Bond and the lease was due for renewal in July. At the meeting all the different options would be discussed. There could be a sliding lease renewal which would give time to complete a consultation process. Simon Cross suggested a 5 year lease with an opt-out clause could be appropriate if people were interested in having a village hall. We need to determine what the obligations are of the Parish Council.

10. Finance

(a) Clerk's remuneration - Chairman reported this had not been increased for some time. This would be done on a percentage basis. He would contact DAPTC to see which spinal column point rate of pay was applicable.

(b) Clerk's Contract - Clerk to request electronic copy of contract.

(c) Hall fees - These to be paid for 2004/05 for both Parish Council and Steering Committee. Chairman would produce invoice at next meeting.

(d) Grass Cutting - Chairman reported hall frontage needed cutting as this had previously been attended to by the Hall Committee. Clerk to ask Colin Baker to quote.

(e) Baker Property Services - Invoice for £285.00 for 1st Jan to 31st March. This Account was approved for payment.

11. Any Other Business

(a) Chairman confirmed he had re-submitted bid for funding to the Community Action Fund for the War Memorial restoration. Fund administered from DAPTC.

12. Date of Next Meeting - 14th April.

.....Chairman

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