



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES Cllr Cherry Brooks

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Mike Lovell
 3 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **Public Participation Time.**
 No one made any representations.
2. **Apologies**
 Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Brooks
3. **Granting of Dispensation**
 No applications for a dispensation had been made.
4. **Declarations of Interest**
 None
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2014**
 It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th November 2014 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - a) Cllr Quinn stated there has been no comments submitted regarding the Electoral Review of Dorset. The present recommendation is for East Stoke to be located in the Wareham Division but Cllr Quinn felt that this would be unsuitable; due to the Parish having a rural location it will have different needs to Wareham. Another issue concerning the review is some of the boundaries.
 within the East Stoke Parish would be better placed in another Parish. It was agreed to comment on the proposals after the Boundary Commission have submitted their findings.
 - b) The issue involving the military vehicles has been addressed by PC Alford to Lulworth Camp. However, the problem is not solely their responsibility as the vehicles come from all over the country and Lulworth do not have the control over the movements.
 Action: Cllr Quinn to liaise with Stu Burman in Bovington to see if he could

coordinate with the MOD movements team.

- c) Cllr Cady announced that Simon Goldsack will be planting the Yew Tree on 5th December. Also, an email has been received from Simon Goldsack informing the Parish Council that both Holme Nurseries and surrounding properties have been affected by a poor internet connection. A BT engineer located the problem to be overhanging trees near Holmebridge.

Action: Cllr Quinn will contact the landowner, Will Bond to ask him to cut back the trees.

7. Resignation of Cllr Tib Axon

Cllr Cady formally thanked Cllr Tib Axon on behalf of both the current Parish Council and Past Chairmen for all her hard work over 37 consecutive years serving as a Parish Councillor.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

a) Pre-Application Request for scoping opinion under Part IV, Regulation 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 - Proposed Extension to Binnegar Quarry (Area B2) by Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling

- i) Cllr Quinn attended a site meeting with SITA and Raymond Brown on 3rd December. It was felt that it is essential for an Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out due to the various environmental factors including the flora and fauna. Wareham St Martin had already put in a complaint about the amount of traffic going through Sandford. Surveys have shown that there is sand and gravel present on the forward slope that faces the A352. At present it is difficult to foresee the visual impact of the extension, especially as the current tree screen density will be reduced to about 50m. Therefore an exercise needs to be conducted where markers are used to demonstrate where exactly the work will take place and to see whether it would show through the tree line, especially during the winter months when viewed from the A352 and more importantly from within the AONB. There will be a plan on how they will excavate but this might entail that the investigations could potentially go further south east. Material such as builders waste will be imported onto the site and topsoil will be used to seal it off.
- ii) It was also felt that due to the history of properties around Binnegar Lane being flooded, the water tables need to be surveyed. A suggestion was made that more trees will need to be planted to soak up any excess water.
- iii) Due to the extension being located closer to properties than the current quarry works a noise pollution assessment needs to be carried out.
- iv) Cllr Wiltshire commented that the same questions will be asked during the Hethfelton Woods consultation.

9 Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

- a) **6/2014/0543** SITA UK Ltd, Puddletown Rd - Section 73 application to: (i) Vary condition 4 (Operating Hours) of planning application 6/2012/0556 and condition 46 (Hours of Operation) of planning application 6/2013/0504 to allow extended operating hours to run sand processing plant and use associated storage area, from: 0700-1900 hours Monday to Friday and 0700-1300 hours on Saturday, to 0700-2130 hours Monday to Friday and 0700-1630 hours on Saturdays. (Site to close 30 min after operations cease.) (ii) Vary condition 5 (Source of Material) of planning application 6/2012/0556 and condition 36 (Limitation on use of access) of planning application 6/2013/0504 to allow importation and processing of a maximum of 60,000 tonnes of sand per year sourced from outside the Binnegar Complex. **No further comments were submitted**
- b) **TEL/20147/0041** Stokeford Farm (Mast 1474), Upgrade of existing antenna compliment (installation of two 300mm dish antennas; plus ancillary works). **Approved**
- c) **6/2014/0446** Stokeford Farm (Land at), Construction of a 15 MW solar photovoltaic park with ground mounted photovoltaic arrays and associated substations, invertors, equipment and fencing. **Withdrawn**

10 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- i) County Cllr Lovell is unable to purchase the audio advice requested with the fund available, but he will probably be able to use the money to procure a new noticeboard. A quote from S&S Joinery was received for £707 exclusive of VAT. Other quotes with similar designs have been investigated, including Officefurniture.co.uk £846 ex vat, Signconex £855, Greenbarnes £1247.91. An option being investigated is to see if S&S Joinery would be interested in having their name engraved on it as a way of advertising in exchange for lowering the price slightly. All the quotes were given to County Cllr Lovell for him to investigate.
- ii) A letter has been received from both Richard Drax MP and the Environment Agency in response to River Frome issues. A site meeting with all the relevant parties, including the Parish Council and the flood wardens will hopefully be scheduled for January. There has been no further updates on Rushton Lane but there will be a meeting to investigate both this and East Holme. There are also still ongoing issues about the ditches along the railway near Horse Pond as the work still needs to be carried out by Network Rail. After that, the field and the ditches along the A352 will be done by Leigh Haskell.

b) Cllr Quinn

- i) Cllr Quinn sent an email concerning the caravan parked on the Puddletown Rd. He was informed that the caravan will be there until the New Year as the occupier is currently homeless and the car that is parked there cannot tow the caravan.
- ii) New housing regulations have come into force which no longer stipulates that district councils require developers to contribute towards affordable housing from developments of ten houses or less.

Due to most new builds in Purbeck been on a small scale it is unlikely that any social housing will be built in the foreseeable future.

- iii) Motorbikes have been seen on the SITA land again, but this time, different people were involved. SITA have confirmed that a new gate will be installed, the top gate will be secured and they will give a letter to the Police stating that motorbikes are unauthorised to use the land.
- iv) Navitus Bay has proposed a Plan "B" which PDC will send in a response, however they were given very short notice.
- v) The Partial Review will examine the housing requirements of the District. Parish Councils have been invited to take part in the briefings.

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

- i) There was a firearm incident at Middlefield Cottages but the Police have not given out any information regarding it.
- ii) A road traffic collision has happened near the bend into East Holme which has resulted in damage to the culvert at Holmebridge.

Action: Cllr Quinn to report it on Dorsetfor you

12. To consider possible signage display on Parish Land

Cllr Quinn said that any permanent signage would require planning permission so it would not be worthwhile to undertake this project.

13 East Stoke and Wool Community Chest

Cllr Cady announced that the fund is now live and people can now start applying. The fund available will be £5k per annum and will be index linked.

14 River Frome Issues

There has been no response to the email from the Environment Agency regarding the subject matters that they cover in their seminars.

15 Railway Crossing Issues

Cllr Quinn attended a meeting on Tuesday 2nd December with Network Rail. They are in the process of reducing the barrier down times. At the moment they are using the old fashioned relays so they are working on an alternative solution. It is hoped that by Easter the software should be fixed and this will reduce the waiting times. The representative from the Office of Rail Regulation also expressed concerns regarding the crossing. It was agreed that a press release needs to be issued in order to keep the general public aware of what is happening.

18 Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

- i) Although, Worgret Hill is outside the Parish it was noted that it has been flooded. Cllr Child reported it online.
- ii) The "S" Bend is still blocked and it needs to be investigated as to what work has been undertaken and what is scheduled.

Action: The Clerk to contact Highways

b) Other Issues

- i) Changes to the Puddletown Rd Junction

Alterations will be made to widen the road to allow enough space for two vehicles when one is turning right.

- iii) Possible footpath to Monkey World
There will be a site meeting to discuss how this could be achieved.

b) Other Highway Issues

There are still ongoing issues with the road next to the Stokeford Cottages and it has caused structural damage at the properties. There will be a site meeting on 15th December. One of the residents has asked County for compensation but in order to claim a form needs to be completed by the householder with a covering letter and photographs.

17 Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

- a) Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations - Under the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, PDC have a duty to carry out a review of polling arrangements within the Purbeck District by 31 January 2015.

Cllr Quinn has responded in his District Councillor role. There was a complaint that somebody had to cross the railway line in order to vote, but due to the location of the railway it would be impossible to locate a polling station without at least a few people having to cross it.

- b) Household Recycling Centres Consultation. Dorset residents are being asked for their views on possible money-saving changes to the County's household recycling centres (HRCs). This consultation starts on 26th November and closes 13th February 2015.

Cllr Quinn urged everyone to fill in the questionnaire. The Waste Partnership is not making the savings that are required, and they are investigating ways on how services/facilities can be either changed or withdrawn to meet the financial targets. Although, the validity of Question 13 would depend on how Question 12 is answered.

18 Correspondence Received

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

- a) Reminder of DAPTC courses and seminars for 2014. **Noted.**
- b) The Accessible Britain Challenge – Information about the Accessible Britain Challenge Awards – 30.10.14 **Noted.**
- c) Nominations for Elections – Annual Meeting of National Council 09 December 2014 **Noted.**
- d) Jurassic Coast Champion – Requesting for a volunteer within East Stoke. **Cllr Child has volunteered.**
- e) NALC Elections for 3 Directly Elected members of Smaller Council's Committee 2015 **Noted.**
- f) Last call for views on ward boundaries. The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Dorset which means re-drawing electoral division boundaries across the county. The Commission is asking local people for

their views on new division arrangements before it draws up recommendations **Noted.**

- g) Find out more about how the NHS is working in Dorset. A series of events are happening throughout the County. **Noted.**
- h) Launch of Cycleway thro' Sandford 24 Nov at 9am **Noted.**
- i) Enjoy 12 days of free fitness this December. Purbeck Sports Centre is offering non-members some free pre-Christmas gym sessions. **Noted.**
- j) Macmillan Patient Information Project – Offer of a presentation to Parish Councils. **This could be a potential presentation for the Annual Parish Meeting**
- k) The second round of the Safer Dorset Fund is now open to receive applications. **Noted.**

19 Finance

a) Payment	Amount	Cheque Number
Miss E Maidment Nov 14 Salary	£162.16	000443
Miss E Maidment reimbursement for purchasing envelopes	£2.99	000444
Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal for Wreath	£30.00	000445

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

- b) To consider placing an advert for the Parish Land in local newspapers. As required by the Secretary of State in order to apply for de-registration of land. It is a legal requirement to consult the public, therefore an advertisement needs to be placed in a local newspaper. It has to be placed in a newspaper a week before it is submitted, Cllr Quinn will telephone the newspaper to obtain a quote. There is already money ring-fenced for the Village Hall and it was approved that the money would be deducted from that allocation.
- c) To adopt the new salary scales for Clerks from 1st January 2015.
It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Child that the Parish Council adopts the new salary scale for clerks. This would mean the Clerk's hourly rate would rise from £9.009 to £9.207. This was unanimously approved and **resolved**.
- d) To consider quotes for a new noticeboard and audio device.
The noticeboard quotes were discussed during minute 211/10/a/i.
Three quotes had been collated for purchasing the audio device, it was felt that the Olympus WS-831 would be the most suitable. These were as follows:
- Argos £89.99, Onedirect £86.39, Amazon £83.81. It was resolved that it should be purchased from Onedirect as it would include a carrycase. It was agreed that it should be purchased after Christmas. It was asked by Cllr Cady that it needs to be covered by the Parish Council's insurance.
Action: The Clerk to purchase audio device and to check the Parish Council's insurance

20 Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Quinn said that Will Whitmarsh did a very good job laying the wreath

at the Remembrance Service. It was commented on that it was a very good turnout.

- b) Posters need to be put up on the noticeboards to advertise for the new Councillor vacancy.

Action: Parish Clerk to publicise the vacancy.

- c) The Hawkins Trust gifts will be delivered from the 19th onwards.

21 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

Due to the first Thursday of the month falling on a bank holiday the next meeting will be held instead on Thursday 8th January at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35 pm

Chairman: Date.....