

## ***EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL***

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman Cllr Karen Barnes, Cllr Tib Axon Cllr Christine Evans
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor) Cllr Adrian Naylor
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	County Cllr Mike Lovell PCSO Stuart Hann Julie Wright (Parish Clerk) 4 Member of the Public

#### **1 Public Participation Time**

- a) The Clerk read out an email from Martyn Lobb and Jenny Rodd who are opposed to East Stoke being absorbed into Wool.
- b) Mr Paul Whitmarsh made comments on the new ward boundaries stating that being combined with the larger Wool parish would mean an increased precept – the Clerk corrected this comment as the precept is solely for the expenditure of East Stoke Parish Council. This was the first time Mr Whitmarsh has heard anything about ward changes. The Chairman informed the meeting that this has been discussed at several Parish Council meetings this year and posters for the initial consultation were displayed on the notice boards. Mr Whitmarsh proposed an extraordinary meeting and said that this is the situation where a referendum should be used to find out whether the parishioners are for or against the constitutional change.
- c) Mr Malcolm Barnes disagrees with the proposed Boundary Commission's recommendation to combine East Stoke with Wool, Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle and Moreton to create a three member Wool ward due to East Stoke being a small rural village. The suggestion was for a petition to try to get the Boundary Commission to change the above recommendation.
- d) Cllr Quinn had spoken to the Cllr Cady, Chairman, regarding the recommendation and stated that Wool should be separate to East Stoke and that the parish of East Stoke would not get local representation.  
The Boundary Commission are accountable only to the speaker of the House of Commons.  
It was agreed to call an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June. Mr S McKenzie, Chief Executive at Purbeck District Council and Mr Peter Wharf, District Councillor for Bere Regis would be invited to attend this meeting.

**Action:** Mrs Karen Barnes will produce a leaflet and deliver it to all households about the proposed ward change. Mrs Barnes will organise a petition against this proposal for residents to sign.

- e) Mr Pete Burden is opposed to the application for a single turbine at Masters Pit (6/2012/0246). The average size of a turbine to produce 500KW of electricity is much

smaller than the one proposed. It is a big turbine to produce a small amount of electricity.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Barry Quinn and Cllr Adrian Naylor.

**3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.**

Cllr Barnes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item 7 d) Planning application at Manor Farm 6/2012/0317.

Cllr Cady declared a personal interest in item 6) appointment of Mrs Cady as the new trustee of the Hawkins Trust.

**4 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

**5 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**

**176/19 c)** Cllr Barnes wants to attend the Planning training on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**176/21 c) Action:** The Clerk will email the Hawkins Trust trustees the list of children for the Jubilee Coins.

**6 Appointment of a trustee to the Hawkins Trust**

Mrs Linda Cady has come forward as a trustee. Cllr Barnes thought that there was too close a relationship between the trustees.

Cllr Cady stated that a new trustee needs to be very active as they will be replacing Mr McConnell who was a very active trustee for many years.

**Action:** The Clerk will contact the Charity Commission for their advice regarding the close relationship of the trustees.

**7 Planning Applications**

a) **6/2012/0246** - Masters Pit (Land at), Puddletown Road, East Stoke. Construction of a single 500KW wind turbine 75 metres to hub, with 27 metre long blade (giving maximum height to tip of blade in vertical position above ground of 102 metres) together with associated infrastructure including vehicle access, track, crane hard standing, construction compound and underground cable run to sub station; to provide renewable electricity for use by minerals processing plant.

The Parish Council **objects** to this application due to the visual impact of a single turbine on the landscape. It was noted that other wind farms with similar height turbines have a maximum output of 2.3MW compared with the one proposed which will have a maximum generating capacity of 500KW.

b) **6/2012/0288** - Rushton Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AL. Erect agricultural building. It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this planning application.

c) **6/2012/0310** - Holmebridge (Rose Cottage), Wareham, BH20 6AF. Erect entrance gate and garden wall (retrospective). It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this planning application.

*Cllr Barnes left the meeting.*

d) **6/2012/0317** - Manor Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AW. Change of use of chicken shed to storage units (Class B8).

It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this planning application.

*Cllr Barnes returned to the meeting.*

**8 Previous Planning Application Updates**

- a) **6/2011/0818** - 6/2011/0818 - Single storey side extension. Bindon Lane (Essenjays), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. **Approved.**

**9 Reports from County and District Councillors**

- a) County Cllr Lovell
- i) The Director of Children's Services, Mr John Nash, is leaving.
  - ii) The Chief Executive of Dorset County Council (DCC), Mr David Jenkins, has resigned. The Deputy Chief Executive may be leaving too.
  - iii) County still need to find 31 million of savings.
  - iv) By using a new computer system, DES, DCC has saved 8 million.
  - v) The recommendation from the Policy Development Panel on grit bins has gone to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**10 Police Update**

- a) Olympics. The torch will come through Purbeck on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The closest it will come to East Stoke is Wool. The Olympics will mean fewer officers but there are officers being seconded to Dorset for the Games.
- b) There is still a focus on speeding.
- c) Scrap metal crime has increased.
- d) The Police help people who have been a victim of crime and are available to give advice to prevent crime.
- e) The issue was raised about the B3070/A352 junction. An email had been received from the resident at Holmebridge House showing army transporters queuing at the level crossing with the last vehicle being partially out in the A352 and the driver directing traffic.

**Action:** The Clerk will forward this email to PCSO Hann.

DCC are the authority to give advice on what can be done at this junction. It was suggested that a site meeting with DCC, Police and Parish Council should take place to discuss what can be done at this junction to prevent accidents.

**11 River Frome Issues**

No issues to report.

**12 Highways Issues**

- a) Community Response Teams

There is a pothole at the side of the road between Copseside and Hazel Lodge.

- b) Flooding on A351.

**Action:** The Clerk will ask Mr Richards for an update about the flooding on the A351.

**13 St. Mary's Ruins**

It was reported that the gate has fallen down. This item will be added to the next agenda.

**14 Consultations or items for consideration**

- a) Letter from Bridget Downton regarding changes to planning application and the offer of training to Parish Councils at the cost of £50/annum.

The Parish Council are interested in the planning training programme being offered by PDC for an annual subscription fee of £50.00 but the Councillors would like to see a mix of both evening and daytime sessions for the training.

- b) Resolutions for the DAPTC AGM  
There were no resolutions to put forward.
- c) Consultation on the future of DCC's day services. Posters have been placed on the on notice boards.  
There were no comments made about this consultation.
- d) Letter from NHS Dorset regarding the proposals for how healthcare will be delivered in Purbeck and an invitation to attend a workshop. Posters placed on notice boards.  
Cllr Evans will attend one of the workshops on these proposals.
- e) Is there any reason why the audit commission should not appoint BDO LLP as the external auditor?  
There were no objections to this proposal. It was noted that as East Stoke Parish Council's income is less than £10,000 there would be no audit fee from 2013/14.
- f) Superfast Broadband letter from Susi Calder approx 10-20% of properties in the parish will not receive superfast broadband.  
The Clerk has not received a reply from Susi Calder about attending the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 15 Correspondence Received

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

- a) Letter from DCC Highways regarding grass cutting. Noted.
- b) Dorset Countryside news for May and June 2012. **Noted.**
- c) Letter from Andrew Brown which states the changes Highways need to make due to a significant cut in their budget. Parish Councils will need to support and consult with local residents regarding parking restrictions, speed limits, traffic calming etc before Highways will prioritise the restrictions. Noted.
- d) Olympic Torch route through Purbeck. Noted.
- e) New Forest and Hampshire County Show – 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> July at New Park, Brockenhurst. Noted.
- f) Mrs Ros Ham asked about a Parish Council website and offered to maintain the War Memorial planter.

**Action:** The Clerk will reply to Mrs Ham asking her to start weeding the planter as soon as possible. The Parish Council website will be a future project due to the current financial and time constraints of the Parish Council.

#### 16 Finance

- a) The following Receipts were **noted**.

VAT refund	£509.38
Burial Fees	£496.00

- b) Subscription payments

Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils -	£152.48 (Cheque Number 000351)
Society of Local Council Clerks -	£32.00 (Cheque Number 000352)

- c) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mabey and Son (Lane tarmacing) *1	£525.26	000353

\*1 The length of tarmac has only gone as far as Primrose Farmhouse and has not continued along to the rest of the five properties. It was noted that delivery vehicles

are using the Parish Land gateway as a turning area which at present isn't causing a problem but will in the future.

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs J Wright (Apr/May salary)	£333.11	000354
DAPTC training courses	£50.00	000355
Mrs J Wright (ink cartridges, paper and stamps)	£27.48	000356
Mrs Paula Harding (Internal Audit Honorarium)	£40.00	000357

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

d) Annual statement of Accounts and supporting statement.

The above documents were circulated with the papers for this meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Child and

**resolved** that the Annual statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and supporting statement were approved.

e) Annual Return year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

i) Section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences

Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Evans and

**resolved** that Section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences were approved. Section 1 was then signed by the Chairman.

ii) Section 2 of the Annual Return

A copy of Section 2 was circulated with the agenda papers for the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that all the answers to the statements were 'yes' except for the one regarding Trust Funds as the Parish Council is not the sole trustee of any trust funds.

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Evans and

**resolved** that Section 2 was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

f) Internal Auditor's Report

The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. A note has been added to the cashbook accounts about the cheque for the Purbeck Film Festival not being cashed in financial year 2010/11 and a new cheque issued in the next financial year 2011/12.

17 **Items for Information or the next agenda**

a) The Jubilee event held on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> went well.

18 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7pm.

An extra ordinary meeting will be held the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....