

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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

APOLOGIES None

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public
 Trevor Poole, Innova AGS
 PCSO Gowans
 PCSO Grew
 Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time for 15 Minutes

- a) A resident commented that the bin at the Highwood junction is overflowing. The Clerk reported it on 1st September therefore it should be emptied within the next few days. Cllr Purshouse will check to see if it has been done. **Action:** The Clerk to contact DWP to ask if the bin can be emptied fortnightly during the summer months.
- b) A resident complained that a pile of manure has been placed next to houses and they are unable to open the windows due to the odour. The heap has been at that location for two years. In the DEFRA Code of Practice it doesn't address the public nuisance element and it only suggests contacting the council. It has also been observed by at least two residents that up to six tankers a day have been depositing liquid in that area. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the Environmental Health team to ask what the legalities are for storing manure. Also, to ask them to investigate the tankers.
- c) Numerous signs have been placed advertising the Farrier Estate. Unitary Cllr Brooks already liaised with the team leader as it is classed as littering and it should be removed soon, along with estate agent boards at the Church Lane junction.

Due to the Police being present Item 11 was brought forward.

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

- a) Members of the public have asked whether a Community Speed Watch can be set up to monitor the A352 and Church Lane. PCSO Gowans explained that unfortunately it cannot be run in these locations as it can only be operated in 30mph zones. However, he suggested that speed vans could be positioned more frequently on one of the laybys along the A352. The van could not though be stationed at Church Lane. As a deterrent residents could place speed stickers on their wheelie bins.
- b) A resident complained that on numerous occasions vehicles have overtaken at the Holmebridge junction. The Police will monitor it while they conduct the speed checks.
- c) It was asked if they are able to read number plates on motorbikes. They have an APR camera on the speed van that can do this.

- d) With regards to general crime the levels are low in East Stoke. The Police are encouraging people to sign up to Dorset Alert and to follow them on social media. Warnings about suspicious vehicles are circulated frequently on Dorset Alert.
- e) There was a report of poaching in the field to the east of Binnegar Lane. It was understood that the farmer left the gate open. It is helpful to have visual evidence and it was recommended that people install nature cameras as they are less visible than CCTV. Cllr Quinn will suggest this at the next SITA meeting.
- f) The Police recommended that the best way to report a crime is complete the online form which can be done in a matter of minutes and is a lot quicker than calling 101. **Action:** To include in the newsletter.
- g) A member of the public asked if they have access to the CCTV at the Holmebridge level crossing. The problem being is that HGVs stop to open a gate to a nearby field which results in vehicles stopping on the crossing. It was confirmed that the British Transport Police are the ones who monitor it.

2. Presentation from Trevor Poole on a proposed Installation of Biomass Fuelled Autothermic Gasifier System at the old Roger's Concrete Yard

Trevor Poole is a Parish Councillor at Affpuddle and is at Innova AGS. This is a pilot, small scale system which will use experimental technology, which will be the first of its kind to be fully operational. They are not connected to the waste group as they are only the landlord. Pre-application advice was sought and it complies with the Council's general waste policy. It is initially proposed that the wood mix will be 50% clean pallets and 50% natural wood arising from the management and maintenance of heathland and woodland from the Bond Estate. The unit will run 50 weeks a year and will be manned 5 ½ days a week. It will have full computer control which will have an emergency shutdown and sprinkler system.

- a) Various statements have been produced, including for transport where it was reported that there would be less traffic along the Puddletown Road as they predicted there will be a small reduction in the amount of HGV movements.
- b) In the future they hope to apply to burn treated pallets as this will enable them to conduct more trials.
- c) An air quality assessment has demonstrated that there will be no breach of the UK air quality emissions. If necessary they will do odour tests.
- d) The predicted noise levels are very low, and the modelling undertaken has identified that it is unlikely that the operation of the AGS will have a significant impact on nearby noise sensitive receptors.
- e) The AONB has raised no objections.
- f) The primary purpose will be to dry residual waste from the waste transfer station which is currently disposed of in a landfill site. Through drying the residual waste, the volume and density of it will be reduced. It has potential to treat more difficult waste streams that are presently considered non-recyclable.
- g) The prototype enables them to demonstrate to people what can be done. So other sites can be built near other waste streams and heat users.
- h) It will be fitted with a small electrical generator. This will be fed into the adjacent waste transfer station and will account for 50% of the electricity requirements for the processing plant. When there is no demand for electricity, it will be fed back into the grid.
- i) The small branches and brashings need to be removed from the heathland otherwise it rots down and enrich the nutrient status to the point that it becomes diminished by invasive plants which thrive on the increased nutrient status.

- j) The life time of the unit is estimated to be five years as it will then probably be superseded.

3. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st August 2019 were approved as a true account.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

a) **6/2019/0454 - The Old Rogers Concrete Yard**, Hines Pit, BH20 6AU. Installation of Biomass Fuelled Autothermic Gasifier System

The Parish Council has no comments or objections, however due to it being a prototype the environmental factors need to be monitored.

b) **EIA Screening Opinion - EA1/2019/0005**. The Moors at Arne Coastal Habitat Creation Scheme & the Freshwater Habitat Creation works at East Stoke. EIA Screening Opinion - the Moors at Arne Coastal Habitat Creation Scheme with related earthworks near Ridge, Wareham & associated Freshwater Habitat Creation works at East Stoke. This not a planning application, but a request for a legal determination of the Council as to whether or not an EIA Scoping Opinion is required. **Noted**.

c) **EIA Scoping Opinion - EA2/2019/0001**. The Moors at Arne Coastal Habitat Creation Scheme & the Freshwater Habitat Creation works at East Stoke. EIA Scoping Opinion - the Moors at Arne Coastal Habitat Creation Scheme with related earthworks near Ridge, Wareham & associated Freshwater Habitat Creation works at East Stoke. This not a planning application, but a request for a legal determination of the Council as to whether or not an EIA Scoping Opinion is required. **Noted**.

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications

6/2019/0312 - The Coach House, BH20 6AL. Single storey extension. Approved. **Noted**.

9. Reports from Unitary Councillor

- i) Cllr Flowers has sent a letter to the Secretary of State regarding the underfunding of the Special Educational Needs provision. Also, the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman report found the former Dorset County Council failed to consider whether a boy known as "C" needed an education health care (EHC) assessment and didn't provide suitable education alternatives. An extra million has now been allocated to this department and a period of recruitment is underway.
- ii) The Council are looking at highways and in particular the state of the roads. Some clearance has been done through East Stoke and they will contact landowners to cut back overgrown vegetation. Cllr Brooks will do a site visit with Ian Styring. It has been decided upon that there will be a second spray of vegetation and weeds.
- iii) The inspectorate has completed their review of the Purbeck Local Plan. There will be a consultation on the changes.

12. Churchyard maintenance

A site meeting took place and it was agreed to do phases of work. A quote for the second stage has been received from Tim Lee and the Clerk is waiting for a quote from Steve Brown. The Clerk will also contact Tim Clark. A resident from the Tower has cleared brambles near the Fyler grave. It may be possible to use a brushcutter to clear

some of the compost heap. There needs to be a meeting with the Church to confirm the boundaries as it is still not registered with the Land Registry and it is unclear as to who owns the pine trees. The Clerk will contact larger contractors for quotes on clearing the compost heap. The metal gate hinge has broken off and will need to be welded back on. Mr Whitmarsh has agreed to do this.

13. Parish Councillor Vacancy

This vacancy will be advertised in the newsletter.

14. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

There was a RTA near the Rushton Lane junction which involved a pick-up truck and a car.

b) Traffic survey for the A352

The traffic survey in Church Lane was initially placed too close to the bend. After a request from the Parish Council it was moved to the straight stretch of road. The data from both surveys will be discussed at the next meeting. **Action** The Clerk to find out when the data will be available.

c) Speeding vehicles on Church Lane and A352

It was reiterated that Community Speed Watch cannot take place in East Stoke as there are no 30mph zones. It was suggested however, that advisory signs could be put up.

c) Camp Bestival

The traffic management plan worked well and it was commented upon that there appeared to be less vehicles than previous years. A lot of the festival goers left straight after the fireworks on Sunday night and this seemed to ease congestion. The number of day tickets purchased increased, but less car parking tickets were sold. This resulted in more than 300 people wanting taxis at 11pm and the local taxi companies were unable to meet this demand. So buses were used to shuttle people to nearby villages and towns. A wash up meeting is scheduled and Cllr Quinn will represent the Parish Council.

d) Other Issues

None

15. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

a) Consultation - your final opportunity to comment on the Arne Neighbourhood Plan. Comments to be submitted via this link <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=156355261823>. The statutory six week period for making comments starts on Friday 23 August and all responses should be received by Friday 4 October 2019. **Noted.**

b) Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan - Publication of Inspectors Report. The Inspector's findings can be found at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites
The Inspector's response has been sent back to Dorset Council but the information has not been made public yet. Dorset Council will then decide whether to adopt it. The Parish Council still do not know what public access will be on offer. Metal screening has already been marked out and this has presumably been done by Hansons. The red and white tape that has been used to corner of the unofficial parking space has come down and it is now full of litter. **Action:** The Clerk to email the Forestry Commission to ask how long the parking restrictions will be in place and to see if the HGV movements have been finished.

16. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Temporary closure of A352 at Wool Level Crossing. These works are programmed to take place on 3rd October from 00:15hrs to 06:00 hrs. **Noted.**
- b) Temporary Event Notice for your area. Temporary Event Notice for a party at Hethfelton House, on 17 August from 12 noon until 11.59pm. This is for the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshments. **Noted.**
- c) TEN 7465 Holme Nurseries, West Holme Farm - Mobile Bar. Temporary event notice for a Mobile Bar at Holme Nurseries, West Holme Farm 17th August from 1pm to 11pm. **Noted.**
- d) Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 Temporary Traffic Regulation Order various roads, Purbeck. The order will allow Perenco safe access to carry out geological surveys of the sub surface of various sites throughout Purbeck to assess the possibility of future commercial oil reserves. No roads in East Stoke are affected. It was commented upon as to why the surveys were carried out over the Bank Holiday weekend when the roads in Purbeck are at their busiest.
- e) Notification of re-designation of Arne Neighbourhood Area. The re-designated boundary follows the parish boundaries. **Noted.**
- f) Complaint from a resident about mucking spreading. **Noted.**
- g) LMPC Environmental Policy. Langton Matravers Parish Council has recently adopted an Environmental Policy. **Noted.**
- h) Temporary Event Notice in your area. Temporary event notice for a mobile bar at Hethfelton House, 21st September 2019 from 2pm – 11pm. **Noted.**
- i) Latest highways newsletter. It includes details of the Ironman to be held in Weymouth on Sunday 22nd September and a project on repairing the steps that lead to the Fossil Forest. **Noted.**
- j) Rotary Dorset Bike Ride - 8th September 2019. It will take place this year on Sunday 8th September, starting and finishing – as in previous years – at Longthorns Campsite, Wareham. **Noted.**
- k) Two new DAPTC events for Autumn 2019 - Councillors Seminar and Budgeting & Finance. The Councillors Seminar will be at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester on 10 October 2019. **Noted.**

17. Finance

a) The following payments were approved.

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment September Salary	£220.83	000780
Dorset County Pension Fund	£64.25	000541
Wessex Water	£14.31	000542
T. Lee (Churchyard clearance)	£180.00	000543

18. Items for Information or next agenda

The following items will be included in the autumn newsletter: - Police, Hethfelton Woods, Remembrance Day, Churchyard report, side verging and the speed survey.

19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October at the River Laboratories.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.57

Chairman:

Date.....

Chairman's Initials

Minute No. 271

