

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5th April 2012

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Adrian Naylor
County Cllr Mike Lovell
PCSO Stuart Hann

IN ATTENDANCE Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

1 East Stoke Housing Needs Survey

Mrs Chris McDermott, Senior Housing Officer at Purbeck District Council spoke about carrying out a new East Stoke Housing Needs Survey. The last survey was carried out in 2003. There were four no votes for affordable housing and eleven were in favour with four people responding saying they had a need for this housing. Due to the low number affordable housing was not pursued. Mrs McDermott tabled a sample letter, the survey and a report. A SAE is included with the survey. There will be an explanation on the survey that is sent out about shared ownership. Shared ownership is still not affordable for some and it is difficult to get a mortgage. People who require affordable housing need to be on the housing list, people don't register as they don't feel that they would get a house. It was agreed that a new survey was required to find out if people are in favour of affordable housing and if there is a need for it. The survey would go out in October. PDC will also mail out the autumn newsletter for the Parish Council too. It is hoped that a report would be out in January 2013.

Action: The Parish Council will provide a list of employers to Chris McDermott as the survey will be distributed to local businesses too.

2 Public Participation Time

The finger posts are wonderful. A query was raised about Stokeford F.A.

Action: The Clerk will write to Jenny Penney with the Parish Council's thanks for these fingerposts and enquiry about the above abbreviation.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Christine Evans and Cllr Adrian Naylor.

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

Cllr Quinn and Cllr Barnes declared a personal interest in the agenda item 21d) Donation request from the Village Hall committee.

5 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2012

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

6 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

174/15 a) Joy Cross has said that Hardy Estate agents will carry out this valuation.

174/22 c) No response had been received from the Forestry Commission.

7 Planning Information for consideration or report

a) PDC Planning Policy Development Panel PDC report to Policy Group and the email from Wool Parish Council.

Site meetings have been useful in this parish. Things do need to be pointed out on the ground. People could speak at site meetings to provide information only or pass on this information to their District Councillor.

b) Email from Corfe Castle Parish Council regarding 6/2012/0127 - Construction of meteorological mast (100 metres high above mean sea level) - Consultation by the Marine Management Organisation Ref - MLA/2012/0058. This was noted.

c) Email from Steve Boyt regarding erection of signs.

The signs at the FBA will be investigated this month when Mr Boyt will make a site visit, The sign at Rogers concrete will be dealt with by DCC not PDC as it is on the highway verge and as the Holme for Gardens signs have been removed this case has been closed.

8 Previous Planning Application Updates

a) Email from Steve Boyt regarding Longthorns. The Parish Council is not consulted on certificates of lawfulness.

b) **6/2011/0818** - 6/2011/0818 - Single storey side extension. Bindon Lane (Essenjays), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. No update has been received.

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out why no decision has been made.

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report.

b) District Cllr Quinn

There s not much to report.

The Alaska Wind Farm hearing will start on 11th April when people will register to speak. The initial meeting will outline the plan for the hearing and this would be held at Furzebrook Village Hall. All other meetings would be held in the Council Chamber at Westport House.

A report on the costs of the Windfarm appeal legal costs would go to the Full PDC Council meeting on 10th April.

10 Police Update

No report.

11 River Frome Issues

None.

12 Highways Issues

a) Community Response Teams

There were no issues to report.

b) Other Highways/Footpath Issues

There have been a further two accidents at the A352/B3070 junction. There is an urgent need to stop people overtaking here and another request should be made to Highways for these white lines.

Action: District Cllr Quinn will inform County Cllr Lovell and PCSO Hann about these accidents. County Cllr Lovell will be asked to speak with Highways on the Parish Councils behalf to request double white lines down the hill on the approach to this junction.

13 East Stoke Crossing

In September there will be a presentation held at the Fresh Water Biological Association on the proposal for the level crossing at East Stoke Crossing. A separate meeting will be held at Rushton for the new crossing there.

When the date of the meeting is known then this will be displayed on the notice boards and sent to all the addresses on the emergency email list.

14 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

The finger post has been installed. See minute 175/1 b)

15 Churchyard water butt

The water butt just needs a connector for the tap fitting and the job will be completed.

16 Consultations or items for consideration

a) Email from DCC Consultation on Community Involvement In Snow Clearing.

This parish is not interested in the snow plough scheme.

b) Letter from Rev Rhona Floate regarding reservation of grave space

The Parish Council endorses the Parochial Church Council of Wool and East Stoke's decision to charge the statutory fee for a burial after a church service for the reservation of a specific grave space, this fee would be for the churchyard maintenance.

c) Computer - A suggestion that one computer is bought and shared between the three Parish Councils of East Lulworth, East Stoke and West Lulworth.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this Parish Council would not jointly purchase a computer and printer with East Lulworth and West Lulworth Parish Councils. There may be funding available for Parish Councils for IT equipment and this should be looked into.

Action: District Cllr Quinn will enquire if the Parish Council could join in a PDC bulk order for laptops.

Action: The Clerk will inform the other two Parish Councils of this decision.

17 Invitations

a) Dorset Opportunities Programme Employment and Community Partnership programme – provisional booking form for an event in mid – late April.

No one will be attending.

18 Correspondence Received

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

- a) Olympic Torch Relay Communication.
- b) Dorset Countryside News March/April 2012.
- c) Information about a funding and support opportunity from 'Superact' linked to the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games on 9th September 2012. The contribution cost is £475.
- d) Fast and easy funding for projects in the Dorset AONB - closing date 23rd April. The clearing of the old St. Mary's Churchyard may be a project for AONB funding.
- e) A letter from Dorset Police which gives the outcome of the Dorset Police Enquiry Office Review.
- f) Dorset Highways Capital Programme - April 2012 to March 2013.
- g) New arrangements for a Tree Officer at Purbeck District Council.
- h) Information from Came and Company about the insurance requirements for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.
- i) NFU Mutual regarding their latest initiative County Crime Fighters Awards 2012.
- j) A letter St John Ambulance offering a free defibrillator demonstration at the next Parish Council meeting and information on their essential first aid training course. The Parish Council are not interested in receiving a demonstration.
- k) Thank you letters have been received from Purbeck Citizen's Advice bureau and Victim Support.
- l) The Localism Act 2011 and Code of Conduct.
- m) Great Dorset Beach Clean takes place on Sunday 15th April 2012. Posters have been placed on the notice boards.

19 Feedback from Meetings

- a) PDC Neighbourhood Planning
For Neighbourhood Planning to work you need committed volunteers. PDC would pay for the referendum and the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- b) Flood Risk Workshop
The Clerk attended this workshop.
There were a series of presentations from Mr Brian Richards, DCC, on the draft Flood Risk Management Strategy, Mr Nick Reed, Environment Agency (EA), on Community Flood Plans and Mr Steve Melpass, (EA) Engineering Team, on Property Level Protection against flooding.

The last part of the workshop involved putting markers on map of the parish to show where flooding occurs, what causes the flooding, who has been informed and what measures should be taken for management of the issues.

20 DAPTC Training Courses

- a) Clerks training on General Power of Competence, 30th April, Dorchester DYA, £20.
It was agreed that the Clerk could attend this training course.
- b) Councillors Making Your Meetings work, Dorchester DYA, 14th June, 2pm – 4pm, £20.
No one wished to attend this training.

21 Finance

- a) Two year Churchyard Tender for grass cutting
Two tenders were received and opened. The total costs for the work were Weldspray Contracting Ltd, £3,364.00 and Garden Services (Purbeck) Ltd £3,028.80. These costs were per annum.

It was resolved that the tender from Garden Services (Purbeck) Ltd was approved.

- b) Extra work required for the fencing of the Parish Land
This will be added to a future agenda when the status of the Parish Land is resolved.
- c) Final Quarter Budget Report 31st March 2012
The final budget report was noted and the Parish Council stayed within budget for the financial year 2011/12.
- d) To consider the Donation Request from the Village Hall Committee for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee picnic lunch
The request for a donation will be passed on to the Hawkin's Trust and Mr Cross will be asked if the Trust has the power to contribute towards children's entertainment.

23 Speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting

Brian Richards had confirmed that he would speak at the AGM on 21st May. Mr Richards will inform us of what his job involves and give a brief outline of the draft Flood Risk Management Strategy.

24 Items for Information or the next agenda

- a) Thick black smoke was seen coming from behind Stokeford Farm early last Saturday morning.
- b) The Clerk is on holiday next week.

25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd May 2012 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....