

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH JUNE AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Cllr Simon Cross (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh
County Councillor Mike Lovell

Attending members of the Parish:-

D. Haskell, Mr and Mrs K. Wilkie, A. Lickiss

APOLOGIES

Cllr Barry Quinn
Cllr Adrian Cullinane

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rebecca Cady declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application of D. Haskell by being partner of Mr Haskell.

MINUTES of the last meeting held on 10th May were signed as a correct record.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 6/230078/266 – K. Wilkie, Hethfelton. – Mr Wilkie had been in contact with the Clerk to ask if he could attend this meeting to make further representations in support of his application. The final deadline for a decision by PDC was the following day, 8th June. Clerk had received email from Case Officer John Hartigan detailing his comments on the application but the Chairman decided that this should not be looked at before further discussion by our Council. After reconsidering all the information available, including a map of the new proposed access, and talking with Mr Wilkie, two councillors were now in favour of agreeing to the application. Three councillors considered that a new entrance off the A352 for use by agricultural equipment only and for land management purposes would be acceptable. This would mean access to the south and long pasture would be possible without creating a new access to Woodside. The majority of Councillors still felt a new access road as detailed on the aerial photo would be unnecessary development in the countryside and that the current drive should still be used for access to Woodside. A vote was taken and by 3 votes against and two votes for, the Chairman asked that the decision be left to the planning board meeting at the end of June.
2. 6/2007/369 – D. Haskell, 1 New Cottages, Binnegar – Replace existing utility room with new single storey room and new two storey extension to side of dwelling. Cllr Cady left the meeting whilst the application was being discussed.
The Parish Council had no objections but made the following observations:
 - The septic tank in use now must be able to cope with the increase in size of the property or a larger one installed.
 - The new chimney should be the same size and of the same brickwork as the existing chimney. Looking at the drawing this was not clear.

Mr Haskell confirmed the new extension would be built in the same materials and would be done sympathetically to blend in with the current building.

All councillors were in favour. Clerk to write to case officer John Hartigan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Travellers – A letter had been received from the Forestry Commission advising that the court case had been transferred from Winchester to Southampton. However the case was not concluded and a further hearing date was set for 25th June. The letter also stated that all entrances to Forestry Commission woods in the locality have a substantial metal gate and padlock but this was little deterrent to travellers. Hethfelton, being a managed wood, needed to be accessed by the Forestry and therefore it was not possible to seal the wood off in a way that would permanently exclude travellers. Keys to the wood were provided to the emergency services and for those who required access for legitimate purposes such as the operators of the mobile phone mast within the wood
2. C.J. Barnes – Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Enforcement Officer but due to pressure of work he had been unable to make a site visit to determine the next course of action. Three officers were needed to enter the site which would either be the EHO, EO plus one other officer or the EO and two additional officers. The Chairman suggested that if nothing was resolved in two weeks Clerk should write to Mike Grime attaching a copy of email to Chris Frampton, Enforcement officer.
3. War Memorial - Chairman confirmed he had emailed Chris Rick who advised he had met with the builders who would repoint the wall. They would also re-point the bricks with something more sympathetic. They pointed out that the reason for collapse was that a retaining wall was needed. There were potential problems in the future unless substantial work is undertaken but that was some time away. Cllr Tib Axon advised the holly had been cut right back. Paul Whitmarsh had no success in getting in touch with Andy Ackerman about the kerbstones.
4. Heritage and Historical Project – Nothing further to report.
5. Village Hall – Chairman advised he, together with Barry and Maureen Quinn and Paul Whitmarsh, had recently met and appointed a land agent to oversee the idea of building houses and a community hall on the village hall site. He had contacted Symonds and Sampson who would have discussions with a local housing association. Cllr Barry Quinn had sent email to Lois Rose of Dorset Community Action re possible funding. He suggested a meeting be set for the end of June.
6. Middlefield Fence – Clerk had been in touch with the Enforcement Officer who advised that nothing further could be done in this respect due to bigger priorities and volume of work now being undertaken by the Enforcement Office
7. C6 Sightlines – Barry Quinn had forwarded email to Clerk from Richard Bastow on recent work done. Marker posts had been put in but the bend sign with the yellow background which had been moved had no real effect because of the vegetation around it. Cutting back of this vegetation was a priority.
8. Notice Boards – Nothing further to report.
9. New Code of Conduct – Cllr Simon Cross handed copy to all councillors. He asked that this be made an agenda item for the next meeting in July so the document could be discussed further.
10. Purbeck Landscape Assessment – Neill Child to email comments to PDC the following day. After perusing the document his only comment was that he thought

consideration should be given to restoring the land running from the top of Binnegar Lane to the east and to the south of the Puddletown Road to heath as it is marked common land. At present it was just spoil heaps.

11. SITA – Clerk reported that she had spoken to Bill Davidson of Environmental Services. In answer to our questions he replied:-
 - It was correct that a SITA van had followed the refuse collection and taken rubbish from bins for analysis. This had always been done on an annual basis for waste analysis. Bags are anonymous. Every local authority in Dorset undertook this exercise. The purpose was to find out what makes up the landfill waste for the county.
 - Regarding the recyclable material from public houses he confirmed this problem did exist. There were no facilities for commercial recycling. Things had improved lately and there was now a directory of recycling companies who will recycle for businesses.
12. PCSO Lindy Christopher – Email sent inviting her to attend our meeting in July. She had confirmed that she had put this date in her diary and someone from the Safer Neighbourhood team would be able to attend our meeting. She would also enquire from Inspector Adams as to when a response would be given to our last letter.

PAST PLANNING

1. 6/2007/212 – Mr Axon, Frome Vale, Single Storey Extension – Approved 8th May

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. County Councillor's Report – Mike Lovell reported that County Council were undertaking a scrutiny on admissions and discharges from hospitals.
2. District Councillor's Report – It was noted that the new District Councillor was unable to attend!
3. Highways – Two letters received from DCC Western Highway Office re change of head of division to Nigel Hamer. Jon Munslow would be moving to a different department. Copies of letters to Chairman, Paul Whitmarsh and Barry Quinn.
4. Parish Plan – Nothing further to report
5. WAAP – Nothing further to report.
6. Annual Accounts and supporting schedules. Clerk prepared and made copies for each councillor. Council approved Accounts and Chairman signed and dated. Clerk also signed as Responsible Financial Officer. Internal audit to take place on 4th July with Peter Sills.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Council Tax Consultation – Questionnaire for each Parish Councillor to complete by next meeting regarding priorities for Council Tax 2008/09.
2. Training for Councillors – Planning – Letter from Mike Grime PDC re invitation to attend training sessions. Dates are Thursday 28th June, Thursday 19th July and Thursday 20th September. Chairman would hope to attend all seminars. Clerk to attend on 28th June.
3. Connecting Dorset – Letter and schedules re delivery of hardware and IT connection. Clerk to return attached form. Chairman asked Clerk to contact DAPTC re Item 4.1 of

Service Level Agreement ‘Broadband connection’. It was unclear if the Parish Council would have to pay the monthly charge for running the Broadband. Clerk to contact DAPTC.

4. Letter received from Savills re forthcoming planning application by Monkey World for a Capuchin House Replacement. Cllr Becky Cady advised that there was a new Commercial Manager at Monkey World who we could invite to our meeting when this application was going to be discussed. She would email Clerk with full name and address of this person.

FINANCE

1. Baker Property Services - £349.00 Quarterly Account
2. S. Barrett - £303.73 – Two months salary and expenses

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th July.

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Chairman

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Date