

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 7th AUGUST 2014

PRESENT Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire (co-opted)

APOLOGIES Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 County Cllr Mike Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE 8 Members of the Public
 Robert Lofthouse, Savills
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

a) Mrs Burdon inquired about who paid for the removal of the vegetation just before the B3070 turning and whether it was done just because of Camp Bestival. Cllr Quinn reported it online as the sign was obscured which could have caused an accident blackspot. County undertook the work and removed all the cuttings. Mr Willgress asked the workmen if they could remove the litter as well, which they did.

b) Mr Burdon asked if there was a one way system in operation during Camp Bestival as it seemed that all the traffic was going in through Holmebridge and out another way. There also appeared to be extra trains which caused the level crossing to be closed more frequently that caused further build up of traffic. Cllr Quinn said that the policy was for the traffic to go out via New Buildings. At the Holmebridge turning motorists were told to turn left and not right. But this was not tightly enforced. Mr Willgress complained to 101 about the traffic and a police motorbike was sent but it only stayed for an hour. He also questioned who was responsible for the traffic management plan. Cllr Quinn informed him that it is the Bestival team itself who are in control of it. Cllr Quinn asked Mr Willgress if he could submit his observations via email to him so that it can be discussed at the debrief meeting.

c) Mr Willgress stated that he was not happy with the email response given by SITA as he was under the impression that SITA did not want to be accountable for any of the actions that was undertaken by the sub-contractor. An example he gave was SITA did not abide by the Countryside Act 2000 when they used chainsaws to disturb nesting buzzards. It was suggested that the RSPB should be made aware and Mr Willgress will send them an email.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Rebecca Cady and County Cllr Mike Lovell.

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 3rd July 2014 and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd June and 3rd July were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wiltshire (Co-Opted) attended the proposed solar installation at Stokeford Farm Public Consultation on Tuesday 8th July but she was unable to gather any other useful additional information.
- b) Cllr Quinn has sent a letter to Senergy who will forward it on to the Planning and Legal Team regarding the fence at Middlefield Cottages. They will have to take it down otherwise an enforcement action will take place.

7 Planning Applications or Planning Information received

Due to there being a representative from both Savills and later from Monkey World it was agreed to start this part of the meeting with Item 7b of the Agenda

- b) EA6/2014/0374 – Monkey World, BH20 6HH 2x Advertisements (vinyl banners) mounted on timber structure

The Parish Council **has no objections** to this planning application

- c) EA6/2014/0375 – Monkey World, BH20 6HH New marmoset building and the refurbishment and use of former orang-utan building for marmosets

The Parish Council **has no objections** to this planning application

It was, however, questioned if there could be pedestrian access for visitors and employees of Monkey World and it was asked if the management could be consulted. The footpath could partly be funded from County and possible contributions as gestures of goodwill could be made from Monkey World and Longthorns Farm Campsite

The Monkey World representative said it had been discussed before, but there was not adequate space for a footpath due to the road being used for tank movements. Cllr Quinn will set up a site meeting with County and the relevant parties to investigate the possible options. A cheaper alternative would be to use compacted hardware.

- a) EA6/2014/0372 – Mr& Mrs McConnell, Hilltop, Highwood, BH20 6AR
Convert existing garage to form additional living accommodation, ground floor sitting room, dining/kitchen area with two bedrooms and bathroom on first floor. Erect detached replacement garage and carport.

The Parish Council **has no objections** to this planning application

d) Update on Previous Planning Applications

There were no further updates.

8 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report

b) District Cllr Quinn

A notice has been distributed to residents informing them that a footpath will be erected from Binnegar to Binnegar Hall and work will commence on Monday 11th August.

9 Any issue to report to the Police or, Update on Issues reported

A van has been acting suspiciously stopping and starting along the A352 but it finally turned into Kemps Hotel. Residents should keep an eye on their pedigree dogs as there have been numerous reports of dogs being taken.

10 Maintenance of Parish Land and Churchyard

a) Residents have been cutting trees on the Churchyard boundary but have left the debris.

Action: The Clerk will write a letter to the residents involved.

b) It was agreed that a yew tree should be planted in the Churchyard due to it being a slow growing tree and that it is traditional. The tree should be purchased in the autumn when it is the best planting time.

Action: The Clerk to research the costs.

c) Wessex Grounds Services have trimmed back the hedge, but the top still needs to be cut.

Action: The Clerk to email Wessex Grounds Services

11 Solar Park – Update on Community Fund guidance and administration

Cllr Cady will Chair the Community and Jacqui Hughes will be Secretary. The fund will be called the “East Stoke and Wool Community Chest”. There will be seven people on the committee and they will have two meetings a year. There is currently no money in the account, but are waiting for a response from Hugo House. If the proposed solar installation at Stokeford Farm goes ahead, it will be incorporated into the charity, but will have a separate fund so that money is just allocated to East Stoke.

Jackie will start advertising soon and it will appear in the newsletter, website and noticeboards. The maximum for a single application will be £2,500.

12 Proposal for a logo for the Parish Council

The Clerk distributed a draft logo for the Parish Council. It was agreed that it could be used for future communication and publicity literature.

13 Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

i) Danny Allen is still liaising with other maintenance departments regarding the repair work outside Stokeford Cottages.

ii) The culmination of water along the A352 opposite the Parish Land has been repaired, but the same amount of water is still there. Wessex Water has sent out a Distribution Inspector who confirmed that it was not from a mains water supply.

Action: Cllr Quinn will speak to County Cllr Lovell, who will take it up at County level.

b) Other Issues

i) There was overhanging trees along the B3070 between Holmebridge and Holme for Gardens. The obstruction was coned off by the Police and someone must have trimmed the trees soon afterwards.

ii) Cllr Quinn has been notified that the stile near the River Laboratories is broken and he will report it to the Rights of Way Liason Officer.

14 Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

a) Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2014-2019
The paper version of the Plan was available for Councillors to take home and read.

b) Revision of Purbeck District Council Neighbourhood Planning Guidance
No comments

c) Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014
There has been no notification of this new regulation by either DAPTC or NALC. Information was received regarding this via the PDC Solicitor who sent out a warning through the Parish Clerks. The new legislation means that members of the public are now allowed to film/photograph council meetings. It has been implemented at very short notice and PDC has produced a draft procedure that can be incorporated into Parish Council Standing Orders.

All Councillors and Chairs need to be made aware of the new ruling. There are certain matters that are forbidden, including running a commentary, filming children and filming members of the public who object to being filmed. At the Declaration of Interest it has to be stated if people would want to be filmed/photographed. If there is a speaker at the meeting they will also have to be asked for their permission.

Action: The Clerk will incorporate the new procedure into the Standing Orders.

15 Correspondence Received

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

- a) Local Development Strategy - Consultation Document**
- b) Update on Planning at Purbeck District Council**
- c) The Beautiful Burial Ground Conference – Saturday 13th September**
- d) News release – Funding makes all the difference to community projects**
- e) Advert for Coppice Apprentice**

- f) Public Health Dorset – Update bulletin July 2014
- g) Revised Maintenance Programme
- h) Purbeck Project - Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for the Future

15 Finance

a) Payment

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Miss E Maidment July 14 Salary	£162.16	000429
Wessex Ground Services	£567.20	000430

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

- b) The first quarter bank reconciliation 30th June 2014 was circulated at the meeting.
- c) Gorse clearing quotes. These will be discussed at the next meeting as still waiting to hear back from Young Farmers.

16 Items for Information or next agenda

- a) The next newsletter will be distributed in the October half term. Cllr Wiltshire has requested that an article regarding the mineral extraction in Hethfelton Wood should be included as there has been little information regarding this. However, it was noted that the Parish Council is unaware as to when the consultation will be opened. Cllr Wiltshire will find out firm date.
- b) Cllr Wiltshire asked what the Parish Council's view is concerning the SITA Common Land. Cllr Quinn stated that the Council is in favour of the existing farmland to stay as agriculture fields and to avoid remaining tree lined screening.
- c) There will be a site meeting to discuss the River Frome issues with John Burgess from the County Council, Environment Agency and the Flood Wardens.

17 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th September 2014 at 7pm.

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

Chairman: Date