



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

- PRESENT** Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
Cllr Tib Axon  
Cllr Christine Evans  
Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
- APOLOGIES** Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman  
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)
- IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Mike Lovell (Late due to attending another meeting)  
PC Claire Jephcott  
6 Members of the Public  
Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

Due to there being a representative from the Police it was agreed that item 11, on the agenda should be discussed directly after Item 9.

**1. Co-option of a Parish Councillor**

One application to become a Parish Councillor had been received from Ms Cherry Brooks. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Evans that Ms Brooks was co-opted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy.

**It was unanimously resolved** that Ms Brooks was co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to Ms Brooks about her success at being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**2. Public Participation Time.**

a) Mr Burdon witnessed 5 tank transporters with a lead white van vehicle heading towards the A352 junction. Due to the length of the convoy the last tank transporter stopped on the level crossing. He questioned if there can be five vehicles in the convoy and said the drivers should be aware of how long their vehicles are so incidents like blocking a railway crossing does not happen. Cllr Cady said that tank transporter movements were an ongoing issue as they no longer have to telephone ahead before using the crossing.

This month there has still been problems with the crossing malfunctioning so the barriers were put in the down position this resulted in traffic backing up onto the A352. PC Jephcott said that PC Andy Alford should be notified. Cllr Evans asked if there are cameras on the crossing. Cllr Cady confirmed that there were but they are not used.

**Action:** Cllr Cady to inform PC Alford and Clerk to contact the MOD.

b) Mr Willgress and Mr Burdon both saw a site meeting taking place at the crossing. Mr Burdon complained to them about the length of time it takes to cross. On one occasion early evening on 5<sup>th</sup> November he waited 15 minutes and it was backed up to the A352. The problems maybe related to only two

people in Basingstoke monitoring the system. Cllr Wiltshire asked if the Police should be more proactive due to the safety issue of tailbacks on the A352 and that there has been accidents at that junction. It has been asked previously if a filter around the A352 could be done. Cllr Wiltshire enquired if members of the public can contact the Police mobile phones. PC Jephcott confirmed that this is now not possible.

**Action:** PC Jephcott to investigate the railway crossing issue and to obtain relevant contacts from Cllr Quinn.

c) Mr Burdon would like to object to the extended hours that SITA have requested in their planning application. The reason he gave is the work noise level is loud, especially in certain wind directions. Mr Willgress said, according to his calculations, there will be approximately 6000 extra lorries a year on the road and this will cause the road to block. Mr Willgress also questioned if this is a precedent for extended hours at the Quarry? Similarly the Rogers Concrete application will also intensify the amount of traffic along the road.

**3. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Quinn and Cllr Child

**4. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None

**6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

**7. Matters arising from the minutes**

Cllr Cady inquired if there has been any news on when the yew tree will be planted. The Clerk has been in contact with Simon Goldsack and has been told that the tree will be planted in mid-November.

**8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

- a) **6/2014/0543** SITA UK Ltd, Puddletown Rd - Section 73 application to:
- (i) Vary condition 4 (Operating Hours) of planning application 6/2012/0556 and condition 46 (Hours of Operation) of planning application 6/2013/0504 to allow extended operating hours to run sand processing plant and use associated storage area, from: 0700-1900 hours Monday to Friday and 0700-1300 hours on Saturday, to 0700-2130 hours Monday to Friday and 0700-1630 hours on Saturdays. (Site to close 30 min after operations cease.)
  - (ii) Vary condition 5 (Source of Material) of planning application 6/2012/0556 and condition 36 (Limitation on use of access) of planning application 6/2013/0504 to allow importation and processing of a maximum of 60,000 tonnes of sand per year sourced from outside the Binnegar Complex.

This application will be determined by Dorset County Council (DCC) however the Parish Council has raised the following points for consideration:

It was asked how many lorry movements there will be on a daily basis and what would be the percentage difference between what is proposed and the current level. A concern was raised that the vehicles coming from the Worgret Hill (A352) turning into Puddletown Rd only have room for two vehicles to turn right. The increase in HGV movements will have a detrimental effect on an already congested area especially during the summer months.

A condition must be stipulated that all HGV drivers are forbidden to use Binnegar Lane as a shortcut as the road is simply not wide enough. There is a weight restriction on this road of 7.5 tonnes.

The noise from vehicles reversing can be heard by local residents, especially when the wind is of a certain direction. The increased hours will further pollute the noise levels late into the evening and during Saturday afternoons.

- b) 6/2014/0547** Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre, Longthorns – Removal of conditions 2 and 3 of PP 6/2009/0609 to allow permanent siting of four administration cabins.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council has no objections to this application

- c) 6/2014/0534** Rogers Concrete Yard, Puddletown Rd - Change of use of Land and Buildings at Rogers Concrete Yard, Puddletown Road, Binnegar, East Stoke, Wareham, BH20 6AU from a B2 Use (General Industrial) to a Sui Generis Use of Waste Recovery and Transfer of Non-hazardous and Inert Waste to include the composting of Biodegradable (Non Food) Waste and Retrospective and Operational Development.

This application will be determined by Dorset County Council (DCC) however the Parish Council has raised the following comments and the transport issues raised are the same as 6/2014/0543

Timber is stored within the premises and this has increased the potential fire risk. Concerns were raised on this issue as there has previously been arson at the site.

It has been noticed that there are HGVs on the site and it was questioned if there is an infringement regarding parking regulations as a parking permit maybe required. It was also asked how long the vehicles have been parked there for.

- 9 Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**
- a) **TEL/2014/0017** Wareham Road (A352 - Opposite Stokeford Farm), Openreach broadband cabinet - PCP004. **Approved**
  - b) SITA Deregistration and Exchange of Common Land  
An acknowledgement of our submissions has been received and Cllr Quinn will discuss it with Mike Greslow. A meeting has been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> November by Cllr Quinn with Raymond Brown regarding their application. Prof Robert Kenward has written a report on the trees, and Cllr Quinn will discuss it with the Tree Officer.
  - c) **APP/B1225/C/14/2212297** Purbeck Shooting School, Puddletown Road. Mrs Burdon asked for more details.  
**Action:** The Clerk to forward Mrs Burdon the link to it on dorsetforyou  
**Appeal dismissed**
  - d) **6/2014/0461** Holme Bridge (South Binnegar Farm) - Erect agricultural building for housing of livestock. **Approved**

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

- a) An email of complaint from a member of the Public, was received by the Parish Clerk commenting on the levels of traffic around Monkey World due to a free entry deal for visitors wearing Halloween costumes on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The Police stated that they did not receive any complaints from members of the public, however, they sent out a patrol car to look at the traffic.

The Monkey World representatives said that they were both overwhelmed and surprised by the sheer number of visitors. This event is now in its tenth year and they have not personally used any more publicity than they have done in previous years. The company only specifically advertised it on their website and on display posters outside the attraction. However, the link was re-posted widely on social media. Cllr Cady informed them that it was also on Holiday Pirates which is a national discount website and they were not aware of this. The combination of factors, including this, being half term and a nice sunny day resulted in thousands of people flocking to the attraction.

They feel that this type of "free" event should never be done again due to the number of people. On the day their staff were on the receiving end of abusive language from some of the visitors and the infrastructure could not cope with the demand. The representatives said that no complaints were received by them and they were not aware that County have been discussing it. Cllr Lovell stated that communication has improved between the Councils and the attraction.

Cllr Cady suggested that if a free event is organised in the future, then it should be limited to locals in the BH20 area and they would need a proof of address. Cllr Brooks (Co-opted) asked if there should have been warning signs for other motorists making them aware that the event was taking place similar to what is done during the County Show.

**Action:** The Clerk to email member of the Public to inform them what was discussed.

- b) There are still issues about motorbikes using SITA land. The same van

that had the VRN reported to the Police was spotted there again on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Cllr Quinn tried calling 101 but couldn't get through once it was passed to Force HQ. PC Jepchott was unsure whether the van driver was contacted but will investigate. The Police feel that the emphasis lies largely with the landowners as there is always a slight time delay of the Police responding to incidents. Also, there is the logistical problem of trying to pursue motorbikes on land where patrol vehicles cannot access.  
**Action:** The Clerk to write to SITA informing them that a gate should be installed.

- c) A caravan has been parked along the Puddletown Rd east of the Golf Club for the past week.

**Action:** Cllr Lovell will contact the Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer.

- d) The layout maybe changing on the Puddletown Rd junction. It was suggested that the sign should read "Stop rather than "Give Way"

**Action:** The Clerk to add it to next month's agenda.

## 10 Reports from County and District Councillors

### a) District Cllr Quinn

i) There will be a site meeting to investigate the possibilities of having a footpath up to Monkey World. At the Highways Liaison meeting Cllr Quinn informed them that a site meeting is also needed for the junction improvements at B3070/A352 as the work is scheduled for next year.

ii) Cllr Quinn attended the Challenge Weymouth wash-up meeting at DCC and the main point that was raised was the lack of communication before the event. However, a meeting is being organised by the police and DAPTC for drawing up a 12 point charter to be used for promoting such events. It was questioned where all the participant entry fees go to as only a small amount goes into the prize money and tracker system. It was suggested that some of the money should be contributed to the council. Due to the increase in the number of events taking place nationally the Government is exploring the possibility of legislating the events. Challenge Weymouth will be happening again next year, but it will comprise as a European Championship so therefore will be bigger. Although, the detailed route has not been finalised yet as there maybe some changes.

iii) There was a site meeting at the railway crossing between ORR, Network Rail and Highways last week. The next meeting concerning it will take place at DCC in early December.

### b) County Cllr Lovell

i) A meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the River Frome will be held in the next few weeks. There are some damaged ditches along Rushton Lane as well as opposite the Churchyard. Cllr Lovell will see if both areas can be repaired by County as he was unaware that worked needed to be also done in Rushton Lane.

ii) Cllr Wiltshire asked County Cllr Lovell that the Mineral and Waste Development Plan has now been put back from Spring to late Summer due to the Election and she asked if the County could promote it to the public. The first round of consultation was not very well publicised and locals were not aware of it until nearly the end of the deadline. In the Purbeck Forest Design Plan written by the Forestry Commission there was no mention of the mineral

plan.

**Action:** County Cllr Lovell would like Cllr Wiltshire to remind him closer to the date.

iii) The Housing List is being renewed and people will have to re-register if they would like to stay on the list but only if they meet the new criteria. The deadline for this is 11<sup>th</sup> November and County Cllr Lovell has been promoting this in the local media.

**12. To consider possible signage display on Parish Land**

Cllr Quinn was going to undertake some research into the legal implications of this.

**Action:** The Clerk to add it to next month's agenda.

**13 East Stoke and Wool Community Chest**

Cllr Cady will be having a meeting with Hugo House from Good Energy to ensure that the funds get transferred across smoothly. From then the fund will be advertised to the general public by having posters displayed on the noticeboards on how to apply.

**14 River Frome Issues**

Mr Burdon said that the Flood Wardens Seminar run by the Flood Resilience Team only has meetings about how to protect yourself and your property against flooding, but nothing is mentioned on detailing how the Environment Agency prevents flooding in the first place. Cllr Cady suggested that Mr Burdon should send bullet points to the Clerk so that she can forward on a response.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to the Flood Resilience Team

**15 Railway Crossing Issues**

There was a meeting with the Office of Rail Regulator and County Cllr Lovell. Due to the late arrival of County Cllr Lovell, Cllr Cady explained what was discussed on both Item 2 and 10a of the agenda. County Cllr Lovell explained that the policy in the future will be for the barriers to remain up instead of down when there is a fault.

**16 To consider items/projects to be funded by the County Cllr Lovell's grant**

County Cllr Lovell outlined his proposal that due to the tight timescale the money should now go to purchase iPads for the four primary schools within the Purbeck Hills Division. Cllr Cady stated that due to the location of the schools only two children from East Stoke would benefit as the vast majority go to the Wool Schools. She asked if some of the funds could be allocated to buy an audio device to be used during Parish Council meetings and for purchasing a new noticeboard due to the Holmebridge one disintegrating as it is an internal one that is not waterproof. The last noticeboards were brought from S&S Joinery in Sandford and they were approximately £400 but the cost was brought down as a bulk order of four noticeboards were placed. The audio device is required due to the new Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014 and Swanage Town Council purchased one from Argos for £90. County Cllr Lovell said that he might be able to allocate

£500 for East Stoke.

**Action:** The Clerk to forward the audio device link from Argos to County Cllr Lovell. Also to contact S&S Joinery to obtain a quote for noticeboard.

## 18 Highways Issues

### a) Update on issues reported

There are markings around the potholes on the A352 outside Stokeford Cottages but there has been no sign of the work taken place.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Highways

### b) Other Issues

i) Damaged ditches along Ruston Lane.

See minute 210/10 b) i)

ii) Congestion around Monkey World due to Halloween event

See minute 210/11 a)

### c) Other Highway Issues

It was remarked by Cllr Evans that the railway crossing is a lot smoother now that the work has been carried out to remove the road humps.

## 19 Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

a) Electoral Review of Dorset. The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. At present, some county councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the county. The review aims to correct those imbalances. **No Comments**

b) CIL Priorities for Spending Update (Reg 123 list) Consultation 20 October to 28 November 2014 **No Comments**

c) Dorset Waste Partnership consultation on street cleaning and litter – Closing date was Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The Parish Council response has been sent in.

d) Volunteer of the Year 2014

Cllr Cady asked if there are any nominations within the Parish.

## 20 Correspondence Received

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

a) Strengthening our Fire and Rescue Service. A Consultation by Dorset Fire Authority. **Noted.**

b) Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS) role consultation. **Noted.**

c) Invitation to Purbeck Local Plan workshops - 23rd and 24th October. **Noted.**

d) Dorset PCC - Business Crime Consultation and Conference 04.11.14

e) NALC Events Survey. **Noted.**

f) Partial Review Workshop focussing on heathland mitigation.

Cllr Brooks (Co-opted) inquired as to whether this event has taken place and if not she would like to attend.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to find out the date of the workshop and forward details onto Cllr Brooks (Co-opted)

g) News release - Two weeks left for housing list residents to re-register. **Noted.**

h) Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Planning for Minerals and Waste – Autumn 2014 Newsletter. **Noted.**

## 21 Finance

a) Payment	Amount	Cheque Number
Miss E Maidment Sept 14 Salary	£162.16	000441
Wessex Ground Maintenance Jul-Sep 14 & filling hole from fallen tree	£1290.90	000440
GP & SA Lunn Gorse clearance of Parish Land	£132.00	000439
Mr B Quinn Reimbursement for printing newsletter	£34.00	000442

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

i) It was asked by Cllr Axon why the Parish Council was still maintaining the old village hall land. Cllr Cady answered that it is in the two year contract with Wessex Ground Maintenance so they are obliged to cut it and due to the small amount involved it was not worthwhile to amend the contract.

ii) Mr Lunn has not returned the Parish Land key yet.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Mr Lunn to ask if he could drop it off to Cllr Cady

### b) Purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday

It was agreed to donate £30 to the RBL Poppy Appeal

### c) Purchase of a larger stapler and envelopes.

Cllr Quinn said in an email that he might be able to get hold of a stapler.

Quotes for a pack of 90 envelopes were The Works £2.99, Viking £4.99 and Staples £2.99 + postage. It was agreed to purchase the envelopes from The Works.

**Action:** The Clerk to purchase envelopes from the Works

### d) Second quarter bank reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

The bank reconciliation, bank statements and a copy of the Receipts and Payments Cashbook were circulated both prior and during the meeting. The bank reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £25,747.58.

### e) Items for inclusion in the Budget 2015/16

New noticeboard (£600), Gorse cut Parish Land & replacement printer.

Cllr Cady asked when the budget has to be finalised and how much spending has been done on the Fyler and Butler graves.

**Action:** The Clerk to find investigate.

## 20 Items for Information or next agenda

None

## 21 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9 pm

Chairman: ..... Date.....