

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2011

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr Damian Cullinane

IN ATTENDANCE

8 Members of the Public
Mrs Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

Mr Mark Kelly, Village Hall Committee Chairman, gave an update on where the committee is at. Last August a small fete was held but the event was poorly attended. A Halloween/Bonfire event was planned but did not go ahead. The Village Hall has approved its Constitution and the Charity Registration Form is being finalised. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm at the Stokeford Inn.

Action: The date of the Village Hall's AGM will be added to the Easter newsletter.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Damian Cullinane, County Cllr Mike Lovell and PCSO Stuart Hann.

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

None.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2011

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March were approved and signed.

5 Matters arising from the above minutes

All matters arising are covered on the agenda.

6 Clerk's report on actions from last meeting

The Chairman read out the Clerk's report, a copy of which is below.

- a) Network Rail telephoned back in response to the gate at Rushton Crossing being difficult to open. A site visit was made and they could find no problem opening the gate. The gate's springs have now been greased and it was hoped that this would make it easier to open.
- b) Ditch at Wood Street. This was reported to Dorset County Council who will be contacting the Weld Estate as it is their responsibility to keep the ditch clear.

7 Planning Applications

- a) **6/2011/0141** - Gallows Hill (Masters North Sand Pit), East Stoke, BH20 7PL. Importation and processing of construction, demolition and excavated wastes for the production and sale of recycled and blended aggregates and soils. The rationalisation and improvement of the road access onto the Puddletown Road.

It was resolved that the Parish Council have no objections to this planning application.

- b) **6/2007/0812** - Hillview Farm, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AW. Importation and spreading of fill to be followed by top soiling to create level field surface suitable for ongoing agriculture activities. This application was being advertised as a departure as resolved by the Planning Committee that considered the application on 4th March 2010.

Cllr Barnes attended the meeting on 4th March and thought that this application had been approved.

The Chairman asked Mr Whitmarsh, the applicant, the reasons why this was not approved. The application was approved at March's meeting at DCC but the application did not fit with the provisions of the development plan in force in this area so the County Council have put it out for consultation again.

It was resolved that the Parish Council have no further comments to make on this planning application.

8 Update on previous planning applications

- a) **6/2010/0440** - Hines Landfill, Binnegar Lane, Wareham for an extension to the time limit for implementing existing planning permission (ref 6/2005/0463) "A construction and demolition waste recycling facility". **Granted consent**
- b) **6/2011/0034** - Bindon Lane (Long Coppice), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. Erect extension to form rooms under new higher roof, erect replacement garage and stables and form new vehicular access to dwelling. **Approved.**
- c) **6/2010/0082** – Erection of 4 wind turbines at Land at Masters Pit, Puddletown Road, East Stoke. **Refused.** This will go to appeal.

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report.

b) District Councillor Quinn

- i) The Waste Partnership is in operation. Hopefully there will not be any visual change in the day to day services. Mr Bill Davidson, Head of Environmental Services, is moving to the Waste Partnership. It is not sure how the Head of Environmental Services position will be filled.
- ii) This May there are elections for one third of Purbeck District Councils Councillors.

10 Keystone Project update

Cllr Quinn had met with Cllr Holmes who was also on the Review Panel. Mr M Goater, District Engineer, had written to DCC and the Environment Agency (EA) about the issues of the problem with the flat valve and the blocked culvert.

Repairs are to be undertaken by DCC on the flat valve tidal return and the South Bridge culvert has still not been cleared. The latter is a Highways responsibility and Mr Goater will raise this with DCC. Both of these items need to be monitored.

The EA stated that they have had correspondence with the Parish Council and a resident with queries. The EA will not do anything in the river. There is an issue with the biodiversity/wildlife.

Action: Cllr Quinn will contact the Flood Warden to find out who the riparian owners are.

Action: Cllr Quinn will speak to Mr A Bird, Planning Officer, to find out the conditions of the management plan for the sluices at Priory Farm.

The Frome information flow newsletter has been distributed to all the properties in the Frome floodplain.

The report on the Keystone Project will come back to the Overview and Scrutiny Group to see how they are getting on.

The Keystone Project has finished.

Action: This agenda item will be renamed 'River Frome Issues'

A question was raised about the opening of the hatches and whose responsibility it was when they needed to be opened quickly due to an influx of water?

It is the Land Owners responsibility (Mr Stephen Goldsack has been doing it as tenant farmer). What would happen if the person who opens the hatches is on holiday?

11 Police Update

No report.

12 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit (PMU)

- i) Most of the footpaths on the A352 require weeds to be removed. The PMUs and DCC Highways will not be carrying out any weed killing.

Action: Cllr Barnes will contact the Young Farmers to see if they would be able to carry out this work.

- ii) Footpath extension on A352.

Cllr Quinn had spoken to the manager at Binnegar Hall and he is keen to see this happen.

b) Other Highways Issues

- i) The first fingerpost at the field gate, Bindon Lane, after Wood Street has gone.

Action: The Clerk will report this online.

c) Traffic monitoring lines Holme/Bindon Lane

The Clerk will contact Mr Stubbs, DCC Highways, to see if the traffic monitoring lines can be positioned near Stud Holme, Holme Lane.

A speed check has been carried out on the B3070.

13 East Stoke Crossing Update

Cllr Quinn had spoken to the Network Rail project manager, David Emerson, and he will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on May 9th with Sam Pead. Mr Tim Westwood, DCC Highways, will be attending too.

Today there was a meeting with Mr R Drax, MP, residents including a farmer with a tractor and a horse rider. Mr Drax has been informed of the issues and the planned closure of this crossing. The crossing is used by the postman and the Wareham Day Centre who pick up on both sides of the crossing.

Mr Drax will inform Ministers and Network Rail management.

Network Rail wants to close the crossing. It will be the May Bank holiday 2013 that the work will be implemented.

The Boundary Review – this looks at communications and so they would not be able to split the Parish in half.

At the APM there will be a briefing by David Emerson about the East Stoke Crossing and then questions from all.

14 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

An update was received from Jenny Penney. The contractor had a long hold up with the new machinery that was to make up the 50 finger posts that will be installed along the Purbeck Way and Frome Valley Way from Moreton to Wareham. This work will begin in April so it should be replaced soon.

15 Planter for War Memorial

This has been ordered from PDC. It will come already planted.

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out if these are replanted by contractor.

Action: The Clerk will add an agenda item to discuss the planters' flowers and donations of plants for its upkeep.

16 Fisherman's Stone bench in Water meadow

An email was received from the Environment Agency (EA) about siting the Fisherman's stone bench on EA land. At this present time the EA are currently writing up a management plan for the piece of land that they purchased last year. It would be presumptuous of them to agree to the moving of the bench and the additional access to the land if this conflicted with the objectives of the land as set out in their management plan.

Action: The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency to see if they will make a site visit to see where the Fisherman's stone bench is to be moved to (by the Mill Stream).

17 Parish Plan Update

The Steering Group will be reconvened with its original members. A re-consultation will be carried out and the Parish Plan will be updated as required. It was envisaged that a small print run would be required as the Parish Plan will be available to view online.

Action: An item will be added to Parish Council's Easter Newsletter to see if anyone would like to be involved in the update of the Parish Plan.

18 Dog Bin for Rushton Lane

Complaints have been made about dog fouling in the past along Rushton Lane.

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out if PDC have any spare litter bins that could be used.

Action: A general note will be put in the newsletter to ask dog owners to please clean up after their dog.

19 Trees in Church Lane

There are dead trees not only along Church Lane but other parts of the parish.

Action: Cllr Barnes and Cllr Quinn will look at the trees in the parish and report back at the next meeting.

20 Parish Council newsletter

Cllr Barnes will draft the Easter newsletter.

21 Training

- a) New Councillors course - 14th June Dorchester, 7pm, cost £20.00.

It was agreed that Cllr Evans could attend the New Councillors Course.

22 Consultations

- a) Questionnaire from Dorset County Council and NHS Dorset – **no comments**.
b) Dorset Play Strategy Consultation – **no comments**.
c) Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and Wareham Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy. No response.

Action: The Clerk will forward on the feedback form to Mr Burden.

23 Correspondence Received

All correspondence had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

- a) DAPTC circulars 05/11 and 06/11 provided an update on the library service.

Action: The Clerk will write to DCC to state that the Parish Council would like to have been informed about the Library Consultation 2011. The link to the consultation will be included in the Easter newsletter.

- b) Infinergy letter with enclosure on East Stoke Property prices and the wind farm and Property value guarantees.

The letter and information were **noted**.

- c) Thank you letter from Purbeck Citizen's Advice bureau for the £100 donation. **Noted**.

- d) Email from a Community group that purchases oil by bulk buying for the community. This is a good idea for people to group together to buy heating oil at a discount. Boilerjuice do offer a discount on heating oil.

Action: This item will be added to the newsletter.

- e) Frome Valley Information Flow – Information Bulletin for Frome Valley residents.

Noted.

24 Asset Register

It was resolved that Cllr Quinn could dispose of old computer which had been originally given to the Parish Council by PDC and was obsolete.

25 Finance

- a) The following receipts were **noted**:

NALC (Clerk's training bursary)	£15.00
C. Thomas (Cremation Plaque)	£45.00

- b) To approve the following payments

Weld Spray Contracting Ltd	£ 396.92	Cheque no 00311
Wessex Water	£80.94	Direct Debit 01/04/11

It was resolved that the above payments were approved.

The Clerk had contacted Wessex Water as this bill was much higher than usual. The Water Bill is usually £8. As there was no leak on the supply then the bill would have to

be paid. If the Parish Council becomes aware that a leak has been repaired then they will need to complete a claim form.

Action: The Clerk will write to Wessex Water asking for an explanation for this high bill. The usage has not changed and details of the usage will be included.

Action: Next month the Parish Council will reconsider the payment of the water bill by Direct Debit.

c) Final Budget report 2010/11

The final budget report showed that some areas had incurred an overspend; the final expenditure of the budget was slightly less than planned.

There will be a carry forward from this budget of approximately £300 if the latest bill for the maintenance of the Churchyard is included.

d) Quotations for trimming back of the hedge in the Churchyard

Three quotes have been received:

Weld Spray Contracting £153, Paul Edwards and Chris Holloway £90.00 and "Tony" £75.00.

It was resolved that "Tony" should trim back the Churchyard hedge.

Action: Cllr Barnes will ask "Tony" to carry out the work as soon as possible and ensure that the hedge cuttings are taken away.

e) Quotes for the Parish replacement fence

No further quotes had been received.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

26 Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

Cllr Cady reported that the two signs about the church need redoing. Cllr Quinn will look at these.

Action: This item will be added to the next agenda.

The trail leaflets and the polices' insert will be distributed with the Easter newsletter. The Clerk reported that the notice board in Church Lane is difficult to open.

Mrs Axon passed on Mr E Axon's thanks for all those who spoke regarding the Wind Farm at the Planning Board meeting.

27 Annual Parish Meeting speaker(s)

As previously discussed at this meeting, the speaker will be Mr David Emerson from Network Rail.

28 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting Monday 9th May 2011 at 7pm this will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairman:

Date: