

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st June 2017

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES Cllr Chris Evans
 District Cllr Cherry Brooks
 County Cllr Wharf

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

Item 1 was discussed later in the meeting as Cllr Child was delayed.

2. Public Participation Time

- a) Mrs Lobb thanked the East Stoke and Wool Community Fund for awarding the East Stoke Village Hall Committee £600 to buy gazebos. As one of the committee members, Cllr Quinn will investigate purchasing the items online.
- b) Mr Hedgeman expressed his concern regarding the Hethfelton House planning application (6/2017/0225). He has had two entrances onto this stretch of the A352 but PDC said in both the 1980s and 1990s that they must be closed as they did not want any escalation of traffic, or access onto this road and there cannot be an access point opposite a layby. There have been numerous accidents along this stretch of carriageway including a HGV that crashed near the layby. Mr Hedgeman then explained that if this application is approved he would give instructions to his architect to apply for planning permission for his projects.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Brooks, Cllr Evans and County Cllr Wharf.

4. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 10th May 2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

- i) The Register of Member Interest form needs to be included in next month's agenda as it was missed off the current one.
- ii) Cllr Wiltshire spoke to the resident who inquired about accessing the parish land and he said that the stile is hidden. It was noted that the new owners of the pub have fenced off the garden and it was suggested that a fence should be erected around the woodland. Also, the pedestrian gate should be included

in quotes. There was a quote from the Young Farmers but this was priced a few years ago and it was recommended that a new one should be sought along with quotes from other businesses.

8. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Cherry Brooks as a Parish Councillor there is now a vacancy. To be eligible to stand a candidate must either live in the Parish, reside within 3 miles of the parish boundary or work in the area.

9. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

a) 6/2017/0225 - Hethfelton House, BH20 6HS. Change of use from use class C3 (dwelling house) to a mixed-use of use class B1 (office - administrative headquarters), use class C2 (residential institution - training centre) and use class D1 (non residential institutions - Conservation Education Centre) and construction of new access, driveway and parking area.

- i) The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the change of usage of a residential building to a mixed use. However, it is felt the new proposed entrance has not resolved the issue of vehicular safety.
- ii) The new proposed access will now be located on the only part of this road which has the national speed limit and has the centre broken white line. This results in vehicles frequently overtaking even though there are hazardous dips on either side where visibility is extremely limited.
- iii) Due to the nature of the business the turning will be often used by coaches. A coach exiting onto the A352 would need a large sweep onto the carriageway and would therefore bring traffic on the road to a sudden halt. It was questioned again why there is not a footpath between Hethfelton House and Monkey World as many of the people would be visiting both and by having a footpath it would reduce vehicular movements.
- iv) At present the location of the new access is classed as a layby and to change it into a crossover may mean that a new replacement parking space will need to be provided by the owner. It is currently only used by agricultural vehicles a couple of times a year whereas this will be used numerous times a day. Arrivals at events such as weddings will tend to be grouped together, which will result in the traffic flow becoming stationery and this might encourage some drivers to perform dangerous overtaking.
- v) A resident on the Southern side of the entrance applied for vehicle access on the other side of the road in both the 1980s and 1990s, but was refused due to concerns of escalation of traffic onto the A352. Therefore, due to the amount of traffic that has increased since then it is felt that any vehicular access along this particular stretch of the A352 should be refused.

b) 6/2017/0253 - Hethfelton House, BH20 6HS. Replacement of gymnasium with a single storey extension to accommodate toilet facilities.

The Parish Council has no comments or objections.

c) 6/2017/0256 - Raymond Brown Aggregates, Binnegar Quarry, BH20 6AX. Application to vary conditions 4, 6, & 39 attached to Planning Permission number 6/2015/0421 to allow removal of ramp in Area B1.

The Parish Council has no comments or objections.

- d) **EA1/2017/0002 - Raymond Brown Aggregates**, Binnegar Quarry South, BH20 6AX. EIA Scoping Opinion - Relocation of quarry processing plant
The Parish Council has no comments or objections.

Cllr Child arrived at the meeting.

1 Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Child duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

10. Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information received

6/2017/0059 - Dorset Gliding Club, BH20 7NG. Regularisation of club house extension not in accordance with planning approval 6/2016/0101. **Noted.**

11. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County

There has been little to report since last month.

b) District

Due to the purdah period, it is very quiet at the moment. At the PDC Annual Meeting it was agreed that the post holders should remain the same, however there will be some minor changes on the committees due to both boundary changes and people who are now double-hatted due to the County election.

12. Police Issues to report or update on issues reported.

Specialist, high spec equipment was stolen from the Purbeck Shooting School on 16th May. The perpetrators must have used a truck or van to load or the items.

13. River Frome Issues

No updates were given.

14. Village Hall and Parish Land Update

There has been no response from the landowners or from the barrister. It was agreed that a response from the landowners even if it is a no, is required to prove that there are no other suitable sites in East Stoke. Therefore, a letter with a tear off slip should be distributed to the landowners. A question was posed as to whether the registration of a village green could be challenged. Another option to be considered is a three way swap of land with SITA as it may be possible to deregister the B1 land. There is a Binnegar Liaison meeting soon which will be attended by Cllr Quinn and County Cllr Brooks and this suggestion will be discussed then.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported.

The potholes in Binnegar Lane have been filled

b) Footpath to Monkey World

It has been suggested to use the south entrance and to have the rest of the footpath going internally through Monkey World rather than beside the road.

c) Repairs to Finger Posts

The finger post at the East Holme junction cannot be repaired by Highways. The AONB have been renovating signs and maybe able to do this one.

Action: The Clerk to contact Rachel Shefford at PDC to obtain AONB contact.

d) Traffic Monitoring of Church Lane

The report has been distributed to Councillors and it shows that all the

vehicles were going at a reasonable speed. There were also fewer vehicles than what was expected and the flow of traffic was approximately the same in both directions. An article on the study will be included in the Autumn newsletter.

e) Other Issues

No other issues were reported.

16. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

- a)** Information for Parish and Town Councils about Road Verge cutting in Dorset. Letter regarding road verges from the Dorset Wildlife Trust. **Noted.**
- b)** Chief Executive's Circular – DAPTC Annual General Meeting 2017 – Information and timetable. **Noted.**
- c)** The deadline for submission of proposals for this year's AGM is the 28th July and the AGM will take place on Saturday 4th November. **Noted.**
- d)** Landowner Deposit. This is relating to land owned by the Charborough Estate.

This document was not distributed to the Councillors and will be added to next month's agenda.

17. Correspondence Received

- a)** Dorchester Marathon 28th May Traffic management. Roads within Purbeck are unaffected. **Noted.**
- b)** The Rex Cinema - Quad Poster or A4 Displays. Request to advertise Dementia Friendly Screenings (known as Golden Moment Screenings) on noticeboards.
The Parish Council are happy to display the A4 posters.
- c)** Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute. There will be a chain of beacons to commemorate World War 1 to be held on 11th November 2018. **Noted.**
- d)** Management of Memorials - Inspection Workshops. Letter to gauge interest in running a workshop in Dorset. Previous cost per delegate has been £130.

Cllr Quinn would like to attend, but feels £130 is too much

Action: The Clerk to email explaining that it is expensive, but if costs were reduced then there would be more interest.

- e)** Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree. In celebration of the launch of the new Tree Charter on 6 November 2017, 800 Legacy Trees will be planted across the UK. **Noted.**
- f)** Housing Newsletter. Annual newsletter produced by Purbeck District Council. **Noted.**
- g)** Armed Forces Day: flag flying. The Armed Forces Day flag will be flown by central government in the week commencing 19th June with the actual Armed Forces Day being Saturday 24th June. **Noted.**

19. Finance

a) The following receipts were noted:

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| VAT refund | £564.95 |
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Paula Harding (Purchase of Charles Arnold Baker Book) £20.00

| b) Payments | Amount | Cheque No |
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| Cheque No | | |
| Miss E Maidment May Salary | £204.14 | 000662 |
| Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions May | £59.10 | 000663 |
| Zurich Municipal Insurance | £338.40 | 000664 |
| Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau | £50.00 | 000665 |
| Purbeck Film Festival | £50.00 | 000667 |
| Paula Harding (Internal Audit) | £45.00 | 000668 |
| Dorset County Council (Traffic Monitoring) | £300.00 | 000669 |
| T. Lee Landscaping | £782.50 | 000670 |

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

Mr Lee has asked for feedback about his maintenance work. It was agreed that he was doing a good job. It has been noticed that trees have been planted in the Churchyard by the Tower owner. Cllr Cady advised him that he should write to the Parish Council to obtain permission before planting but he hasn't. It was agreed that a letter should be written to Holyrood Church to see if anyone has asked permission.

Action: The Clerk to write to the Vicar.

c) Consideration of donation request from Wool Skatepark

It was suggested that the best source of funding for this project would be the East Stoke and Wool Community Fund.

Action: The Clerk to write suggesting that they apply for a grant.

d) Receive the report from the Internal Auditor

The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. The Clerk will ask for clarification regarding the last item.

e) Consideration of sharing membership costs of SLCC with East Lulworth

It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn to pay for half of the membership costs.

f) Parish Council Annual Return

For year ending 31st March 2017

i) Complete, approve and sign Section 1 – The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return.

Proposed by Cllr Cady, seconded by Cllr Quinn and resolved that Section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences were approved. Section 1 was then signed by the Chairman. An alteration was made to the explanation of differences by omitting the work to the Church Wall to make the amount approximately £1000 and to state the actual amount that the staff costs increased by.

ii) Consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of the differences.

A copy of Section 2 was circulated with the agenda papers for the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that all the answers to the statements were 'yes' except for the one regarding Trust Funds as the Parish Council is not the sole trustee of any trust funds.

It was proposed by Cllr Cady, seconded by Cllr Quinn and resolved that Section 2 was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

20. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) On the Parish Land there is a damaged branch and due to its height will need to be removed by a tree surgeon.. Fencing around the woodland is also required and it was agreed that quotes need to be obtain. Cllr Cady said that she will do a site visit to investigate what work needs to be undertaken.
- b) Purbeck District Council has cut certain elements of their grounds maintenance contract and one of these services is the planting of flowers in the containers by the War Memorial. It was suggested that Holme for Gardens should be contacted to see whether they would like to donate plants and to erect a small sign saying sponsored by.

Action: The Clerk to contact Holme for Gardens.

21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th July 2017 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40hrs.

Chairman:Date.....