

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2005.**

PRESENT

Barry Quinn - Chairman
Simon Cross - Vice Chairman
Tib Axon
Sara Grayson
Neill Child

APOLOGIES

Adrian Cullinane
Andy Saunders

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received a resignation letter from Councillor Andy Saunders. He was taking a job that would entail a lot of travel including overseas so would be unable to continue as Parish Councillor. He asked the Chairman to pass his thanks to other Councillors for their friendship and apologised for not being able to do more whilst on the Parish Council. The form advertising a casual vacancy for Councillor would be placed on the notice boards for 14 working days. Copy of this would be sent to Peter Aston, Returning Officer, Purbeck District Council and if no persons had registered their interest with him within the 14 days then the Parish Council could co-opt a new member. The Chairman suggested the Council wait and see what the outcome was and if no-one expressed an interest to join the Parish Council, an advertisement could be placed in the local newspaper.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

There were two local residents present at the meeting to listen to the Parish Council views on Planning Application No. 6/2005/267. Therefore the Chairman suggested the meeting discuss the two applications for consideration at this point of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Axon declared a personal interest in planning application no. 6/2005/267 but as this was not a prejudicial interest she was able to stay in the meeting to contribute to the debate.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Delegated)

1. 6/2005/199 – Monkey World (Retrospective) – Erect pole for CCTV.

The Council had no observations or objections.

However it was again noted that applications for this company were not following the correct procedure, i.e. lodging retrospective applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Continued)

2. 6/2005/267 – S. Burr ridge – Land South of Frome Vale –

Erect two storey dwelling and form new vehicular access.

There had been a similar application three years ago at which time the Parish Council expressed concerns over access on to the main A352. These concerns have not changed. There had been quite a few fatalities on this corner over the years and Council requested Highways Department take a look at this situation should permission be granted. Council had no objections to the actual house being erected although it was noted that this would be bigger than the previous house built on this site. However, some while ago trees were

cleared from the area and if planning permission was granted the Council would hope to see new trees being planted as this was in part of the AONB area. When these trees are planted we would suggest that steps are taken to ensure that the sight lines on to the main A352 are not obstructed for the neighbouring properties. Clerk to write to PDC advising them of these points. Deadline for comments Friday 15th April.

PAST PLANNING

- 1, 6/2005/0020 and 0021 – J. Denholm, Reed Cottage

Demolish part of existing extension and erect new single store side extension
Approved 28th February.

2. 6/2005/124 – Mr Bowtle, The Lodge, Highwood

Install a domestic heating fuel tank.

Approved 21st March.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last two meetings held on 10th and 17th March as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Parish Plan - Chairman advised nothing further to report. It was hoped that the second part of funding would be forthcoming from DEFRA in a few weeks. A meeting of the Steering Committee would be held next week.
2. War Memorial - £2000 from Community Action Fund had been secured towards restoration of War Memorial. Sara Grayson had dealt with updated price quotes for restoration work. Overall cost would be around £5000. Apply to Friends of War Memorials for grant to complete work. Donation in kind from Parish Council. Chairman advised that he hoped work on the memorial could be finished before summer to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. This would depend on the availability of stonemasons to carry out the work. Local Heritage Initiative Funding group to look at other various historical projects in the Parish. Draft proposal to Countryside Agency for initial review before formal submission.
3. West Holme Crossing - Nothing further to report.
4. Roebuck Farm - Awaiting information from Liz Rudd
5. Village Hall - Chairman advised he had met with William Bond last Monday to discuss future of the Hall and his position in this matter. At the moment the

caretaking committee of the Hall was operational and the change in bank details was not quite finished due to Easter holidays and signatories having to go into the bank personally in order to register. William Bond advised he was not aware that the lease on land on which the Village Hall stands was due to expire. Chairman confirmed it was still unsure whether it was a realistic option to maintain the Village Hall. This would be a topic for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting when it was hoped people would express their views on whether to try for a new hall or to repair the existing building. He told the meeting the hall was to be used for polling for the Elections in May. If a new hall was the favoured option the question of where best to site the building would have to be discussed. The two sites in question were the site where the present building stands and the Parish land site alongside the Stokeford Inn, this site having advantages for car parking and access to the pub. A new building would be dependant on getting grants and fund raising.

6. Tanks - The Chairman advised he had spoken two weeks ago with Major George Preston who had now retired and the new point of contact would be Col. John Lodge.
7. Moorcroft Cottage - Chairman advised that although some cutting back had been done there was more to be done. Mrs Axon to ask daughter-in-law to contact owners again. It would also be taken up with DCC to get PMU to trim back the bank.
8. Colin Baker - Quote received to cut grass outside village hall at same time as churchyard. - £256 per year. Council agreed to accept this quote.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. There were no District or County Councillors present to give a report.
2. CBO Report – Lyn Adams still on sick leave until 15th April.
3. Parish Land – Clerk advised she had received a phone call from Mrs Tubbs of Primrose Farm requesting use of parish land for playground for her childrens' use together with her Bed and Breakfast guests. Chairman asked Clerk to contact her end ask that she put her request in writing and pointing out that should her tender for lease of this land for one year from June 2005 be successful, this would have to be strictly for her own use and she would need to meet the liability for insurance. The Chairman then suggested the Clerk also write to Mrs Stacey as a reminder that the lease was due for renewal in June.
4. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Local Plan – Proposed Pre-Inquiry Changes. Copy to Sue and Peter Burden to respond. Simon Cross taken second copy as supplied by DCC for perusal.
5. Newsletter – Copies made for distribution at weekend.
6. PDC Statement of Accounts – Filed.
7. Letter from PDC re Open Spaces and Playing Pitch Study – Referred to Parish Plan for comment.
8. Letter from DEFRA re Affordable Village Housing Seminar to be held. Refer to steering committee of Parish Plan.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Letter received from DCC re repairs to be carried out on Holme Bridge in July. Chairman asked Clerk to write to DCC asking what these repairs were, i.e. concreting, pointing, etc.
2. Chairman asked Clerk to telephone PDC for a copy of Full Electoral Roll.

3. It was noted a grave was being prepared for a burial at East Stoke Churchyard. The Chairman asked the Clerk to find out what undertaker was organising this funeral in order that the correct fee could be paid to the Council.
4. Mrs Axon asked if the Council could write to DCC Highways about the C6 road at the point where the road passes the junction to Bovington on the Wool Side. The camber of the road takes vehicles out in to the centre of the road and there are visible signs of accidents at this point. It was possible that the left hand side of the kerb needed to be cut back to avoid this happening.

FINANCE

1. Clerk's Salary and Expenses for 3 months to 31st March - £359.75
2. DAPTC Annual Sub - £89.87
3. Payment to Village Hall re Parish Council meetings and Steering Committee Meetings for 2004 - £180.00
4. Parish Plan Expenses – Laminates £15.97 and Reproduction of Newsletter £35.00
These Accounts were approved for payment

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th May – Annual General Meeting

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Chairman

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Date