

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT

Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Adrian Naylor
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES

Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Christine Evans
County Cllr Mike Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE

PCSO Stuart Hann
Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)
6 Members of the Public

1 Public Participation Time

- a) Mrs Gillian Topp asked if Dorset County Council (DCC) could be like Hampshire County Council and have a similar policy regarding rural roads. Hampshire's rural roads have white lines painted in the centre of the road on the bends. Could white centre lines be painted on the bends in Bindon and Holme Lane?
Action: The Clerk will contact Mr Richard Stubbs to see if it is possible to have white centre lines on these bends.
- b) Cllr Quinn had spoken to Mr Stubbs at the West Lulworth PACT meeting about the white lines on the B3070. Mr Stubbs agreed that the lines were not consistent as some of the lines were good, some were worn and others missing.
- c) Mrs Gillian Topp had been contacted by Amanda Prior regarding becoming a volunteer ranger which would mean repairing and maintaining stiles and gates on behalf of landowners, waymarking by attaching information discs to fittings and installing waymark posts, clearing overgrown paths and clearing around overgrown gates and stiles.
- Action:** The Clerk will enquire whose responsibility it is to maintain Rights of Ways. Is it the landowner?
- Action:** This request for volunteer rangers will be included in the next newsletter.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were tendered by Cllr Neill Child and Cllr Christine Evans. Apologies had also been received from County Cllr Mike Lovell.

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

Cllr Naylor had a personal and prejudicial interest in item 21) to consider the email for tarmacing Primrose Lane.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th August 2011

An amendment was made to 167/23 the words 'redesign the opening' in the second paragraph were replaced by 'modify the liner'.

After this amendment was made it was **then resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th August were approved and signed.

5 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

- a) 167/23 e) - The green container from the Environmental Scientific Group has temporary permission for twelve months. Mr John Davy-Bowker will send the Clerk the date that this approval began.
- b) 167/23 e) – The horse box without any wheels which is near the weir and has wires coming out from it. It was thought that this is a Wessex Water monitoring station.

6 Planning applications

- a) **PL/1152/11 GPDO** - Hyde Pit, Gallows Hill, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset. Erection of Mineral Processing Plant and Machinery within Hyde Pit and associated buildings. It was **resolved** that there were no objections to this planning application.

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

7 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2007/0892** – Masters Pit North Sand Pit, Gallows Hill, East Stoke, Wareham, BH20 7PL. The development of land without complying with condition 1 and condition 13 of planning permission 6/2002/041 to extend the end date of the inert landfilling facility and to correct the name of the operator. Permission has been **granted** with conditions.
- b) **6/2011/0359** - Rose Cottage, Holmebridge, Wareham, BH20 6AF. Demolish conservatory and erect single storey side extension. **Refused**.
This was refused as the extension would materially change the impact of the building on its countryside setting.
- c) **6/2011/0231** - West Holme Farm (Holme Nurseries), East Stoke, BH20 6AQ. Demolish existing barn and erect farm shop, retail space and plant area; revise parking area and modify vehicular access. (Rationalisation of existing garden centre, including replacement buildings. **Approved**.
It was noted that one of the conditions was that the tea room will only be allowed to open until 11.00pm for up to five days per calendar month, excluding Sundays.
- d) **6/2011/0010** - Bindon Lane (Woodlands Lodge), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. Change of use of shower block to form one self contained holiday letting unit. Carry out external alterations and insert additional windows.
Natural England has made a response to this application and they object to the proposed development.
There are still issues with this site as the four flats are being converted to two three bedroom houses and the shower block would be converted to two three bedroom houses.

8 East Stoke Level Crossing

The report to the Roads and Rights of Way committee is on the Dorset for you website. Cllr Cady read extracts from this report and the recommendation is that the committee does not support the Traffic Regulation Order.

Mr R Drax MP has also written to support keeping the crossing open.

Mr Davy-Bowker from the River Laboratory has asked to speak at this meeting and the Clerk will forward on the details of the meeting to him.

Action: Cllr Quinn will attend and speak at the Roads and Rights of Way committee meeting on 5th September on behalf of the Parish Council.

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) There has been a change of control at PDC.

ii) The budget will be one of the main priorities.

Due to the current economic climate the revenue from planning has dropped significantly.

iii) The Boundary Commission article in the Advertiser misrepresented PDC's decision regarding the increase in District Councillors to twenty seven as it did not say that they were minded to recommend this increase. This increase in the number of Councillors would have an increased cost.

The Ward patterns could be three, two or single member Wards which is like the current situation. There is a workshop next week to look at some of the issues.

10 Police Update

The issues raised at last month's Parish Council meeting will be taken by Inspector Baker to the debrief meeting on 'Camp Bestival'. There will be a Camp Bestival next year.

The tactical speeding plan for East Stoke will be withdrawn because speeding in East Stoke is a constant problem and will not be resolved. Speed checks will continue in the parish after the plan is withdrawn.

There are some 'No Excuse' signs available. There are fixed signs to go on the poles used for speed indicator devices and temporary ones which can be erected on any convenient pole.

Action: The Clerk will write to the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership asking for a sign near Primrose Lane as you enter East Stoke from Wool on the A352 and one sign as you approach the B3070 junction as you come down Worgret Hill.

11 River Frome Issues

Mr Pete Burden had received a response from Mr Nick Reed at the Environment Agency regarding the issues reported at the last meeting. Included was a leaflet on Himalayan Balsam.

During the recent heavy rain the River Frome at East Stoke did not flood.

12 Heavy Rain and Flooding

On Thursday 18th August Church Lane was flooded and Luckford Lake that feeds into the river was flooded. Holme Lane was about a foot deep in water at the road bridge.

13 Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

A letter had been received from the Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Mrs Anthony Pitt-Rivers, about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the various events that are being organised to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Action: This item will be added to the autumn newsletter to find organisers of an event.

14 Comic Relief's Mile events to be held on March 25th 2012

An email had been received asking for organisers of one of these mile events.

Action: This item will be added to the autumn newsletter seeking a volunteer to organise one of these events.

15 Winter waste and recycling collections

A suggestion from PDC was that a residents' email address list is compiled so that information regarding cancelled waste/recycling collections could be forwarded on.

It was agreed that the Clerk would keep a central email address list.

Action: All Cllrs to send their contacts in the parish to the Clerk.

16 Church Lane Notice Board

Cllr Naylor will take a look at this notice board and see if he can fix it so that it can be opened easily.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk can have another key cut for the notice board.

17 Parish Land

a) Clearing of the Parish Land

This has been arranged.

The person who has the tender for the parish land should maintain the land and keep it cut.

Action: The Clerk will add the review of the lease of the parish land on to next month's agenda.

b) Village Hall Fundraising Event 24th September, 2-5pm

Cllr Cady informed all those present of the Village Hall Fundraising Event 24th September which will be held on the parish land, Primrose Lane, 2-5pm. This is to raise funds for a new village hall.

Karen Barnes and Jenny Rodd had delivered all the flyers and slips requesting donations.

Later in the year it is planned to hold an evening event.

18 DAPTC AGM 5th November

The motions for resolution made by the Parish and Town Councils for the DAPTC AGM will be considered at the next meeting.

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

19 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit

The Clerk will report the following jobs for the PMU:

- i) Silt in Binnegar Lane and the blocked drain.

b) Other Highways Issues

- i) There is a water leak outside Lindisfarne on the A352.

Action: Cllr Naylor will report this leak to Wessex Water.

- ii) The footpath through the East Stoke Fenn Nature Reserve is very overgrown and Himalayan Balsam is growing there.

- iii) The footpath that runs across the field from the railway bridge to the A352 needs cutting back.

Action: The Clerk will report these Rights of Way issues ii) and iii) on-line.

20 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

This has not been replaced.

21 Email regarding the re-tarmacing of Primrose Lane

It was agreed to wait to receive a response from Smiths Gore regarding whose responsibility it is to maintain this lane.

A query was raised about the ownership of the Parish Land as it is not registered with the Land Registry. In an old minute book dating back to 1895 it was recorded that this land was left to the parish as a recreation ground.

Five – six years ago Cllr Axon signed an affidavit to prove ownership regarding the parish land and this land was to be registered with the Land Registry.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda. Mr Simon Cross will be contacted regarding the deeds to the Parish Land and if it has been registered with the Land Registry.

22 Consultations

- a) Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy

The closing date of the consultation is September 9th.

Cllr Barnes had looked at this consultation and there were no comments to make on the Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy.

- b) PDC review of the Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011.

This review ends on Monday 5th September. The Parish Council considered the arrangements in place for the Polling Stations in the parish. There is nowhere else in the parish that would be suitable as a Polling Station.

- c) DCC Consultation on three options for the future of Day Services and Vocational Services.

This consultation will be passed on to Gillian Topp as her mother uses Anglebury House in Wareham.

23 Feedback from meetings attended

- a) Planning Policy Development Panel

A questionnaire will soon be sent to all Parish and Town Councils.

The next meeting of this panel is to be held on 23rd September.

24 Churchyard water butt

Mr Darren Haskell will do the base for the water butt. Cllr Quinn will purchase a tap for the water butt.

Action: An article about the Churchyard water butt will be added to the autumn newsletter.

25 Items for the Autumn newsletter

Items to be included in the newsletter were added as agenda items were considered. An update on the East Stoke level crossing will be included.
The Hawkins Trust leaflet will need to be attached to the newsletter.

26 Correspondence Received

All of the following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting

- a) A letter was received from the Chief Superintendent of Dorset Police regarding the local consultation that will be taking place on the Enquiry Office provision. This will be taking place in the near future at local Police Stations. **Noted.**
- b) There is a planned road closure of the A351 from A35 Bakers Arms roundabout to the Blackhill Road roundabout (Holton Heath). It is proposed that these works will start on September 19th for a period of 5 weeks. **Noted.**
- c) A letter from the Royal Horticultural Society regarding information on Britain in Bloom. **Noted.**
- d) Invitation to the Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Public Meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd September at 6.30pm at the Council Chamber, PDC.
No one was available to attend this meeting.
- e) Letter from DCC Highways about getting ready for winter.
A query was raised about Highways purchasing grit bins. The Clerk feels that Highways will not be financing these and that the Parish Council will need to buy them. Three bins will be needed one at the top of Church Lane, one at Highwood Crossroad and one at Middlefield Cottages.
- f) Bonfires leaflet from Purbeck District Council. **Noted.**
- g) There will be a temporary road closure of Highwood Road, East Stoke for distance of approximately 390 metres to carry out resurfacing works. It will come into operation on the 6th September 2011 for 2 days between 09.00hrs and 17.00hrs. Highways have put up signs regarding these resurfacing works. **Noted.**

27 DAPTC Training Courses

- a) Clerk/Chairman's seminar - 14th September, 7pm, Frampton Village Hall, £25.00.
The Clerk is attending this course as Clerk to West Lulworth Parish Council.
- b) New Councillors seminars – 27th September, 7pm, Winterborne Zelston Village Hall, £20.00
It was **approved** that Cllr Naylor could attend this seminar.
- c) Clerk's seminar – 28th September, 10am – 3pm, Monkey World, £30.00
It was **approved** that the Clerk could attend this seminar.
- d) Chairman's seminar – 5th October, 7pm, Dorset Youth Association HQ, £20.00
The Chairman did not wish to attend this seminar.

28 Finance

a) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque numb
Cllr Cady Chain and padlock for gate (Parish Land)	£27.00	000325
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP (External audit)	£144.00	000326

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

- b) Annual Return year ending 31st March 2011 and note the external auditor's report.
The external auditor's report was **noted**.

It was **resolved** that the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2011 was approved.

29 Matters for information and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

- a) Highwood Dog Bin.

This bin has been pushed over into the ditch behind.

- b) Wind farm Appeal. The six months will be up shortly for Infinergy to appeal against PDC's refusal of the Wind Farm planning application.

30 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....