

## **-MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007.**

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### **PRESENT**

Cllr Barry Quinn - Chairman  
Cllr Tib Axon  
Cllr Rebecca Cady  
Cllr Neill Child  
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh  
Cllr Mike Lovell – County Council

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Simon Cross – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Adrian Cullinane

### **ATTENDING FROM PARISH**

Peter and Sue Burden, David Topp, David and Mrs Hedgeman, Mr Axon, Kingsley Elliott, Mr and Mrs Meaker

**TALK BY JUDITH BAKER**, Biodiversity Officer of PDC on The Keystone Project. Also attending Jo Bowry, the Project Manager. This project had been submitted on behalf of the Purbeck Heritage Committee and was sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project would be undertaken over three years to support the nature and culture of the Purbeck landscapes.

The Frome Valley Project is one of eight projects within the Natural Landscape Programme. The aim is to restore and improve wetland habitats through water level management with restoration of grazing marsh. Within our area there are two water level management plans, one at Wool and one at East Holme, both of which were not yet completed. Pictures were shown of two types of sluice gates that could be installed, one of the pictures showed a walking bridge built over the gates. Peter Burden asked the question about what would happen when the water was high and flowed over the bridge, which would then act like a dam. Mrs Baker advised that ditch clearance would be done in conjunction with the erection of the sluice gates so this should not happen.

The other two key areas of the Project are the Cultural Landscape and Outdoor Learning. Festivals and training events will be organised for people to try stone masonry or building a stone wall.

Support with subsidy would be offered for farming apprenticeships at Kingston Maurward College.

Wildlife surveys would be done to record and identify birds along the River Frome, butterfly surveys and grassland plant surveys would also be undertaken on the Purbeck Ridge.

The Chairman suggested there had been poor communication between District Council and the community over the Purbeck Keystone Project. This had been the first time the Parish Council and the community had been properly engaged by the Project. Although Miss Bowry stated this Project was a regular feature in the Purbeck District Council magazine, not every household in East Stoke received a copy of this paper. Also the Chairman pointed out that the PDC web site was not monitored by everyone and also it must kept up to date with current information on specific projects. Miss Bowry would look into these problems.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

1. Travellers – David Hedgeman reported that there were two groups of travellers in Hethfelton Woods. They had entered without prior permission from the Forestry Commission and he presented a copy of a letter from them to this effect. Since the travellers had arrived he had experienced one burglary, one attempted burglary, his ‘Beware of Dog’ signs had been stolen and also his dog had been poisoned. He reported these incidents by phone to the Police for which he received a reference number (88305). However, as there had been no follow up by the Police to his complaint, Mr Hedgeman then wrote to the Police making reference to the unsafe vehicles used by the travellers. He had also talked with the Chief Executive of Purbeck District Council. The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to our Community Beat Officer, Lindy Christopher about this matter although she was not aware of all the facts. Court proceedings were taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> April to seek eviction of these people. Cllr Lovell stated that the problems associated with travellers would continue until permanent sites were provided. Mr Hedgeman asked if the Parish Council could send a letter to the Police Inspector at Wareham in support of his problems to make sure the matter is brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The Chairman directed the clerk to take up this action.
2. Litter – It was reported by Mr Topp that a large amount of litter was seen to be lying on Holme Lane and Bindon Lanes and also along the B3079 at Holmebridge. The Chairman asked the Clerk to ring PDC Environmental Services when they re-opened after Easter to report the matter. Cllr Lovell would also report.
3. It was reported that the danger sign erected at the Wood Street junction notifying drivers of a raised manhole, was placed in such a way that it could cause an accident. The Clerk was asked to ring the Police the following day to report this and request that Police Slow Signs be erected on both sides of the turning.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs Axon declared a personal interest in Planning Application 6/2007/212 by being related to the applicant. This was deemed not to be a prejudicial interest.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February were signed as a true and correct record. Also the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March were signed as a true and correct record.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. 6/2007/174 – D. Topp, Manor Farm Cottages – Erection of Timber framed Conservatory  
Mr Topp advised his conservatory had been damaged in a storm last winter. This was a replacement and would be smaller than the original.  
The Parish Council had no objections. Clerk to contact John Hartigan on the following Tuesday to let him know Council’s comments.
2. 6/2007/212 – Mr and Mrs Axon, Frome Vale – Erect single storey rear extension to form bathroom and utility area.  
The Parish Council had no objections. Clerk to contact Philip Payne.
3. DCC re Masters South, Masters North and Hyde Sand Pit, Gallows Hill – Review of Old Mineral Planning Permissions.

After viewing documents and maps the Parish Council had no comments. Clerk to contact Tony Jefferies.

## **APPEAL**

6/2006/0001 – CJ Barnes, Luckford Wood Camping Site

Erection of new washroom/toilet facilities.

Refused 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

It was noted that Luckford Wood Camping Site was now open for business.

Glass, rubbish from last year, pallets and exposed electric cables were still reported to be on site. Therefore it would appear that previous planning conditions imposed on Mr Barnes before granting him a licence, had not been met. The Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Officer.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

1. War Memorial – It was hoped to get the wall repaired over Easter and the holly bush trimmed back. Monitor situation.
2. Parish Council Land – Nothing further to report.
3. Heritage and Historical Project – Chairman confirmed laser scanning had taken place today and yesterday. Another meeting would be taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> May to move matters on. A publisher had been found to potentially take on the publishing of the history booklet. This would mean minimal outlay to the Council.
4. Village Hall – Paul Whitmarsh, Barry Quinn and Simon Cross still needed to hold a site meeting about the next steps to take to move the matter forward. It was decided to contact PDC to see if an outline planning permission for a community hall would be beneficial.
5. Middlefield – Clerk had contacted Enforcement Officer, Chris Frampton who confirmed that the owners of the property on the corner of Middlefield Estate had made alteration to the western fence by making it an open fence. Nothing had been done to reduce the size of the southern fence and it was unlikely PDC would pursue enforcement. Communications with the owner were proving difficult.
6. Mini Recycling Centre – Nothing further to report. Awaiting notification from PDC that a plastic recycling bin was available.
7. Dog Control Orders – Cllr Rebecca Cady to photocopy for Clerk for next newsletter.
8. C6 – Nothing further to report. Barry Quinn to chase.
9. District Councillor – Email received from Peter Aston to advise Council of formal resignation of Tim Mills. Chairman Barry Quinn advised the meeting he had submitted a nomination paper for the District Councillor post and that there were three other candidates. If he was successful the position of Chairman would be vacant and if Cllr Simon Cross was to take over this position the Vice Chairman position would be open. Barry Quinn confirmed he would be remaining on the Parish Council.
10. Revised Code of Conduct – New code to be up and running from 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Members will undertake to abide by the Code when signing their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. Peter Aston will distribute new Codes when available. Each council must then formally resolve to adopt the Code within 6 months of 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Training sessions for Councillors and Clerks will be held in June.

## **BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. District and County Councillors' Reports – None
2. Highways – Nothing further to report. Still awaiting news on kerbstones.
3. Parish Plan - Barry Quinn reported that the Action Plan issues were being dealt with.
4. Winfrith Area Action Plan – Nothing further to report.
5. DCA – Local Housing Needs and annual report from Housing Enabler. Barry Quinn to complete response form.
6. DCC – Letter re Foot way from Tout Hill to Monkey World. List of schemes that have gone through priority assessment process and this scheme is planned for 2010/11. At the same time proposed safety improvements will be made to Tout Hill junction.
7. Department of Consultative Affairs – Letter re memorial safety. Chairman to copy.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Letter received from PDC re Dog Control Orders Public Consultation from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> June. Document to be sent to Parish Council by 27<sup>th</sup> April for comment.

## **FINANCE**

1. S. Grayson re Historical Project Reproduction Costs - £49.10
2. C. Baker Quarterly Account to 28/2/07 - £349.00
3. S. Barrett re Salary and Expenses for February and March - £296.74
4. DAPTC re Annual Subscription - £98.89
5. Bournemouth University re laser scanning at Old St. Mary's Church - £2881.40
6. Freshwater Biological Assn. – Hire of Conference Hall - £120

These Accounts were approved for payment

## **DATE OF NEXT TWO MEETINGS**

26<sup>th</sup> April – Annual Parish Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> May – Annual General Meeting

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Chairman

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