

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th September 2017

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neil Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
 Cllr Chris Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright
 Cllr Barry Quinn

APOLOGIES County Cllr Wharf
 District Cllr Laura Miller

IN ATTENDANCE 9 Members of the Public
 PC Jepchott
 PCSO Watts
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time

- a) Mr Willgress voiced concerns regarding Bestival. He attended the Licensing meeting where it was stated that festival goers would be off site by midday, however he has noticed on the Bestival website it says it will be open until 4pm and on the Thursday it was agreed that the camping areas would be open at midday but were open in fact from 8am. Cllr Cady explained that due to the volume of people, the extended hours would help to alleviate the congestion. Mr Willgress also commented upon the amount of HGVs gaining access to the site as he was under the impression that there would be less traffic as the majority of the equipment was used for Camp Bestival so was therefore being stored on the site. A lot of these HGVs were also travelling during the night. Mr Willgress said that it was formally agreed that the haulage companies would be financially penalised for not following the event signage, however this regulation was not enforced as there were no marshals present. Cllr Quinn said he would take these comments forward to the next Bestival meeting.
- b) Cllr Brooks visited Wool a few times on the first day of the festival and she is of the opinion that the traffic management plan went very smoothly. There was, however an issue with the buses queuing to gain access into the train station car park and this caused congestion in the area. It was commented that the marshals at Holmebridge were very good.
- c) Mr Goodsack has applied for planning permission at Holme Nurseries. The gardens are growing in popularity and it is planned to introduce entry fees in two years' time. The extension to the tea rooms and extra toilet capacity will enable them to cater for more groups.
- d) Mr Goodsack explained that the superfast scheme was discussed at the last meeting by County Cllr Wharf. The download speed in East and West Holme are extremely slow with connections less than 1.5mbs. It is

hoped that the pricing for the work will be obtained by January. 95% of residents were in favour of this project. It will be financed by communities co-investing, however 50% will be paid by BT and 25% by the Superfast Dorset Community Broadband Fund. Mr Goldsack asked if the Parish Council can write a letter of support for the project and make a small contribution towards it, but he is aware that the Parish Council has a limited budget. Cllr Cady suggested that the Hawkins Trust maybe able to donate.

Action: The Clerk to email Mr Goldsack and cc it to County Cllr Wharf. Cllr Brooks said that there is a "pot of money" available from the Communities Fund. Cllr Wiltshire has observed Openreach undertaking work roughly 18 months ago to see if it is possible to improve the connection at Hethfelton Hollow. Subsequently, no other investigation work has been carried out so she is unsure as to whether the project is still going ahead.

- e) Mr Goldsack promoted the Litter Free Purbeck group which has recently been formed. At present there are 100 volunteers and various groups have been formed, including Wareham and it is hoped to set one up in Wool. It was agreed that a link to the group should be published in the newsletter.

Action: The Clerk to add details to the newsletter.

- f) Mrs Axon said a volunteer is still needed to fill up the water tank in the Churchyard.

Action: A request for a volunteer will be advertised in the newsletter.

Due to the Police being present it was agreed to move Item 11.

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

- a) For reassurance purposes a foot patrol is operating in Wool over the Bestival period. They intend to do circuits of the main areas, but would go to other villages if there is a need. The route to contact the local team is through the 101 system and to quote either the Police Officer's name or collar number. It was discussed that there should be signage on the Wareham Bypass advising motorists to turn off their satnavs as at the moment the sign is on the A352 after the Worgret Roundabout. PC Jephcott said that she will raise it with her sergeant.
- b) Mr Burden was pleased with the travel plan and said it was quite quiet. Cllr Cady explained that a lot of people travelled by bus and train. At the train station in Wool some of the buses were blocking Dorchester Road while waiting to get into the station car park.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved for District Cllr Miller and County Cllr Wharf.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd August 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd August

2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Cady explained to Revd Langford that an email was received inquiring to the capacity of plots available in churchyards/cemeteries within Purbeck District. Revd Langford will investigate and notify the Clerk. Primarily the plots are only available to people living in the Parish or who have a strong connection to the area.
- b) Revd Langford is under the impression that the samplings planted along the wall have disappeared, but there are some by the noticeboard so questioned if they have the correct location. Cllr Cady will look and take photographs to forward onto Revd Langford.
- c) The Diocesan Churchyard Regulations state that all items apart from an authorised headstone or wooden marker should be removed from graves and this is signed by the relatives. A copy of the regulations will be forwarded onto the Clerk and the matter will be discussed at a later date.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy

There has been a nil response regarding the vacancy.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **6/2017/0424 - Kemps Country House.** Demolish existing annexe building and erect a terrace of six 3-bedroom dwellings and associated car parking with details of access, layout and scale - Reserved matters application seeking approval for appearance of the building & landscaping.
It was assumed that the access is communal to the 3 elements on the site, the hotel, the Coach House and the new dwellings.
The Parish Council has no objections, but will ask for confirmation on the driveway access.
- b) **6/2017/0425 - Holme Nurseries, BH20 6AQ.** Garden reception building, tea room extensions and new covered walkway
The Parish Council has no objections.

9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information Received

Nothing to report.

10. Reports from County and District Councillors

As County Cllr Wharf was absent Cllr Brooks reported on both District and County matters.

- a) The Government has awarded £40million to the Coastal Communities Fund, which aims to encourage economic growth and jobs in coastal towns and communities. The area will include East Stoke and it is hoped that some of the money could be used for the Dorset Innovation Park.

- b) There has been no news from Sajid Javid, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Local Government Review and it is unlikely to hear anything by the 15th September. The Bournemouth/Poole Councils will combine to become a unitary. Working committees have been set up by the District Councils to discuss future working practices on how to deliver services more efficiently. The first meeting will take place on 20th September
 - c) There has been another meeting of the Housing Forum. The District Council is now looking at the Local Plan from scratch and another consultation will be run, but it might not be until the end of the year. There is a fund available from the Community Land Trust.
- 12. Maintenance of the Old Churchyard.**
It is hoped to arrange a day in November. Cllr Quinn will liaise with Mr Whitmarsh to organise a working party. Details will be included in the newsletter.
- 13. Village Hall and Parish Land Update**
The Village Hall Committee are no further forward regarding the Barrister and a reminder for the bill has been received. The Clerk said that the Barrister would discuss it, but nothing has happened. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write a formal letter to the Chambers.
Action: Cllr Quinn to forward details of the timeline to the Parish Clerk who will then compose a letter.
- 14. Superfast broadband for East and West Holme.**
This item was discussed 246/1/d
Cllr Brooks inquired as to whether other people have noticed that the broadband speed has decreased over the past few weeks. It was discussed that it has been a bit slower and it is worthwhile running a broadband speed test.
- 15. Items for Autumn Newsletter**
It was agreed to include the Parish Councillor vacancy, Village Hall, Hawkins Trust, Remembrance Sunday and an article on the bunker.
- 16. New Website**
The Clerk has checked with DAPTC and the funding is available until the 18th March 2018. To work out how many hours would be required to transfer over the information onto a new website the Clerk will go through the old minutes to see how many hours were claimed for launching the existing site.
Action: The Clerk to investigate the number of hours.
- 15 Highways Issues**
 - a) **Update on issues reported**
 - i) The bridle path plan is linked up with the project to improve the Holmebridge/A352 junction by having a right turn lane but this has not progressed. The horse gate has not been installed, but it was noted that if it were, then they would have nowhere to go as it would be extremely difficult to cross the A352. Steve Cornwell was trying to link up the project, but he has now left.
 - ii) The pot holes on Church Lane have been repaired, however, not to an effective standard as the repair work was only done in patches and not to the whole strip.

- iii) The pull in past the bridge requires to be tarmacked and if possible to be made a permanent layby.
- b) **Footpath to Monkey World**
No update
- c) **Bestival**
The Bestival organisers will be holding a meeting where members of the public can discuss their concerns on a one to one basis. It will be held on 3rd October at the Terrace Room, Lulworth Castle between 6 to 8pm. It was congested in Wool as the barrier down time is very long and has caused tailbacks throughout the summer.
- d) **Potential new footpaths**
The Clerk has written to Tara Hansford, the Countryside Project Development Officer but as yet has not received a response.
- e) **Highways Tour Update**
The deadline for the various jobs have now passed and it was felt that none of the work has been done. The chevron and road markings that were promised have not appeared. It was noted that there are monitoring strips at the location but this is to monitor the Bestival traffic flow. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to write to County Cllr Wharf and the Highways team stating that the work has not been carried out. The Clerk will also write a separate email requesting for the 40mph speed limit along the A352 at Hethfelton to be continuous along this stretch.
Action: The Clerk to write to relevant parties.
- f) **Other Issues**
 - i) Cllr Quinn has reported the overgrown vegetation at the Holmebridge junction which is obscuring the road sign.
 - ii) A branch is hanging down precariously near the Highwood Campsite.
Action: The Clerk to report on Dorsetforyou.

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

- a) Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey 2017. The deadline for survey responses is Wednesday 27th September.
Cllr Wiltshire will complete this survey as she represented the Parish Council on the "Highway Tour".

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Dorset Police Ref HMRC scam. There are currently a number of scams purporting to be from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). **Noted.**
- b) Adoption of Swanage Local Plan. The Plan was formally adopted on 13th June 2017. **Noted.**
- c) Community Broadband Fund update for East and West Holme BT ref: 11799. The Superfast Dorset Programme have registered the scheme. BT will return a quotation and network design between 8 -12 weeks. **Noted.**
- d) Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Stakeholder Research – Stakeholder Survey. The closing date for the survey is Friday 11th August. **Noted.**
- e) Briefing notes about community and school transport from Matthew Piles, Dorset County Council's service director for economy. **Noted.**

- f) Chief Executive's Circular re NALC news and news from other organisations. Details include AON ceasing their involvement in local council insurance and Rural England are undertaking a research project called "Unlocking the Digital Potential of the UK's rural areas". **Noted.**
- g) DWP guidance document. It explains who's who as well as contact details within the Dorset Waste Partnership. **Noted.**
- h) Information note about Dorset Care Record to Parish Councils. At present, health and social care organisations in Dorset hold different sets of records. With the new system Dorset Care Record will bring all the health details together. **Noted.**
- i) Lulworth Off-road cycling event. This will be taking place on the 1st October and they are expecting to have approximately 80 participants. **Noted.**
- j) Theft other - Rural Wareham. The Police are currently experiencing a spate of 'theft other' offences in the rural Wareham. **Noted.**
- k) Evidencing Need For Funding - 26th September 2017. Training event run by Dorset Community Action. **Noted.**
- l) Dorset Cancer Services - opportunities for involvement. The closing date for registering your interest in volunteering is the 15th September 2017. **Noted.**
- m) Proposed temporary closure of B3070 at Holme Level Crossing. These works are programmed to commence at 23.45hrs on Monday 02 October 2017 and be completed by 06.45hrs on Tuesday 03 October 2017, a period of 7 hours. **Noted.**
- n) Urgent closure of A352 at Wool Level Crossing. It will come into operation at 23.45hrs on Monday 04 September 2017 and it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 06.45hrs on Tuesday 05 September 2017, a period of 7 hours. **Noted.**
- o) Bus services for Wool, Lulworth and Bovington. A summary of bus services for Autumn/Winter 2017. **Noted.**
- p) Temporary traffic management order and temporary footpath closures – Bestival. The traffic plan, is exactly the same as for the Camp Bestival event except there will be a temporary clearway through parts of Wool. **Noted.**
- q) Town and Parish Council Planning Training - Tuesday 31 October. There is a set fee of £50 per Parish Council rather than per person. Nobody expressed an interest in attending the training.
- r) Purbeck Citizens Advice AGM Invitation. The event will take place on the 4th October. **Noted.**
- s) Temporary Event Notice for your area. A Notice has been received for a wedding reception at Hethfelton House on Saturday 9 September from noon until midnight.
This is the same night as the Monkey World 30th Birthday Party.
- t) DAPTC autumn 2017 courses schedule. Details of the courses can be found at http://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/DAPTCWeb/Conferences_and_Seminars_10744.aspx. **Noted.**

18. Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
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Miss E Maidment August Salary	£204.14	000680
Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions August	£59.40	000679
DAPTC Subscriptions	£137.75	000681
T.Lee Landscaping June to Aug	£782.50	000682
Water2business (Standpipe at the Churchyard)	£10.60	000683

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

b) Annual Return

i) External auditor's report

The External Auditor's report was circulated with the papers for this meeting. This report was noted.

ii) Completion of the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2017.

It was resolved that the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2017 was accepted and approved.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

a) It was noted that Cllr Wright is unable to attend the DAPTC meeting on 22nd September therefore the Parish Council would not be represented.

b) Cllr Evans has noticed that the mailbox at East Holme has disappeared. Cllr Quinn said it has probably been stolen as this is what happened to the one in Coombe Keynes.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 7pm.

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

Chairman:Date.....