

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2007 AT 7.00P.M.

PRESENT

Cllr Barry Quinn - Chairman
Cllr Simon Cross – Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Adrian Cullinane
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

APOLOGIES

Cllr Rebecca Cady
Cllr Neill Child
County Councillor Mike Lovell

AREA ACTION PLAN

The meeting started with a talk by Brett Spiller and Shaun Pettitt of PDC regarding the Area Action Plan for Winfrith Technology Centre, Wool and Bovington. This document will form part of the Local Development Framework which replaces the 2004 Local Plan. The Plan will co-ordinate anticipated changes in the area some of which include:-

- 146 new homes in Wool
- Bovington Tank Museum
- Removal of MOD Crown Immunity
- UKAEA decommissioning
- Keystone Project – Water management on flood plan at Wool
- Proposals for a Wool Bypass
- Review of County libraries

Also the plan would tackle existing issues which include:-

- Accessibility deprivation in Bovington
- Decline of physical and social infrastructure

A steering group would be set up to manage the action plan. This would be represented by:-

- Purbeck District Council
- County Council Highways
- Wool Parish Council
- English Partnership
- MOD

It was hoped East Stoke Parish Council would become part of the wider consultative group which would also include:-

- Education and skills providers
- Landowners
- Dorset Police
- Dorset Primary Care Trust

This group would meet on a monthly basis.

In the future there would be monthly newsletter updates.

The Area Action Plan was at the outset and as yet in the early stages. Information from all sources would be collated and any gaps would be identified. The whole process would be long and drawn out taking approximately three years with public consultations along the way. One of the first things to do would be to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Chairman suggested that AAP be a standing item on Parish Council monthly agendas so progress could be reported. Brett Spiller and Shaun Pettitt agreed to correspond with Clerk by email.

HOUSING SURVEY

Brett Spiller, Planning Policy Team Leader, offered to answer our concerns over this survey being very intrusive. He confirmed this was a Dorset wide survey and was necessary in order to get the complete picture on housing needs. Not all information requested in the form could be obtained from Chairman Inits.

sources available to PDC and without the survey they cannot secure new policies which address current housing needs. 8,500 forms were sent out and the response is expected to be 25% which was considered good. The Vice Chairman asked if the survey forms had been fully completed but Mr Spiller replied that as yet this was not known. The Chairman pointed out that if the 25% return was incomplete forms or only from lower income brackets then the results were skewed. The Vice Chairman also confirmed to Mr Spiller that there was a definite affordable housing need in East Stoke. At present extensions were being built by existing home owners to accommodate their own needs but this was raised the value and thus moved it out of reach of lower income families.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Gillian Topp and Karen Barnes attending.

Gillian advised she had rung CLARENCE with reference to the amount of water lying at the turning to Wood Street. As this area was in Wool Parish, our Parish Council had already asked Wool Parish Council a month ago to get in touch with DCC. This problem had obviously not been dealt with and the Chairman asked the Clerk to email Jon Munslow, with a copy to Wool, requesting that something be done as soon as possible. Also he suggested that the recent accident when a car overturned because of the lying water, also be mentioned. Paul Whitmarsh also requested that the Clerk ask Jon Munslow to sort out the lying water in Church Lane. When he had met with Amy Holleyman it had been agreed that a culvert be put in but nothing had yet been done.

Karen Barnes advised that Bindon Lane and Holme Lane were becoming narrower and narrower due to the amount of dirt and leaves being washed down by the heavy rains. Clerk was asked to mention this in Jon Munslow's email requesting that the verges be swept back to the edge of the roads.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none for this meeting

PLANNING APPLICATION

6/2007/086 – S.J. Smythe, Brackendene, Highwood

The Parish Council have no objections – Clerk to contact Case Officer Philip Payne

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th February were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. War Memorial - A response to our letter had now been received from Mr Rick of the Chancel and he suggested meeting with the Parish Council when he was back in the UK to sort the matter out. As Mrs Gathercole had now moved the matter would be resolved by him and John Field. Vice Chairman confirmed he had spoken with Mr Rick who would be meeting with him on Saturday 10th March at 1.00pm.
2. Parish Council Land – Nothing further to report.
3. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised he had met with Iain Hewitt and the working group meeting had taken place on 20th Feb. He was due to meet with Iain and Sara Grayson next Tuesday morning re the next lot of work to be carried out, i.e. laser scanning and clearance. Another meeting would be held next month. The history booklet research was ongoing with a lot of new information being brought to light..
4. Village Hall – A positive email had been received from William Bond confirming his support in principle for the ideas outlined for the Village Hall. A copy of this email had been forwarded to Purbeck District Council. A grant of £500 from Purbeck Community Partnership was expected. Chairman asked Clerk to check if this had been paid into the Council's bank account. Paul Whitmarsh, Simon Cross and Barry and Maureen Quinn would be meeting to discuss the next stage and the way ahead. After this dismantling would begin.
5. Parish Boundaries – The Chairman asked the Clerk to see what the latest position was. Last email received from Peter Aston to be forwarded to him.

6. River Frome Project – As Judith Baker was unable to attend our March meeting the Clerk had invited her to our next meeting on 5th April. Awaiting reply.
7. Middlefield Enforcement – The Chairman asked the Clerk to get an updated progress report on this situation.
8. AONB – The Chairman suggested a paragraph be put in the next newsletter to remind people that they are living in an AONB and to be sympathetic to the environment with what they do on their properties. Paul Whitmarsh to compose.
9. CAB – Letter received acknowledging receipt of our donation.
10. Wool PCC – The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Judith Hill who confirmed there was not a burial board. An up to date burial plan was kept by them and the Parish Council were welcome to look at this document. There were regulations applicable to the churchyard regarding the type of headstone and wording.
11. Mini Recycling Site – Nothing further to report.
12. Future Planning Meetings – Chairman asked Clerk to photocopy list for each Councillor for next meeting.
13. Council Tax Public Consultation – A letter had been received from PDC Chief Executive to say that he had written to the Clerk in November about this consultation but the letter had gone to her old address. This fact was debatable as the Clerk did not move until January and a Post Office re-direction has been in force since that time. Chairman to follow up at later stage. Chairman had contacted Clerk of Arne and Wareham St Martins Parish Councils who also had received no communication on this subject.
14. Foundation Trust Governors – Email received from DAPTC re search for those eligible to become a member of the Trust. Consultations to be conducted in catchment areas. Clerk to email reply saying that Spring newsletter was about to be published and a paragraph could be put in this edition. To await reply.
15. Code of Conduct – Vice Chairman confirmed he had checked the document and had highlighted the main points concerning our Council. He had asked for updated edition and when received Clerk to send to him to copy for councillors for next meeting.
16. Dog Control Orders – Nothing to report as Beccy Cady not at meeting.
17. Council Service Standard – Clerk had obtained copies and handed to each councillor present. File closed.
18. Speed Indicator Advice – Clerk confirmed cost was £3,500 and the council would need to insure for theft and damage. It was decided the cost was too prohibitive for this council.
19. PTAG Safety Pledge – Paul Whitmarsh to represent Parish Council. PW to send email notifying residents.
20. Community Action Fund for Dorset – A grant of £1200 had been approved for notice boards. The chairman proposed that a sum of £100 towards the project cost be contributed by the Parish Council and all agreed. Chairman to identify suitable supplier and design. The internet had thrown up a limited selection but the Vice Chairman provided the name of a company in Wareham who should be able to supply within the budget. A copy of this minute item to be forwarded to David Webb at DAPTC to support the grant.
21. Church Lane Lorries – Beccy Cady not present at meeting to report on this matter. Vice Chairman advised the weight restriction on Church Lane did not apply from the Holme/Bindon Lane end and lorries were able to go as far as the River Laboratory.
22. C6 – Chairman advised he and Tib Axon had met with DCC at the site of the recent accidents. DCC were able to see the problem at first hand when vehicles passed over the adverse camber. As a short term answer the vegetation on the Monkey World side which was obstructing the signs would be cut back and the bend sign would be enhanced with a yellow background. In the longer term the profile of the road could be altered and this would be costed by DCC. It was suggested a reverse camber sign could be put up. Chairman to email DCC to ask if they had considered this point.

PAST PLANNING

6/2006/1016 – DCC Spratley Wood, Hyde – Modify Condition 2 of existing planning permission.
Approved with 10 conditions.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. No reports from District or County Councillors as not present.
2. No further Highway reports.
3. Parish Plan – Nothing further to report. Communications within East Stoke relied on the notice boards and this item had been covered under Matters Arising.
4. Annual Parish Meeting – This was set for 26th April
5. Newsletter – Items for inclusion in Spring edition discussed. Newsletter to be distributed 5th April.
6. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Waste Plan – Draft Scoping Report for public consultation from 1st March to 5th April. Clerk to request hard copy to be forwarded to Vice Chairman.
7. Purbeck Community Partnership – Annual Conference Purbeck School 24th March. Clerk to request one place to be reserved for East Stoke.
8. Becoming a District Councillor – Letter and guide about all the information a potential candidate would wish to know, received from Purbeck District Council. The Chairman advised he had been approached by Bill Trite, Leader of the District Council, about the possibility of him taking over from Tim Mills who was resigning and he was considering standing but it had to be the right balance for work, family and East Stoke Parish Council. He did not wish to stand down from the Parish Council although he had approached the Vice Chairman about his taking over the Chair and would make a decision before next meeting.
9. AONB – Invitation for funding. Deadline 16th March. Chairman asked the Vice Chairman to consider if there was any project in our area that required funding.
10. B3390 Weight and Width Restrictions – Letter received from DCC. After looking at the attached map difficulties could be seen with the new route as detailed. Vice Chairman to email response.
11. Purbeck Film Festival – Request for grant. Parish Council not able to make donation.
12. Winfrith Stakeholder Meeting 17th April – No-one able to attend.
13. DCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Public Consultation 12th Feb – 23rd March. Letter and response form. Vice Chairman to hand to Ian Howlett, FLO.
14. Avian Influenza – Letter and posters from DAPTC. Clerk to put on notice board.
15. Post Office Closures – Email received from DAPTC – Noted.
16. WTAG – Minutes and Agenda sent by Debbie Weller – Put on file.

FINANCE

1. Wessex Water – Quarterly charge for standpipe at Chyd - £8.33
2. DAPTC – Clerks Seminar - £25.00
3. M. Quinn – Expenses for Historical Project Meeting - £8.80
4. Village Hall Committee – Preparation of newsletter and Posters - £80.00

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th April 2007.

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Chairman

Chairman Inits.

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Date