

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd August 2017

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

APOLOGIES Cllr Neil Child (Vice Chairman)
District Cllr Graham Brown

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public
District Cllr Laura Miller
County Cllr Wharf
Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time

- a) i) Revd Carol Langford introduced herself and explained that she has recently taken over as the Vicar to Holy Rood Church of Wool and East Stoke.
- ii) Mrs Burden said the Old Post Office land has been cleared apart from three ash trees which would be advisable to remove as it hinders driver's visibility. There is concern that due to the close proximity of the tree roots it might damage the road.
Action: The Clerk will write to the landowner, Will Bond
- iii) Mr Burden said that the Camp Bestival went well and due to the inclement weather the dispersion of people took place over a longer duration as a lot of the festivalgoers left on the Sunday night. Cllr Quinn explained that there were problems at Binnegar Lane as there were no warning signs stating "No road access" so drivers were blindly following their satnavs up this road. The Highways team were not aware that signage was not put up at this junction as planned.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Child and District Cllr Brown. County Cllr Wharf had a meeting beforehand and therefore apologised for being late.

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 6th July 2017

Cllr Wiltshire reported that Item 10/b/iv should have stated 20 years ago rather than over the past 20 years. After the amendment, it was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th July 2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from last month's minutes. In June's meeting there

was a discussion regarding the saplings planted in the churchyard. Revd Langford will seek confirmation that the Diocese did not authorise the planting and will then notify the Clerk. Once there is clarification that no authorisation was granted the Clerk will write to the householders of the Old Church.

7. To receive Councillor Wright's new Register of Members Interest Form.

The completed form was duly received.

8. Parish Councillor Vacancy

There has been a nil response regarding the vacancy and Cllr Brooks confirmed that she will be happy to continue as a Parish Councillor until the seat is filled. Revd Langford asked what the criteria is for applying and it was explained that anyone living or working within 3 miles of the Parish are eligible.

9. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

Only one planning application was received this month, which was for Holme for Gardens but it was received too late to be included in this month's agenda. It will therefore be discussed next month. Cllr Quinn said the planning application will need to be withdrawn and re-submitted as Mr Goldsack is still named as a District Councillor. Cllr Brooks will investigate.

10. Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information received

a) TWA/2017/091 – Kemps Country House, BH20 6AL

Line of ash and sycamore - reduce branches close to power lines to give 2m clearance from the cables (as marked on the submitted plan); Firs within line of trees and adjacent to The Coach House (as marked on the submitted plan) – fell. **Approved. Noted.**

b) 6/2017/0225 – Hethfelton House, BH20 6HS Change of use from use class C3 (dwelling house) to a mixed-use of use class B1 (office - administrative headquarters), use class C2 (residential institution - training centre) and use class D1 (non-residential institutions - Conservation Education Centre) and construction of new access, driveway and parking area. **Approved.**

Cllr Wiltshire still has concerns over the access point onto the A352 as the type of vehicles using the road were not taken into account. The planning application was investigated again and the road traffic accidents that have happened were not caused by the actual road conditions. Cllr Cady commented that the layby will now be lost. It was asked if Highways can look at the speed of traffic as at the moment this stretch of road is often used for overtaking as it is sandwiched between two 40mph zones. Cllr Quinn suggested if the 40mph could be extended to cover the whole area.

Action: The Clerk and Cllr Wiltshire to write to Colin Graham from the Highways Department to ask if the 40mph zone can be extended.

11. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) District

- i)** The next Housing Forum will take place on the 29th August at Purbeck District Council. It is currently being discussed if it is possible to form a Community Land Trust similar to what is currently being run in Tolpuddle. The District Council has received a Community Housing Fund Grant and community groups can apply for up to £50,000 to help towards delivering affordable housing.

- ii) The Local Plan is currently on hold and a full consultation will be conducted by a survey where it will be sent to randomly selected householders especially to the ones who do not normally respond.
 - iii) There is still no further updates on the Local Government Review. The first formal meeting of the Joint Committee will be held in September and Cllr Miller and Cllr Quinn will be attending.
 - iv) Cllr Brooks reported there was an Open Evening at Magnox Winfrith. The Dorset Innovation Park is nearing completion and it is hoped that it will be up and running by October.
- b) County**
- i) 70,000 Ironman letters have been distributed containing information on the road disruptions. There has been considerable contention about the event as it dislocates many areas in Dorset. There is a contact telephone number for any residents who have concerns about the race. Cllr Wharf stated the Ironman is a private company and it is their business to make a profit. Cllr Wiltshire explained that the event this year will be a half the distance compared to last year. A de-brief will be carried out after the event.
 - ii) Cllr Wharf has had discussions with Mr Goldsack from Holmes for Gardens to apply to the Superfast Dorset Community Broadband Fund to enable properties in the West and East Holme area to have a good broadband connection. The project would have a positive impact on businesses for example, at the Garden Centre it is essential in order for their till system to work. The scheme will match funds up to 50% of the project with the remaining amount contributed by the local community. It was asked if the Parish Council could support the project and donate towards it once the costs are known. If there are other businesses in the vicinity who would benefit from a faster connection then their details need to be forwarded onto Cllr Wharf. Cllr Cady suggested that the FBA River Laboratories might be interested.
 - iii) Traffic flow was monitored in Briantspuddle using traffic strips and Cllr Wharf recommended this type of survey to be done in East Stoke. Cllr Cady said a traffic survey was conducted in Church Lane and it proved very useful as the speed of the traffic was a lot lower than what was anticipated. Cllr Wharf thanked Cllr Wiltshire for all of her hard work preparing an itinerary and representing the Parish Council on the "Tour of the Parish".
 - iv) County has said that they would not construct a footpath unless Monkey World contributed towards the cost. The attraction was supportive, but have now backtracked so have hindered the planning process. It was felt it would be beneficial to Monkey World if a safe route was provided for their employees and visitors to walk there from the station. Grants are available to Monkey World to help finance the project.

Due to County Cllr Wharf having to attend another meeting it was agreed to move Item 15e forward.

15 Highways Issues

e) Highways Tour Update

The itinerary was given in advance to the attendees which were: County Cllr Wharf, Phil Goodman, and Stephen Mephram and they were able to drive the route before the meeting which was held on 19th July.

- i) The three damaged bridges along Church Lane have been reported and will be repaired within the 28 day timeframe.
- ii) The verge to the south of the bridge has eroded due to motorists using it as a passing place. It was agreed that it would be filled in and the situation will be monitored.
- iii) On the day of the tour, there were signs advertising the dog show on the western end of the A352. The Highways Team commented that they are a distraction for drivers and it is advised that permission should be sought by Purbeck District Council. There is, however a degree of leniency and any event signage should be taken down immediately after it has taken place.
- iv) Both the Hill View Farm and Hethfelton House Planning Applications are out of their remit.
- v) The Manor Lane junction has become hazardous due to overgrown vegetation. The vegetation will be cut back as much as possible and the verge will be strimmed regularly. "Slow" signs will be painted on the northbound carriageway, on the approach to the junction from the south. It was deemed that it maybe necessary to remove the "Holme for Gardens" signage and replace it with a prominent warning sign.
- vi) There have been a series of RTAs where vehicles were unable to negotiate the bend located between Holme For Gardens and Holmebridge. Stephen Mephram recommended black and white chevrons leading up to the bend which will improve the contour of the road. A skid resistant velocity pad may be investigated, but it would be subject to it meeting very stringent mathematical conditions. One of the motorists said that she was doing 50mph when approaching the bend. Mr Burden commented that the road has become more hazardous as the hedge on the left hand side is overgrown and therefore visibility at the bend is more restricted.
Action: The Clerk to write to the Mr Stephen Goldsack who manages the land to trim the hedge.
- vii) The funding opportunity to improve path networks was discussed and a possible route for a footpath which would provide a safe passage for people wanting to access the new bridleway. The route would run along the south side of the A352 from the junction with the B3070, passing the new Binnegar bridleway access point on the north side of the A352, and continuing to join up with the relatively new pavement opposite the old Binnegar Hall entrance. The idea was noted by the Highways Team and it was advised that the Parish Council would have to liaise with Steve Davies.

- viii) The A352 pavement was accidentally missed off the weed killing schedule and it was agreed by Phil Goodman and Steve Mepham that it is in a poor state. The Countryside Team would be contacted to arrange for a weed killer application and strimming. The pavements have been reported on Dorsetfor you and the Clerk will forward the details onto Cllr Wharf who will chase up the query. Due to cut backs the verge maintenance might in the future have to be carried out by the Parish Council. It was discussed if quotes could be collated or alternatively make it part of the grounds maintenance contract but it was noted that funds are limited as the precept is under £10,000.
- ix) The parking at Woolbridge is on the Wool Parish side of the boundary. Steve Mepham reported that they are currently considering installing dragon's teeth and bollards.

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

A vehicle has gone through a hedge opposite the speed camera along the A352.

13. Maintenance of Old Churchyard.

Mr Whitmarsh has recently reported that the Old Churchyard is overgrown and a working party is required to clear the vegetation and repair the fencing. Cllr Quinn has cut back some around the information board, but he said machinery would be required to do the remaining work. The item will be included in next month's agenda and a day in early November will be scheduled to carry out the work.

14. Village Hall and Parish Land Update

The Village Hall Committee held their annual dog show, unfortunately they had to purchase new signage for the event as it was stolen last year. Cllr Cady suggested that the Committee could put in a retrospective application for the signage to the East Stoke and Wool Community Chest. The signs for the show were taken down the day after the event. There are no updates regarding the land issue. Cllr Quinn received another reminder about the Barrister's bill even though there is a note on the case to say that it is under dispute.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported.

The issues discussed and reported on the Highways Tour have a 28 day deadline which will be mid-August.

b) Footpath to Monkey World

This item was discussed Minute No 245/11/b/iv

c) Camp Festival and Festival

- i) The wash up meeting for both events will be combined and it will take place in October. The Safety Advisory Group (SAG) will be held on the 21st August.
- ii) Cllr Cady said the hedgerows belonging to the Weld Estate need to be cut back and the Army Barracks turning at Burngate is overgrown with bracken. The junction at Holme Lane also requires the vegetation to be strimmed and the event signage is blocking visibility. It was noticed that the amount of traffic was more staggered due to people leaving early due to the adverse weather conditions.

- iii) The railway crossing was manned to make sure no vehicles stop there. The one way system at Holme Lane was not enforced properly as there were no marshalls present during the day between 10 and 12.
- iv) Loudsound publicised on social media that they had equipment available to use on site to cope with the wet weather, but it did not appear to be used until the last minute. There was not enough trackway at the taxi rank to manoeuvre and it resulted in some taxis being scratched. Cllr Cady suggested that a larger space should have been created by moving the barricades further up. There was nobody managing the area and there was not enough room for lorries to go through.
- v) Actually, at the event, it would have been advisable to have more marquees to shelter families from the rain.
- vi) Cllr Cady has heard reports that when Bestival was held on the Isle of Wight people went to the site beforehand to dig drugs into the ground. She asked if the Weld Estate is aware of this. A strict no re-entry policy will be in operation on the Saturday and Sunday but it will not apply for the 5000 day ticket holders.
- d) Binnegar Bridleways
Cllr Quinn reported there have been horseriders using the new bridleway however, it needs better access by linking it up to the South. Steve Cornwell said the linkage would happen, but it stalled as unfortunately not all members of County were fully engaged with it. In the Management Plan it says the piece of land behind Wisteria Cottage will be cut twice a year and the next cut is due at the end of August. Ragwort appears to be a problem and a person was spotted trying to pull it out. Raymond Brown will carry out tree cutting due to them being located in close proximity to the power lines.
- e) Highways Tour Update
This item was discussed Minute No 245/15/e
- f) Other Issues
The hedge at West Holme Cottage is overgrown.
Action: The Clerk to write to the homeowner.

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

- a) Home Watch letter to the council. Details of the latest Police/Community initiatives and organising locality contacts.
The key points were summarised by the Chairman.
It was agreed the booklets will be distributed with the October newsletters and it is hoped that there will be a volunteer from each hamlet to act as co-ordinators.
Action: The Clerk will confirm with Mrs Ham that her contact details can be published in the newsletter.
- b) Funding Opportunity- improving local path networks. Ideas for projects funded by the Community Access Improvement Grant should be submitted to Tara Hansford, Countryside Project Development Officer.
The Parish Council will apply for funding for a footpath from the B3070 to the new footpath opposite the entrance to Binnegar Hall and to convert the grass footpath at Stokeford to a hard surface.

- c) Wool Transport Schemes - Purbeck Gate funding. List of transport schemes including Right of Way from Wool to Monkey World. **Noted.**
- d) News release - Brownfield sites sought for housing in Purbeck. Purbeck District Council wants to hear from owners of land, currently containing buildings or other structures, which could be considered for future re-development. **Noted.**

17. Correspondence Received

- a) Changes to Public Transport Routes - List of Upcoming Changes. The changes will come into effect on 22nd July. **Noted.**
- b) Camp Bestival, 2017 - Traffic Management Order and Footpaths closures. This order is until 1st August. **Noted.**
- c) Follow up from DAPTC Clerks Seminar - Royal Funeral Protocol. The documents have now been amended to incorporate changes including, 'New' Royals. aligning flag raising and lowering and Proclamation reading times. **Noted.**
- d) News release - Superfast Dorset Community Broadband Fund. A new community fund will help Dorset neighbourhoods where there are currently no plans for high-speed internet access. **Noted.**
- e) Shed burglary in East Stoke carried out the weekend of 15th July. **Noted.**
- f) Meet The Team. A "Meet the team" event run by the Purbeck Police to be held in Bovington on 21st July. **Noted.**
- g) Revisions to OAN/SHMA methodology & NPPF. An email from the Purbeck Division of the Campaign to Protect Rural England on the Objectively Assessed Need and Strategic Housing Market Assessment. **Noted.**
- h) Ironman returns to west Dorset. The event will take place on Sunday 17th September with road restrictions to the north of Dorchester and around Moreton.
This event will not be going through East Stoke
- i) Bestival, 2017 – Additional restrictions in Wool Parish. Parts of the B3071, Station Road and High Street, Wool will become a temporary clearway for 7th, 8th and 11th of September. **Noted.**
- j) Flood Wardens and Community Representatives: Local Hero Recognition Award from Wessex Flood Resilience Team - £10,000 prize to benefit the community. The closing date for applications is 18th September. **Noted.**
- k) Theft of trough. This occurred in the early hours of Thursday 20th July in the Chaldon Herring area. **Noted.**

18. Finance

| a) | Payments | Amount | Cheque No |
|----|--|---------|-----------|
| | Miss E Maidment July Salary | £204.14 | 000675 |
| | Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions July | £59.40 | 000676 |
| | SLCC Membership | £25.50 | 000677 |
| | Re-imburse E Maidment Printer Cartridge | £19.31 | 000678 |

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

- b) **Approve the first quarter bank reconciliation and budget report as**

of 30th June 2017

The bank reconciliation, bank statements and a copy of the Receipts and Payments Cashbook were circulated with the papers for this meeting. The bank reconciliation at 30th June agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £31,421.27. The budget report formula on VAT Paid total requires to be altered.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

Cllr Wright said the County Councillor details need updating on the website and the bus information will need to be changed due to the 104 service ceasing. It was discussed if the website host could be changed to a free service like the one offered by Hugo Fox. The Clerk will investigate whether the Transparency Fund money is still available to cover the cost of the Clerk's overtime.

Action: The Clerk to write to DAPTC asking for more information regarding the Transparency Fund.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

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

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45hrs.

Chairman:Date.....