

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

PRESENT            Cllr Neil Child (Vice Chairman)  
                         Cllr Chris Evans  
                         Cllr Tessa Wiltshire  
                         Cllr Barry Quinn  
                         Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES        Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)  
                         Cllr Miller (District Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE   3 Members of the Public  
                         County Cllr Wharf  
                         Cllr Brooks (District Councillor)  
                         Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Co-option of Parish Councillor**

An application to become a Parish Councillor had been received from Mr David Purshouse. It was proposed by Cllr Quinn and seconded by Cllr Wright that Mr Purshouse was co-opted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy.

**2. Public Participation Time**

a) Cllr Brooks asked if Cllr Purshouse could be introduced. He has recently moved to the village 18 months ago and is originally from Birmingham. He used to work in the automobile industry and is now retired.

b) Mrs Burden raised concerns about the pigs in Holmebridge being near the road. They have been moved further up the hill near to where the stile is and due to inadequate fencing they have escaped on numerous occasions. It was advised that if people see them on the road they should contact the Salt Pig in Wareham. The same problems occurred with pigs in Hethfelton Woods but there are now signs stating electric fencing.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to Mr Bond to highlight the problem and to request that there needs to be more substantial fencing.

c) Mr Burden has noticed there is still signage about a new level crossing even though it has now been in operation for a number of years.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to Highways.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Cady and District Cllr Miller.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made. A Grant of Dispensation form will be given to Cllr Purshouse.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Item/249/7 should have stated that Cllr Brooks has already stood down.

b) Item 249/13/C Mrs Allan rather than Mrs Marriott-Cross has taken over the role of Chair of the Village Hall Committee.

c) The Clerk has contacted the Dorset History Centre and they have confirmed that the

minutes can be archived as soon as they are not regularly referred to. All the minutes from the past few years have now been converted to PDF therefore can now be archived.

**Items 8, 9 & 10 were postponed until County Cllr Wharf arrived and for Cllr Wiltshire to return to the meeting.**

- 11. Police issues to report or update on issues reported.**  
A generator has been stolen from property in East Stoke.

**County Cllr Wharf and Cllr Wiltshire arrived.**

- 8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**  
**6/2017/0682-** Hill View Farm, BH20 6AW. Conversion of redundant light industrial building into 3 residential units and creation of first floor.  
Mrs Whitmarsh was questioned about the design of the building and she confirmed that they were advised that it should look the same as the original building therefore it has a more industrial look than the previous plan. There were no comments or objections.

**9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or Planning Information Received**

Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan & Draft Waste Plan. Including plans for the Great Plantation (Hethfelton Woods) and the Puddletown Rd Area Policy.

- i) Cllr Wiltshire said the consultation runs until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 which means that this is the last meeting before the deadline. The area has been reduced in size, but there are still concerns over a number of issues. Cllr Wiltshire read out Cllr Turner from the Dorset County Council Cabinet statement "We strongly encourage people to give us their views on the proposals over the next eight weeks. This will help us to decide on the most suitable sites to assist in building a sustainable economy for the future whilst protecting Dorset's unique environment". County Cllr Wharf said the plan is going to the Inspectorate who will investigate it on behalf of the Secretary of State. The next stage undertaken by the Inspectorate will be to review its correctness. He advised that people should raise their concerns during each stage of the process.
- ii) It was suggested by Cllr Wiltshire to include some of the comments from Dr Nicholson of Natural England. Who said that even though the area is smaller, it doesn't mean that the plan is acceptable. There are concerns over the vehicular access as it was felt that it should be solely from the Puddletown Rd. The mitigation will either be done within the plantation itself or alternatively Hansons has offered a plot of land at Crossways.

- iii) Other Parishes have raised concerns and one action group will be holding a public meeting at Longthorns on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.
- iv) Cllr Quinn questioned if Cllr Wiltshire has contacted Open Spaces and she confirmed that have not been.

#### **10. Reports from County and District Councillors**

- i) The Christchurch referendum has voted against the unitary plans. They have submitted their own proposal, which is for Bournemouth and Poole to be a unitary and for the rest of the County to be two tier with service based partnerships between the councils.
- ii) PDC has now started to participate in task and finish groups which include looking at local area decision making, the Dorset Area Joint Committee, Structural Change Order, Wider Member Engagement, Community Partners, Council Tax Harmonisation, and the Electoral Boundary Commission Review. There will be another Joint Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. It is proposed that there will be two members per county position.
- iii) The Review of the Local Plan is ongoing and the Consultation booklets will be delivered to every household between the 27-31<sup>st</sup> January. There will be a series of ways for people to respond.

#### **12. Maintenance of Churchyards**

Mr Mackenzie, from the Tower will be obtaining some quotes to repair the Fyler grave. The Clerk has also contacted Brian Riglar and Minister Memorials.

#### **13. Village Hall and Parish Land Update.**

There have been no more updates regarding the village hall. Corbin fencing said the vegetation needs to be cut back before a fence can be put up. Mrs Salmon has offered to do this. The Clerk is still waiting for a reply back from the Young Farmers.

#### **14. Broadband for East and West Holme**

County Cllr Wharf said the costs are decreasing, but it is still working out to be very expensive. Mr Goldsack is looking at partners to help fund it and then he will go back to the residents. At the moment the price is approximately £900 per household. Cllr Wiltshire contacted the Area Manager and the work is still planned to go ahead in Hethfelton. Mr and Mrs Burden commented that Openreach has been doing work near Holmebridge almost every day.

#### **15. Website Update**

The website is almost complete and will go live next month.

#### **16. Grounds Maintenance Tender**

It was agreed to advertise the grounds maintenance tender on social media. The opening date will be 11<sup>th</sup> February and closing is on 25<sup>th</sup> February. The tenders will then be opened at the meeting in March. The wording of the height of the beech hedge was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will provide clarification before the contract starts if it is required.

#### **16. Highways Issues**

##### **a) Update on issues reported**

- i) Cllr Wiltshire explained that there will be a highways visit at the end of the month as the new Community Highways Team Leader, Dawn Atkins is not familiar with some of the ongoing issues and it would be useful for her to have a better understanding of the area. It was agreed that the meeting will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 meeting at the Black Dog Inn. Cllr Wiltshire asked if people could let her know if there are any issues that they would like covered. County

Cllr Wharf said that any new issues need to be reported on Dorsetfor you first and then it can be discussed during the highway meeting. One of the areas to be visited is the proposed entrance to Hethfelton House. The Parish Council has written to Ms Atkins in October recommending that the 40mph limit along this stretch of the A352 should be extended however there has been no response from DCC.

- ii) A vehicle has collided into the East Stoke and deer warning sign near to the Woolbridge roundabout. The damage will be reported online.
- iii) The signage along Church Lane is incorrect and it should state "Give Way to Oncoming Traffic". It was agreed that it would be discussed at the meeting.
- iv) The proposed footpath to Monkey World will not be put on the agenda as it is currently being dealt with by another department.

**a) Potential new footpaths**

Cllr Quinn said that this is still ongoing.

**b) Other Issues**

None

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

- a) Deadline for representations on unitary plans 8 January 2018. The deadline for any comments to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, on unitary proposals for Dorset is 8 January 2018.  
Cllr Quinn suggested the Parish Council should write to Rt Hon Sajid Javid explaining the decision needs to be made quickly in order to allow enough time for the changes to be implemented.

**19. Correspondence Received**

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

- a) Work returns to the A35 Upton Bypass. The second phase of bridge protection work on the Upton Bypass will start on Sunday 14 January. **Noted.**
- b) eNews: Your monthly round up of the latest Dorset family information. Reminder to apply for school places by 15<sup>th</sup> January. **Noted.**
- c) Winter Service Policy And Operational Plan. Information from the Service Director of Highways & Emergency Planning. **Noted.**
- d) Train timetable review - consultation closes 22nd December. Any individual parish responses should be made directly to South Western Railway. **Noted.**
- e) Proposed closure of A352 at Wool Level Crossing. The work is programmed for two nights between 23.30 and 06.30 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. **Noted.**
- f) Future Dorset. Correspondence from Debbie Ward, the Chief Executive of Dorset County Council encouraging Town and Parish Councils to write a letter of support for the unitary plans to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP. **Noted.**
- g) Dorset Highways Structural Maintenance outline programme 2018 – 19. No maintenance work is scheduled to be carried out in East Stoke. **Noted.**
- h) Parish Transport Representatives. Dorset Travel are updating their database on Parish Transport Representatives. **Noted.**
- i) Integrated Transport Review - Monday, 26 February 2018. Invitation to attend event which will take place at County Hall from 10am. **Noted.**
- J) Look after your mental health this winter. Information from Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group. **Noted.**

- k) PHCI autumn/ winter newsletter 2017. News from the Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative. **Noted.**
- l) Proposed closures of B3390 at Moreton Level Crossing. Overnight maintenance works will be carried out from 17<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 23:30 to 06:30. **Noted.**
- m) Policing Precept. Martyn Underhill is asking for the Public's views on an increased contribution to Police Funding. One option is to raise their local policing precept by £1.00 per month for an average Band D Household. **Noted.**
- n) Intimidation and declaration of interests. Email from the PDC Solicitor explaining that there has been a cross party consensus for legislation to remove the requirement for local councillors to publish their home address when standing for election. **Noted.**

## 19. Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment Dec 17 Salary	£204.14	000695
Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions Dec 17	£59.40	000696

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

### b) Draft Budget 2018/19

The draft budget was circulated with the papers for this meeting. The amount for Staff costings has increased to £3162.50 to take into account the pension contributions.

It was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Quinn that the precept for 2018/19 would be £8,750. This was unanimously approved and **resolved**.

## 20. Items for Information or next agenda

The Clerk will contact the River Labs to explain that the gate must remain open as it is a legal requirement that members of the public can attend the Parish Council meetings.

## 21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.37.

Chairman:

Date.....