

East Stoke Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th AUGUST 2011

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Adrian Naylor
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES None

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Mike Lovell
 PCSO Stuart Hann and colleague
 Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)
 7 Members of the Public

1 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mr Adrian Naylor had written to the Clerk to apply for the Parish Councillor vacancy. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Barnes that Mr Naylor was co-opted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy.

It was resolved that Mr Naylor was co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy. Mr Naylor duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office form.

2 Public Participation Time

a) Mrs Rita Haskell enquired about the progress on East Stoke Crossing.

The reply was that the Parish Council, as is their right under the Highways Act 1980 s116, have vetoed the proposal by Network Rail to apply to a Magistrates' Court to close East Stoke Crossing, this application by Network Rail has failed.

Network Rail in anticipation of the Parish Council's response has applied to Dorset County Council (DCC) for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would close the crossing.

District Cllr Quinn has written as the Ward Councillor against the crossing's closure and the reasons to support this.

On August 16th Purbeck District Council's Policy Group will be considering a letter in support of the Parish Council's view and to confirm that the crossing should not be closed.

Mr Westwood is writing a report on the Closure of East Stoke Crossing for the DCC Roads and Rights of Way (RoW) Committee. This report will be considered by the Roads and RoW Committee on September 5th at which there is an opportunity for Public Participation. If the Committee refuses the TRO application and it is supported by the DCC Cabinet when they meet in October then this application will also fail.

Network Rail has provided a contingency budget in the event that the two applications to close the crossing fail.

If parishioners want to write to DCC about the crossings proposed closure then they need to contact Mr Westwood, Traffic Manager.

It was noted that Mr Emerson is leaving Network Rail he will be replaced by Mr James Soole.

Action: The Clerk will produce a poster for the notice boards with Mr Westwood's contact details.

- b) Mrs Gillian Topp asked about the petition for residents to sign against the closure of this crossing which was raised at the Annual Parish meeting. It was suggested that the petition can be produced by the residents and does not need to come from the Parish Council.

It was reported that on Monday 1st August that there was a problem with the Holmebridge Crossing and it affected two other local crossings. Traffic therefore had to use the East Stoke Crossing.

- c) Mr Pete Burden had been approached by a neighbour concerned with the work being carried out down the valley. As Flood Warden, Mr Burden has written to the Environment Agency about this but wanted to know if there was any further information to go into this correspondence. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Parish Council.

- d) Mrs Tessa Wiltshire spoke about agenda item 14) Google Street View
Mrs Tessa Wiltshire who lives at Hethfelton Hollow has had several visits from people looking for scrap metal and she had a quad bike stolen but this was later returned.

Mrs Wiltshire raised the issue of the Google car with its camera which takes the photographs for Google maps street view. This vehicle came down their private lane (signs stating this are at the start of the lane). Mrs Wiltshire called the Police who attended and the man from Google stated that the photos would not be posted but they have been. The photographs show the house and the property they own. PCSO Hann is to speak to a data protection officer to seek some advice as these photos were taken on private land.

Mrs Wiltshire is going to contact Richard Drax M.P. on this issue.

- e) Agenda item 12) Camp Bestival
The systems in place to deal with the traffic worked as well as they could have perhaps more police officers may be needed to deal with the volume of traffic. More signs on exiting the festival directing the traffic to the major destinations would have helped.
On Monday morning traffic was not being directed left at the B3070/A352 junction and then up onto the C6 Bere Regis. The majority of the traffic was turning right. This led to major delays on the A351.

In East Stoke traffic was using Binnegar Lane; this lane is unsuitable for large vehicles. In the afternoon this lane was being used by the traffic to do a u-turn. There should be a sign to stop this.

An idea put forward is that drivers should be given a slip of paper reminding them of the local diversions on departure as well as arriving to Camp Bestival and to follow the signs and not to use their satellite navigation systems.

f) Agenda item 13) Police Update

Travellers were at Wood Street but these have been moved on to Woolbridge. DCC are serving an eviction notice to Travellers in Troy town, some of the families have been in Hethfelton Woods before.

There is another Traveller family staying at Wood Street but they have an annual invitation from the Weld Estate to camp here.

The Forestry Commission needs to be aware that there are Travellers in the area and that they have camped in Hethfelton Woods before. Stones have been placed at the entrance which may deter entry here.

Another car had come off the road and landed in the allotment. This is just one in a series of accidents on the A352 in East Stoke.

3 Apologies for absence

None.

4 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.

Mr Naylor had a personnel and prejudicial interest in item 17) to consider the email for tarmacing Primrose Lane.

It was recorded that Mrs Barnes had contacted PDC as a resident not a Parish Councillor about planning application 6/2011/0420 but it was an enquiry about the camping at Mill Paddock and not relevant to the plans being discussed.

5 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2011

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th July were approved and signed.

6 Matter arising from minutes of the last meeting

a) 166/5 c) Cllr Quinn had not contacted Cllr Cady. Cllr Cady and Mr D Haskell will arrange for the barrel to be placed on blocks in the Churchyard.

It was agreed that Cllr Quinn would purchase a tap for this barrel.

b) 166/7 a) - The planning application 6/2011/0010 is on-going as there has been no response from Natural England.

c) 166/8 b) - The response regarding the failure of the barrier at Holmebridge crossing was summarised in that Network Rail aim to rectify any problems with the crossing as soon as possible.

d) 166/14 – The flower planter for the War Memorial has been delivered.

e) 166/19 c) - The three interpretation boards have been installed two at each of the old St. Mary's Church sites and the other at Holmebridge.

7 Planning applications

a) **6/2011/0420** - Church Lane (Hill View Farm), East Stoke, BH20 6AW. Amendment to the design of the substantially completed dwelling house (alterations to rooflights and windows of PP 6/2006/1170) and light industrial building (alterations to doors and windows of PP 6/2006/1155).

It was **resolved** that there were no objections to this planning application.

- b) **6/2011/0440** - Hanson Quarry Products Europe Limited, Puddletown Road (Hyde Pit), East Stoke, BH20 7NY. Development of a new concrete batching plant and associated development.

It was **resolved** that there were no objections to this planning application.

8 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2011/0010** (see minute 167/6 b).

9 East Stoke Crossing

This was discussed during the Public Participation Period.

10 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- i) Libraries. DCC voted to close nine smaller community libraries as it is unlikely that government funding will increase for libraries. Libraries will not face further cuts and DCC is working with the nine communities whose libraries are planned for closure to see if they can be kept open.
- ii) DCC will face further cuts the original figure was £55million over three years this has been increased to £58 million.
- iii) East Stoke Level Crossing. County Cllr Lovell supports keeping the crossing open.

b) District Cllr Quinn

- i) The consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller sites for permanent and transient pitches has been put on hold.
- ii) The Boundary Commission review will be discussed later in the meeting.
- iii) The control of PDC has changed and the Conservatives have control with twelve seats, the Liberal Democrats have ten seats and the Independents have two seats.

11 River Frome Issues

This was discussed during the Public Participation Period.

12 Camp Bestival

This was discussed during the Public Participation Period.

13 Police Update

This was discussed during the Public Participation Period (minute 167/2 f)).

14 Google Street View

This was discussed during the Public Participation Period (minute 167/2 d)).

15 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit

The PMU cannot work on A roads. The Clerk will report the following jobs for the PMU:

- i) The bracken encroaching onto the highway in Bindon Lane
- ii) The reflective bollard near Wood Street corner is overgrown with bracken
- iii) The reflective bollards at south bridge on B3070 are overgrown with brambles
- iv) The vegetation at the top of Binnegar Lane needs cutting back.

Action: The Clerk will forward the list of jobs that the PMU can do.

b) Other Highways Issues

The conifer hedge is encroaching the highway at 'Poacher's Lair' and on the B3070, near Mr Bennett's property, there is a dead hedge.

16 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

This has not been replaced.

17 Email regarding the re-tarmacing of Primrose Lane

A further quote had been received from Portwey. The Parish Council's cost was £531.43 (ex VAT). The other quote from Mabey and Sons Ltd was £525.25 and included VAT.

Cllr Naylor left the room.

This lane was an access track for Heath Cottage. The Parish Council agreed to wait for an answer from Smiths Gore (acting for Holme Estates) regarding whose legal responsibility it is to maintain this lane.

Action: The Clerk will send copies of the original three quotes received for the tarmacing works to Smiths Gore.

Cllr Naylor returned to the meeting.

18 Consultations

a) Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy

The closing date of the consultation is September 9th.

Action: Cllr Barnes will look at this consultation and any response to be made will be brought to the next meeting.

19 Feedback from meetings attended

a) Boundary Commission's Further Electoral Review of Purbeck

A report to PDC on Tuesday recommended that the number of District Cllrs is increased to 27. Concern has been expressed over the cost of this review process and the long term cost to PDC i.e. elections. The total number of District Cllrs must be divisible by three. Two member or single member wards will not be ruled out. Governance of PDC, no member can be on both of the following committees Audit and Governance and Policy Group.

The draft recommendation for numbers from the Boundary Commission will be available by the end of the month.

If Parish and Town Council want a community governance review then PDC would carry this out (this may make changes to ward boundaries) then this review will be taken into account by the Boundary Commission retrospectively.

There will be a workshop for District Councillors in September.

b) Planning Policy Development Panel

The panel is looking into the Public Participation Time at PDC meetings and the Constitution. At present the Constitution states that if a District Councillor makes a planning application a recommendation is made by the planning board but it is the full council that makes the decision. It would be better for the fully trained members of the planning board to make the decision on the application.

On July 18th the panel met to agree the terms of reference and the proposed scope of the panel.

A questionnaire will be sent to all Parish and Town Councils.

The next meeting of this panel is to be held on August 18th.

20 Correspondence Received

All of the following items of correspondence were **noted**.

- a) The flyer/information sheet produced by the Safer Schools and Communities Team about internet safety was displayed on notice boards.
- b) Poster from the Tourism Officer the main aim is to make local residents aware of the www.dorsetforyou.com/london2012 website and the opportunity to receive newsletters. Displayed on notice boards.
- c) A flyer with information on the 'European Citizen's Climate Cup' was placed on the notice boards. The Energy Saving Trust advice service on **0800 512 012** can offer free, impartial advice about this and other energy saving ideas.
- d) Purbeck Network. At the final Board meeting of the Purbeck Community Partnership it was decided that the partnership would cease to operate in its current format and a quarterly networking meeting would be established through Synergy Housing.
- e) Dorset County Council Highways restructuring – East Stoke is in Area 4 and the contacts have been circulated.
- f) The Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset Joint Local Transport Plan has been adopted.
- g) Temporary Speed Limit of 40mph Tout Hill, Wool from Lytchett Lane junction to A352 roundabout due to poor road surface which is to be repaired soon. This came into force on 1st August for 21 days.

21 Interpretation Boards for the East Stoke Heritage and Historical project

These have been installed. Cllr Quinn will be distributing the Village Trail leaflets to the campsites, B&Bs and hotels in the village.

22 Finance

a) Receipts

The following receipt was **noted**.

Internment of Dot Mitchell's ashes	£80.00
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b) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
DAPTC HMRC PAYE seminar	£7.00	000320
Mrs J Wright (June/July Salary)	£333.11	000321
Weld Spray Contracting (Churchyard)	£449.02	000322
Mr T Mills (cut and clear Churchyard hedge)	£75.00	000323
Mrs J Wright (Stamps)	£8.64	000324

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

c) First Quarter Bank Reconciliation – 30th June 2011

The bank reconciliation for June was circulated prior to the meeting. The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance agreed with the reconciled bank statements. The

cashbook balance at 30th June 2011 was £15, 966.15. June's bank reconciliation was approved.

d) Parish Land fencing quotes for consideration

Three quotes were considered.

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Axon that the quotation of £930 for fencing of the Parish Land was accepted from the Young Farmers.

The Parish Council **resolved** to accept the quotation from the Wareham and Purbeck Young Farmers.

Action: The Clerk will write to the Young Farmers stating that their quotation has been successful and for the fencing works to be carried out by the end of October.

The Parish land will go out to tender once these fencing works have been completed.

e) Amendments to cheque signatories

Cllr Damian Cullinane will be removed and Cllrs Evans and Naylor added.

The Clerk passed the mandate form onto Cllr Naylor who will pass it onto Cllr Evans when he has completed the form and shown his identification at the bank.

23 Matters for information and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

a) The Binnegar Hall fete on August 6th has been cancelled.

b) Highwood Dog Bin.

This bin needs new liners but Cllr Quinn has taken one from the Churchyard litter bin so that SITA can empty this bin. SITA wanted to remove the bin but Cllr Quinn stated the case for keeping it and the reason why it is there.

Cllr Quinn will ask Mr Paul Whitmarsh if he would volunteer to redesign the opening of the bin so that the liner can be removed easily.

c) Repairs will be needed to the Churchyard wall in the near future.

d) It was agreed that Cllr Cady would purchase a chain and padlock with keys for the Parish Land.

e) Cllr Barnes will ask Mr John Davy-Bowker at the Freshwater River Laboratory if they know anything about the green container from the Environmental Scientific Group and the horse box without any wheels.

24 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st September 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....