



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2019

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright
 Cllr David Purshouse
 Cllr Chris Evans

APOLOGIES Cllr Barry Quinn
 District Cllr Brooks
 District Cllr Miller
 County Cllr Wharf
 PC Jephcott

IN ATTENDANCE 3 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time

No comments

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Quinn, District Cllr Brooks, District Cllr Miller, County Cllr Wharf and the Police.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Child volunteers at the Rex Cinema but is not involved with the Film Festival.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th February 2019 were approved as a true account.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

6/2019/0090 - Kemps Country House, BH20 6AL. Demolition of the existing annexe building and erection of two terraces of three 3-bedroom dwellings and associated car parking.

The Parish Council **Objects** due to the following reasons:

1. The application makes a point about the hotel business not being viable yet it has been trading successfully since the first applications for change of use in 2014 and 2015. We would reiterate the point that it specifically states in the adopted Local Plan that tourist accommodation should be safeguarded. This planning application to demolish the annexe building and erect six residential dwellings would therefore breach both this and also national policy.

2. The application does not conform to Spatial Objective 4 & 8 in that isn't supporting local communities or promote a prosperous local economy as it might result in staff redundancies and the tourist economy will suffer due to loss of some of the accommodation which is based in the hotel.

3. Although the hotel itself is not part of this application the Parish Council would like to highlight that it is a useful facility for residents of East Stoke as there is no village hall within the Parish and has in the recent past been used for several community events.
 4. There are currently ground water problems within the vicinity of the site and the new proposal for six dwellings will only exacerbate the drainage issue which has caused flooding to the adjacent properties on Binnegar Lane over recent years. This is supported by the letter on file from Mr Bond relating to the previous applications. The waste water output from the six dwellings is likely to be considerably more than current hotel bedrooms.
 5. The existing building is below the natural ground level due to it being cut into the slope. New fencing would be erected to partition the gardens and this could create an even greater surface water flooding risk. The ground would become less porous due to the increase in additional parking spaces from the current eight to thirteen. The Parish Council would like confirmation that the driveway and parking spaces will all use an absorbent membrane.
 6. The street scene would be affected due to this overdevelopment as it will have a much larger footprint than the original building. The visual impact of the buildings will be greater in the short term until the newly planted trees reach maturity as two existing trees will be removed. The proposal increases the amount of street lighting in this rural area.
 7. The demolition of the existing building might damage the roots of the oak tree situated in the north western corner of the site. A TPO for the felling of this tree was applied for (TWA/2016/0017) but it was refused as it is feasible to undertake a crown reduction instead of completely removing the tree.
 8. The new building will be located slightly further south, which will be closer to the Grange View property. Suitable screening would need to be erected otherwise the neighbours privacy would be affected. Consideration of the increase in noise pollution would also need to be taken into account.
- 8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**
An outline planning application for 48 dwellings and a village hall have been received. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be called where the application can be discussed and to have a presentation from the architect of the Farrer Estate. The meeting will take place on 21st March at 7pm.
- 9. Reports from County and District Councillors**
County and District
Both County and District Councillors were absent
County Cllr Wharf was requested to inquire about side verging along the A352 as it has been recently been done between East Knighton and Wool. Highways have stated that they cannot do the East Stoke stretch of the A352 as they do not have the "luxury" of scheduling side verging works anymore unless they can combine to a larger job for example resurfacing. The East Knighton to Wool road was carried out as part of preparation for surface dressing in the area. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to notify highways that it is a safety matter, especially as some of the turf is going through the pavement.

10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported.

- i) A resident has made a complaint about the amount of speeding vehicles along the A352. The Clerk has contacted the police who have said that they will report it to the Dorset Safety Camera partnership. The police have inquired if there are specific times of day in which the excess speeds are being witnessed, as it would help with when the camera van is deployed. It was discussed that it could be done on any day, but speeding many occurs directly after the barriers have been raised. A speed camera team was spotted in the afternoon of 6th March near the Church, but where they were parked was not particularly visible to motorists.
- ii) Free Farm Watch signs can be requested from the Rural Crime Team.

11. Woolbridge Sign

The sign was given to Wool Parish by a member of the public, but it is from the East Stoke side. The Parish Council is under the impression that the sign is not very old as it is made of aluminium. It would be difficult to repair so it was suggested that it should be given to Woolbridge Manor. It was questioned if Wool Parish Council still intends on planting meadow seeds to the south of the bridge as it now being used again as an unofficial parking space. **Action:** The Clerk to investigate.

12. Parking in Hethfelton Woods

- i) The parking at the western entrance is still taped off. Cllr Wiltshire has been in correspondence with the local Forestry Commission Beat Forester, Graham Nottage. He explained that in the past they have had cars damaged by hauliers in entrances to woodlands so they have asked if the access point can be kept clear. Some work has been carried out and one area is cleared with the logs being stacked reading to be transported, but no one is sure when this will take place. On the 7th March a different area was cleared where the proposed mineral site will be. In the Forestry Commissions email it stated that it does not provide parking so the entrance could in theory be taped up permanently. It was suggested that there could be established rights as it has been used for parking for many years. The Parish Council will contact Purbeck District Council's solicitor for advice.
Action: The Clerk to investigate
- ii) A national Police motorbike championship took place the weekend of 23rd and 24th February. The Woods were closed off to the public and it was asked if they could legally do this. It was confirmed that they applied to County to have this area closed.

13. Litter in the Parish

Two members of the public and Cllr Wiltshire have all done litter picking recently. It's been noticed that there is a large amount of rubbish in a hollow near the pub which needs to be cleared up. In the monthly road closures email there will be two road closures in Purbeck for litter picking. It was questioned who authorises the closures and who pays for it. One of the problems is that it is too dangerous to expect a member of the public to litter pick along the A352 where there isn't a pavement.

14. Spring Newsletters

The Hawkins Trust Easter eggs have been ordered, but they are still waiting for an invoice and gift vouchers from the Rex Cinema. Suggestions for articles include, an update on Dorset Council, the history behind the Farrer name, Volunteer of the Year award, East Stoke and Wool Community Chest, Police, Holyrood Church, Village Hall Committee and change of venue for the polling station.

15. Highway Issues

Chairman's Initials

Minute No. 264

- a) Update on issues reported.
No update
- b) Speeding vehicles on A352
Discussed 264/10.
 - i) There was an accident near Holme Nurseries where a car ended up sideways.
 - ii) It was questioned if the hedge between the Binnegar Estate entrances appears to be close to the road. It maybe due to a possible footpath being developed.
- c) **Side verging work required along A352**
Discussed 264/9.
- d) **Other Issues**
No other issues were discussed.

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

- a) Elections - 2 May 2019. Nomination packs will be available to download from the dorsetforyou website in mid-February. Completed nomination papers can be submitted to the Returning Officer at any time from Monday 18 March up to the deadline of 4pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019. These must be delivered by hand and cannot be accepted if they arrive in the post.
It was agreed that the Clerk would print off the forms ready for the next meeting.
- b) Poole Harbour Recreation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) consultation. This consultation ran from Monday 4 February 2019 and closed on Monday 4 March 2019. **Noted.**
- c) Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan and Mineral Sites Plan - Update February 2019. A revised date for the consultation has not been set yet.
There has been some modifications that have delayed it.

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Shadow Dorset Council decision - parish councils' involvement in planning process. The Shadow Council has voted to amend the draft constitution for the new Dorset Council to allow parish councils to be part of the process to refer planning applications to committee. **Noted.**
- b) Confirm Report: Road works report – Purbeck. This includes work carried out at Longthorns by Wessex Water. **Noted.**
- c) Dorset Council campaign leaflet and poster. Dorset County Council are running a public information campaign about the new Dorset Council. **Noted.**
- d) Camp Bestival 2019 Residents Engagement Meetings. The first resident's engagement meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April 2019 from 18:00 to 19:30 at the Lulworth Estate. **Noted.**
- e) It's all about boats and bikes this week! A newsletter from Borough of Poole Council which includes details of the consultation on the draft Poole Harbour Recreation Supplementary Planning Document. **Noted.**
- f) Improving SEND is a priority for new children's services director. Dorset Send Newsletter including statement from the new Executive Director for Children. **Noted.**
- g) March County Report from County Cllr Wharf. Details of the Mineral Sites Plan Consultation can be found at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/mineral-sites>. **Noted.**

- h) Invitation to Town and Parish Councillors - NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group - Our Dorset Supporting Stronger Voices Forum - 13th March 2019. This event will be held at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne from 2 to 5pm. **Noted.**
- i) Change to meeting date. The next SSG meeting Thursday 16 May has been cancelled and rescheduled to Wednesday 15 May at Winfrith Village Hall commencing 2pm. **Noted.**
- j) East Stoke – change of polling station. The polling station for the 2nd May election will be at the Black Dog Inn. **Noted.**
- k) Road works report – Purbeck. No works will be carried out in East Stoke but BT will be doing overhead cabling with potential blockages in the verge at Worgret from 27th Feb to 4th March. **Noted.**

18. Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted
 Fyler and Butler dividend £135.32
 Cllr Cady gave a brief explanation about the history of the Fyler and Butler fund. It was noted that the diocese also manages another grave in East Stoke which belongs to the Talbot family.
- b) The following payments were approved.

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment February Salary	£213.17	000748
Dorset County Pension Fund	£62.03	000749
Re-imburse E Maidment for stamps	£6.96	000744
- c) To consider donations to the Citizen's Advice and Purbeck Film Festival. It was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Cady that £50 would be donated to each charity.
- d) Risk Assessment year ending 31st March 2019
 The risk assessment was duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk. The conference room was added to the risk assessment due to the FBA being sold.
- e) Internal Audit
 It was agreed to use Paula Tasker again as the internal auditor.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

It was agreed to ask the Project Manager who was involved with repairing Woolbridge to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will both be held on 16th May due to the elections taking place on Thursday 2nd May.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st March at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35

Chairman:

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