

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL 2015

PRESENT            Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
                        Cllr Barry Quinn  
                        Cllr Christine Evans  
                        Cllr Tessa Wiltshire  
                        Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES        Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman  
                        Cllr Cherry Brooks  
                        County Cllr Mike Lovell  
                        PC Claire Jepchott

IN ATTENDANCE   7 Members of the Public  
                        Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time.**

- a) Mr Willgress questioned why there needs to be an increase to the in speed limit for military tracked vehicles to go from the present 20 to 40 mph. He believes that this would be hazardous, especially if the tank learner drivers go up to this speed. Cllr Wiltshire confirmed that this limit has been applied nationally and not just in this area. The speed limit signs locally were put up by the MOD were unauthorised by Highways. Mrs Topp also expressed her concern over the change to the speed limit. Cllr Cady stated that the parameters would be set by the instructors and they would only allow the learner drivers to increase their speed if it is safe to do so. Cllr Wiltshire suggested that a letter should be written advising that the local limit should remain enforced.  
**Action:** The Clerk to respond to the Department for Transport's email.
- b) Mr Burdon said that there has been no improvement in the waiting times at the Holmebridge railway crossing. Over the Easter weekend the traffic was backed up to the main road. Cllr Quinn acknowledges that there are still ongoing problems and the solution will not be rectified until the software upgrade takes place which will be sometime this year. There is, however, change to the Bestival route as incoming traffic will now be going down via Holme Lane.
- c) Mrs Topp asked if it is possible to put in the next newsletter to ask residents to put litter that has been dropped outside their properties in their bin. Cllr Quinn told the meeting that the rubbish bin has not been put back yet, but he will speak to the Dorset Waste Partnership tomorrow to arrange for it to be put back in place. It was noted that it is worthwhile putting a bin there due to the amount of people who use it. In the past people have been putting refuse bags next to it, but it's uncertain whether it is the train contractors or someone else. When Cllr Wiltshire did a litter pick along the A352 she noticed it was generally rubbish thrown out of vehicles rather than waste from the recycling

lorry. Last month a lot of litter was left by the Network Rail contractors most of it has been cleared up but not all of it. The damaged verge at Holmebridge that was also caused by the contractors parking their vehicles on there cannot be repaired by County as they haven't got the funds to undertake the work. They will be unable to charge Network Rail for the damaged as they need the evidence that those particular vehicles were parked there. Cllr Quinn will chase it up with County Cllr Lovell.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Neill Child, Cllr Cherry Brooks and County Cllr Mike Lovell.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Cllr Cady asked the Parish Clerk for an update on the noticeboard. Colin Muter has been unwell at the moment and that has resulted in a delay to the noticeboard being made. He hopes to complete it by the end of the month.
- b) The River Frome meeting with the Environment Agency has taken place and Cllr Quinn has written some action points but they have not responded yet.
- c) Cllr Wright inquired to the outcome of planting a beech hedge on the Churchyard land. The Church Warden, Jeff Edwards recommended that it should go ahead, especially as it will be a lot more aesthetically pleasing than the current leylandii.

**7. Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2015/0131 Manor Lane (Manor Cottage)** Erect single and two storey rear extensions. **No objections.**
- b) **6/2015/0132 Manor Lane (Manor Cottage)** Erect single and two storey rear extensions. **No objections.**
- c) **COM 617 - Proposed de-registration of land - Ford Heath**
  - i) It was agreed that a long term commitment is required to retain the relevant parcels for grazing or equestrian use. The present tenant will use the land to take a grass crop. However, in future it may become more difficult to find a new tenant as the tight restrictions on land usage and a reduction in the total size of the area may make it unviable. It was felt that a management plan is

needed to maintain the land and especially to avoid it reverting to scrub should the land be untenanted for any lengthy period.

- ii) If a ditch were to be built, it was expressed that a management plan for this would also be needed to arrange who will be responsible for the upkeep.
- iii) It was felt that an explanation of how the drainage would work along the southern side of the quarry site would be appreciated as there has been flooding in the past further down the hill. This issue was explained by Cllr Quinn to the SITA/Raymond Brown consultant back in February.

**Action:** The Clerk to write back to the Planning Inspectorate

**8 Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**

- a) **6/2015/0005 Kemps Country House Hotel** - Change of use of Kemps Country House to 6 dwellings with associated alteration works, extension to the coach house, parking and landscaping. Cllr Quinn believes that this will go to the Planning Committee next month and the additional information that they have requested has been received by them.

**9. Reports from County and District Councillors**

- a) **County Cllr Lovell**  
No report
- b) **District Cllr Quinn**  
The boundary changes will come into effect this forthcoming election and as a result this will be Cllr Quinn's last meeting as District Councillor for East Stoke but his role as Parish Councillor will continue. The Parish will now come under the Wool Ward. At the election, there are ten people standing for the three Wool District seats.

**10. Any issues to be reported to the Police or, update on issues reported**  
There were no reports.

**11. Annual Parish Meeting/Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed at last month's meeting to have it on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Cady suggested David Willey, the Curator at the Tank Museum as a potential speaker. One subject of interest for the presentation could be the tank crash at Woolbridge.

**12. River Frome Issues**

Mrs Burdon requested that a record is made of the issues discussed at the meeting with the Environment Agency. To do any work consent is required from the riparian owner, therefore Will Bond will be required to fill in the form.

**Action:** Cllr Quinn to forward the notes of the meeting onto the Parish Clerk who will keep everything on record and will list it on next month's agenda.

**13. Railway Crossing Issues**

Residents in Rushton were not given advance warning that the railway crossing would be closed. Also, they planned to close the Holmebridge Crossing during the Summer but County refused.

**14. Highway Issues**

**a) Update on issues reported**

- i) The re-surfacing works along the A352 is currently being carried out. It has been noted that the highway vehicles have been parking around Hethfelton and this has caused disruption to both the Forestry Commission and other road users. Due to this work the manhole covers are lower than the tarmac and one in particular to the East of the Stokeford Inn is deeper than 40mm.

**Action:** The Clerk to report it as a Category 1 on the dorsetforyou portal.

**b) Other Issues**

- i) The Manor Lane verge has collapsed and there are large pot holes.

**Action:** The Clerk to report it on the dorsetforyou portal.

- ii) The verges have also collapsed on the Highwood crossroads and outside the houses on Bindon Lane.

**Action:** As the Bindon Lane verge is in Wool Parish the Clerk will notify the Wool Parish Clerk

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

- a) Economic Review Consultation. There are proposals about how economic development and strategic transport work should be carried out jointly across Dorset Bournemouth & Poole.  
Cllr Cady to research this.

**19 Correspondence Received**

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

- a) Comments sought on Purbeck conservation area reviews Residents in some parts of Purbeck are being asked to comment on reviews of their conservation areas.  
This review doesn't apply to East Stoke
- b) Volunteers Honoured at Annual Ceremony. Purbeck's 'Volunteers of the Year' have been thanked at a Council ceremony. **Noted.**
- c) Stay Safe - Crime Prevention Advice Booklet.  
Ros Ham has applied for these booklets and they will be available at future Parish Council Meetings.
- d) Realism in planning for needs and to ensure sustainable communities. From the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. **Noted.**
- e) Protecting the elderly from telephone fraud in Dorset. **Noted.**
- f) Byelaws relating to acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis. **Noted.**

- g) Military armoured track laying vehicles: increasing speed limits from 20 to 40mph. **See minute 215/1a**
- h) Adopt a kiosk. Communities can adopt a phone box for a £1. **Noted.**
- i) Parliament in the Making programme. Various events to celebrate the anniversaries of Magna Carta and the Montfort parliament. **Noted.**
- j) Where are defibrillators held within your parish and who looks after them? Monkey World has one and it was asked if Dr Lyons might own one.  
**Action:** The Clerk to contact Dr Lyons.

## 20 Finance

- a) The following receipts were noted:

Burial Fees (William King)	£272.00
Divisional Fund	£510.00

The Divisional Fund was from County Cllr Lovell to the Parish Council to purchase a new noticeboard at Holmebridge.

b) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment Mar 15 Salary	£165.73	000454
Wessex Grounds Services – March Invoice	£99.95	000455
Reimburse Cllr Quinn for Printing Newsletters	£17.50	000456
DAPTC Annual Conference (E Maidment)	£50.00	000457
Donation to the Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau	£50.00	000458
Donation to Victim Support	£50.00	000459
Donation to the Purbeck Film Festival	£50.00	000460

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

- c) To consider quotes for Church wall  
Quotes were received last month from J. Spiller & Sons for £1384 exclusive of VAT, Brian Rigler £1370 exclusive of VAT. J A Construction was received last month and was £1296 including VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn that JA Construction should do the work as good references were received.  
There is not a lot of gravel around the Memorial and to purchase some it works out cheaper to buy it by ½ tonne. Cllr Quinn suggested that Raymond Brown might donate some.  
Action: The Clerk to contact JA Construction. Cllr Quinn to call Raymond Brown.

## 21 Items for Information or next agenda

Cllr Cady and Cllr Evans send their apologies. The Fyler and Butler money has been received but we are still waiting for last years.  
Action: Parish Clerk to write to Nigel Williams, Church Treasurer.

## 22 Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Chairman: .....Date.....