

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005.**

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**PRESENT**

Barry Quinn - Chairman  
Simon Cross - Vice Chairman  
Tib Axon  
Neill Child  
Sara Grayson  
Andy Saunders  
Liz Rudd - District Councillor

**MEMBERS OF  
PARISH PRESENT**

David Topp  
Gillian Topp  
Maureen Quinn

There were no **APOLOGIES** for this meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which started with a brief talk by Lyn Adams, the new Community Beat Officer for our area, who works out of Wareham Police Station. She explained that contact with the Police was best done by telephoning Wareham 552222 and explained how calls to this number were dealt with. The Call Centre deals with all calls which are then put through to the appropriate Station. If Const. Adams was not on duty someone should always be available to take a message which would be passed on to her. She was keen to keep in touch with local people. Alternatively, the Clerk of the Council could collate any problems and pass on to her either by e-mail or by ringing the Station. The Chairman explained the recent problems experienced with raves last year and the problems residents of the Parish had experienced in getting through to the Station. Const. Adams replied that she knew little about these raves but would endeavour to find out more. The Chairman also spoke of the meetings held with Insp Angie Downer and Paul Croft regarding this topic and 2 other main issues, being road safety and the main A352 road. He also mentioned Neighbourhood Watch notices that occasionally appeared on the notice boards regarding details of any thefts or break-ins in our area. Const. Adams agreed to try and find out who the Neighbourhood Watch representative was in this area and if this person had been putting up the notices. The Chairman suggested a meeting be set up in approximately two months with Const. Adams and District Council together with other interested parties to discuss preventative action to stop any raves from happening in 2005. Also possibility of monitoring web sites. Constable Adams agreed and asked the Chairman for his contact number which was provided.

There were **NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** for this meeting.

**MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING** from those Minutes

1. Parish Plan - Chairman advised he had received e-mail from Simon Thompson which he had not yet read regarding funding. A Steering Committee meeting would be held next week. The Committee had not met since the Open Day in November. It was still intended to produce the Report by end of July 2005. About 50% of first part of funding had been spent and £2000 of Voluntary effort in respect of peoples' time. A large percentage of the rest of funding would be spent on printing of the Plan.
2. War Memorial - The Chairman reported Council members together with the Topp family had removed dead elm trees from behind the memorial and also thinned the holly bushes. This removed the threat of further damage to the memorial. Chairman to follow up discussion with Ian Hewitt re funding for repairs.
3. Ruins of St. Mary's - Sara Grayson reported a good strong sheep proof fencing had been put around site. A style had been erected and a gate was to be put up very shortly.
4. Boundary Review - Response had been received from DAPTC after they had received an answer from the Head of Legal Services of NALC. The cost to take the matter further would be £10-£20,000 and there was no Legal Aid available. The Chairman was of the opinion that in view of this the matter could not be progressed any further. The meeting agreed. He had written to Jim Knight who advised that although he could not influence the office of the Deputy Prime Minister, they did not have to accept the recommendations of the Boundary Committee. The Chairman re-iterated that after May he did not consider the Parish Council would get fair representation as the Purbeck Hills area was so vast the County Councillor would not be able to attend all of the 14 Parish Councils in his area. This view was supported by Cllr Rudd.
5. Missing Signs. (Post script to meeting) E-mail received from Julie Miles who had been trying to find the missing horse and 'z' bend signs on DCC records but without success. The campsite sign for Woodlands Farm was a tourism sign and as such would need to be funded by the owners. E-mail forwarded to Simon Cross and Chairman for clarification.
6. Roebuck Farm – As stated in last letter from DCC a business plan was being prepared by the new owner to justify a need for the mobile home. As nothing had been heard since the New Year, the Vice Chairman suggested the Clerk write to PDC enquiring if they had received this plan yet. Liz Rudd offered to speak to Alan Davies.
7. West Holme Crossing - Letter received from Tim Westwood of DCC. He was surprised we had not received a reply to our letter to Network Rail of 13<sup>th</sup> October. He would be passing a copy of our letter to Geoff Nurcombe of Network Rail who is his contact and asking for a reply to be sent to the Clerk with copy to Malcolm Shakesby. The Chairman suggested the Clerk send a copy to Michael Smith of Stoborough.
8. Monkey World – Chairman had received a phone call from Julie Wheeldon re our letter and the last site visit by the Planning Board. She confirmed the last visit she made was in 2002 when the Playground application was up for consideration. Liz Rudd confirmed this was the case although Planning Officers had visited. As the Parish Council has some concerns over planning applications at Monkey World it was suggested by the meeting that when another application is received, the planning board conduct a site visit to Monkey World before consideration is given. The Vice Chairman suggested the Clerk write to Mike Grime requesting he send to the Council a log of visits by the planning officers since 2002.

9. Planning Application, J. Denholm Casa Mia.- Clerk confirmed she had spoken to case officer who confirmed PDC were aware that Reed Cottage and Casa Mia were the same property. The listed application had been withdrawn due to lack of information on the application. New application would be received soon.
10. Planning Application, M. Wright, Charlecote – No response received to our e-mail re length of time of building works. Liz Rudd to chase.
11. Council Tax Meeting at Purbeck School 13<sup>th</sup> January – Chairman reminded Councillors of this date. Confirmed he had raised council tax issue with Jim Knight.
12. Lorries turning into Puddletown Road – Clerk advised she had received reply from Debbie Weller that she would raise this matter at next Arne Parish Council meeting and letter would be written to DCC.

## **BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. District Councillor's Report – Liz Rudd advised that there was nothing of importance to report since return after the Christmas/New Year break. She had attended a Policy Group meeting at which budgets for the coming year were discussed.
2. Letter from Mike Grime re training sessions for new Parish Councillors and Clerks to be held in June/July. A similar meeting had been held last year and Liz Rudd confirmed these meetings were beneficial to all. Clerk would e-mail back expressing our interest. Suggest topical issues be discussed, also look at any case studies and advise us further in the year.
3. Letter from PDC re Transport Infrastructure. Passed to Andy Saunders for perusal as there had been recent publicity re proposed congestion charge.
4. Date for Annual Parish Meeting. A date for this meeting deferred until next meeting in February.
5. Letter from Forestry Commission re Purbeck Heath Forest Design Forum. Chairman would pass to Sue Burden on the Steering Committee.
6. E-mail from DCC re Consultation on Play Projects. Chairman advised that Nikki Bond had expressed an interest in play projects. Maureen Quinn to pass on to her.
7. Village Hall - Chairman reported he had met with the Hut Committee some months ago and also late October prior to the Open Day. Members of the Hut Committee had now stood down and there would be a formal hand over to those volunteers who are prepared to help out on a new Committee. Annual running costs of the hall were approximately £500, being utility charges, rent and insurance. The future of the hall is undecided. The majority of people who filled out the questionnaire thought it was not worth refurbishing the building but that the Parish Council should strive to obtain funding for a new one. The procedure for now should be to arrange a meeting with Pam Shipton to formally hand over responsibility for the Hall to the Parish Council who has no other alternative than to take on the running costs of the hall. This had previously been financed over the last few years by the hut committee through bingo sessions. Then when the new committee was formed they would take over the running of the hall. The Parish Plan would pay for the steering committee meetings held in the hall and the Parish Council would pay for their meetings. Also forthcoming election day expenses would help with running costs. Parish Plan working group to find out going rate for this. The lease runs out in July 2005 and all agreed renewal should be short term. The Vice Chairman thought the minimum term of lease would be 5-7 years. If a new hall was to be built the councillors all agreed this would need to be of modest size. It was uncertain how funding could be provided for this. Parish Council would need to take on this responsibility. The

Chairman suggested a meeting be set up with William Bond late February to determine what Council's liabilities were on the existing building. After this, a meeting with the new hut committee, steering committee and Parish Council to be set up to determine the proper way ahead.

8. Parish Precept - The Clerk prepared a budget to determine the amount of precept to be set. After consideration it was felt Parish Council should ask for £4400 for the coming 2005/6 year.

## **FINANCE**

S. Barrett – Salary and expenses 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. – 31<sup>st</sup>. Dec. inc. Parish Plan Exps. £391.70

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Chairman reported that a large traffic sign on the main A352 by Worgret Manor was in disrepair. Clerk to e-mail Debbie Weller of Arne Parish Council.
2. The Clerk was asked to write to Case Officers for those planning applications received on 11<sup>th</sup> January which were to be discussed next month, to say our comments would be forwarded by 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February. The deadline as detailed on planning lists was 10<sup>th</sup> February, the same date as our meeting.
3. Sara Grayson reported that the Wareham and District Archaeological and Local History Society monthly meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March at Wareham Middle School. Speaker to be Ian Hewitt of Bournemouth University. Talk entitled 'St. Mary's of East Stoke deserted and rediscovered'.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> February.

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Chairman

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