

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th APRIL 2017

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 County Cllr Lovell
 Cllr Laura Miller (District Councillor)

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

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mrs Burden has noticed the Purbeck Way signpost near Rushton has been covered up and was wondering if County are proposing any changes to the footpath. The route used to cross over the A352 at Rose Cottage and then head up to the Puddletown Road. It was questioned if the Footpath Liaison Officer has heard anything.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Footpath Liaison Officer and County.

- b) Mr Whitmarsh would like to participate on the Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth Local Access Forum as they are looking for volunteers to help with the information gathering exercise. He said in the past it has been difficult for some organisations to take part and it was agreed that his name would be put forward by the Parish Council. It was noted that the Binnegar Liaison Group have been involved with the new Rights of Way.

Action: The Clerk to Contact the Local Access Forum.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Child, Cllr Quinn, County Councillor Lovell and Cllr Miller. County Cllr Wharf who is a candidate for the North West Purbeck seat said he would be attending later.

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 9th March 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th March 2017 were approved as a true account. The minutes were then duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Mrs Quinn has stepped in as Acting Secretary for the Village Hall Committee. A request for a volunteer to undertake this role has been advertised in the newsletter.
 - b) The Clerk will find out if Mrs Drane has been able to obtain more Neighbourhood Watch leaflets in order for them to be distributed to all households.
 - c) Cllr Wiltshire said there are now signs in Hethfelton Woods located either end of the electric wire. It has been witnessed on at least two occasions that the pigs have escaped.
 - d) The majority of the Estate Agent boards have now been removed outside Kemps' Hotel.
- 7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
- a) **6/2017/0140 - Luckford Cottage, Holme Lane, BH20 6AP.** Erect a single storey rear extension.
The Parish Council has no comments or objections to this planning application.
 - b) **Waste Plan Consultation - Waste Site Options in Blandford and Purbeck (Ref B).**
http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/waste_site_options
The current recycling facility has been mothballed and waste is currently being transported to Wales. Cllr Brooks is intending on investigating possible solutions. The increase to the amount of HGV movements will be noticeable as at present it is not running to the licence' full capacity. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not submit a response to the consultation as there were no comments or objections.
- 8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**
- a) **6/2016/0656 - Hyde Pit, Puddletown Road, BH20 7NY.** The construction and operation of an aggregate processing plant and associated infrastructure, including weighbridge and site offices, and to import both natural sand and manufactured limestone sand to blend with materials excavated from Hyde Pit to enhance the range of products produced from the quarry. **Granted.**
 - b) **6/2016/0728 - Manor Farm Caravan Park, BH20 6AW.** Demolish existing shop and erect detached three bed house with attached single garage and office. **Refused.**
It was refused due to it not demonstrating a need for a house on a caravan park.
- 9. Reports from County and District Councillors**
- a) **County**
There were no updates from County
 - b) **District Councillor Brooks**
 - i) Will Ward will give a talk at the Annual Parish Meeting about the Auxiliary Units based at Binnegar.
 - ii) The Local Government Review was intending to go to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid but this did not happen due to the terrorist attack and it has now gone to the Prime Minister. The three rural Districts who opposed the unitary decision have met together

and they must demonstrate they can work together to save money.

- iii) The District Council is looking at serving notice for the Woodlands Campsite to revert the planning application which will entail converting back an accommodation unit to a toilet block. Also, a caravan will have to be removed. If the enforcement notice is ignored, then they will be prosecuted. The site itself has been quiet recently except for some noise on 31st March but there has not been any loud parties.
- iv) Two caravans have been pitched on the Luckford Campsite. Officers have investigated and were told they will only be used for storage while the site is being renovated. There will be a planning application in the near future to build 30 log cabins.

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

Cllr Wiltshire saw a car driving slowly down the private road in Hethfelton and when she approached the vehicle they drove off. It was reported to 101 and she asked the operator if the incident could be circulated on Dorset Alert but they were unaware of what Dorset Alert was. The local Police have said that it would not go on Dorset Alert as the people involved are already known to them.

11. River Frome Issues

No updates were given.

12. Village Hall and Parish Land Update

A meeting of the East Stoke Village Hall Committee took place on 5th April and there will be an AGM in November. There are no further updates on the Barrister and they are no issues with the invoice still being outstanding. There will be another meeting with the Barrister and it was agreed that there will not be a fee for this. Mr Whitmarsh has identified 40 potential pockets of land that could be used to buy or do a land swap and he will distribute letters to the landowners. A request for a new Secretary will be advertised in the newsletter.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will take place on the 11th May with refreshments from 6:30pm. Dr Will Ward will give a presentation on the Auxiliary Units of the Home Guard.

14. Spring Newsletter

Cllr Cady will notify the other councillors, when the newsletters are ready to collect. Cllr Quinn will be adding a couple of articles and it is hoped that the printing will be done by Wednesday 12th April.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

Cllr Quinn has reported a pothole. The speed camera is now in place to record vehicle movements along Church Lane for one week.

b) Footpath to Monkey World

Friends of Wool Station have been awarded money for a feasibility study, which will have a working group that includes District Cllr Miller. An email has been received from Mr Willgress suggesting it should be routed through the grounds of Hethfelton House.

Action: The Clerk to respond to the email explaining Monkey World and the Jim Cronin Foundation are two separate entities and will not have a footpath between the two.

c) Other Issues

No issues to report.

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

- a) Housing White Paper consultation. The Housing White Paper was published on 7 February, setting out a broad range of reforms that the government plans to introduce to help reform the housing market and increase the supply of new homes. The Consultation runs until 2nd May and can be accessed via the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/housing-white-paper>. It has now been changed to a full review and the housing numbers are currently on pause. PDC has posed a question about settlement boundaries not being included. Five local and one infrastructure forum will be set up to look at what is needed. They are looking for volunteers to sit on the forums and they would particularly like young people to participate as the housing problem mainly affects this age group. Details of how to volunteer will be published in the newsletter. Then after the forums they will look into the settlement boundaries especially in East Stoke as it is important to retain young people. Cllr Cady said people that have been allocated housing within Purbeck sometimes advertise on Facebook sites for a house swap to a different area due to either not liking the area or work/family commitments. Cllr Brooks said that she will look into it. Government guidelines state that affordable housing is no more than 80% of the open market value, but builders sometimes have it at 40% and this results in corners being cut. PDC will look into whether the percentage can be changed so that they can build houses which are actually sellable. In the White Paper proposal, it states some or all of the discount will have to be repaid if the property is resold within 15 years as this reduces people from speculating.

Action: Cllr Brooks to write article for the newsletter.

- b) Non-essential Highways work - guidance on options available to parish & town councils. Dorset Highways has set out options for parish and town councils to consider implementing to enable non-essential and minor maintenance items to be carried out in their areas. There is now a large amount of rubbish along the A352 and the pavement is covered in vegetation.

Action: The Clerk to report it online.

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) PTAG - Cycling Issues in Dorset. Response from the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner to the Purbeck Transport Action Group (PTAG).
b) Invitation to Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group meeting - 6 April. To be held at the Winfrith Village Hall from 6pm.

- c) CE Circular re. DAPTC Annual Conference on 23 March 2017. Reminder that places are limited.
- d) Planning Policy Drop In Sessions 20/22 March – Cancelled. Planning and Community Services will be hosting a Question and Answer session at The Purbeck School on 16 March at 5pm until 6.30pm.
- e) Dorset Local Access Forum Correspondence. They are asking if anyone has information regarding routes that are missing from the Definitive Map, or would wish to participate in the information-gathering exercise in Dorset. It was questioned if it is linked to Dorset County Council.
Action: The Clerk to respond to email and enquire about the link.
- f) Request To Promote DCMS Better Broadband Campaign In Your Areas. Visit basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk to check eligibility for a subsidy.
- g) Section 137 Expenditure Limit for the year 2017/2018. The appropriate sum for parish councils for the purposes of section 137(4) for 2017-2018 is £7.57.
- h) EAFRD workshops. A variety of workshops held in Dorset during March will explain the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) funding.
- i) Devolution and the voluntary sector. A report on the extent to which the voluntary sector has been involved in the devolution process.
- j) Camp Bestival and Bestival - Community Engagement Evening. To be held on the 28th March.
There was a lot of information at the Engagement Evening which was attended by Cllr Quinn and Cllr Miller. There are plans in place included a lot of the equipment will be kept on site between the two festivals.
- k) Draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021. All feedback must be received by the 22nd March.
- l) Reminder - book your place for Purbeck Heritage Network. Taking place on Wednesday 22nd March at Kimmeridge Village Hall.
- m) Note from David Peattie on Ministerial Statement. The Winfrith SSG Secretariat announced the Magnox contract will terminate in September 2019.
- n) SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday 9th May, 1.30pm-4pm – Purbeck Family Partnership Zone Stakeholder Follow-Up Event. This will be held at the Winfrith Village Hall.
- o) Latest enewsletter - Rural road repairs & money for community transport. Document produced by Dorset County Council.
- p) Summer bus services. Details of bus services within the Wool/Winfrith/Bovington/Lulworth area. The First X55 will have a stop at Monkey World.

18. Finance

| a) Payment | Amount | Cheque No |
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| Miss E Maidment March 17 Salary | £202.12 | 000537 |
| Dorset County Pension Fund and employer contributions March 17 | £47.05 | 000538 |
| Felicity Thomas, Barrister Fees | £2160.00 | |

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

The cheque to Felicity Thomas for £2160 was not authorised due to the invoice being disputed.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Cady said the Purbeck School sometimes change their bookings at the sports centre for the following terms, but she has asked if they can instead make these alterations annually. Quite often the instructors for publicly run sessions cannot change their timings at short notice due to other work commitments therefore sometimes classes have to be cancelled. Cllr Brooks will investigate if their Service Level Agreement can be changed and she also suggested Cllr Bill Pipe could attend a Parish Council meeting.

Action: Cllr Cady to contact Cllr Pipe.

- b) The Middlefield noticeboard lock is not working. Darren Haskell will look at it.
- c) Cllr Wharf arrived at the meeting and explained that he is the Conservative Candidate for the North West Purbeck seat. The other candidates are John Taylor (Liberal Democrats), Stewart Bullen (Labour) and Josephine Evans (UKIP).
- d) It was suggested to report the overgrown footpath along the A352 to Giles Nicholson and Stephen Mephram.
Action: The Clerk to write to both contacts and explain that it is a safety issue.
- e) The preferred route for the footpath to Monkey World would be on the MOD land as it is deemed safer due to it being located behind a hedge. It is hoped that Monkey World would contribute towards the project, but they are unresponsive at the moment. Wool Parish Council and Friends of Wool Library have said they would make a contribution.
- f) Cllr Brooks has emailed the Officer regarding the conferences and other events being held at Hethfelton House.
- g) Bestival will have strict accessing controls as the majority of the tickets are for the whole weekend, which means they would not be allowed to re-enter the site after 4pm on the Friday. There will be no economic benefit to the local community as the large majority would be using coaches or public transport so are unlikely to use nearby retail facilities on the way to and from the event.

21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Thursday 11th May at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40hrs.

Chairman:Date.....