

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES County Cllr Mike Lovell
 Flood Wardens

IN ATTENDANCE 1 member of the public
 Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 **Public Participation Time**

No representations were made.

2 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

3 **Granting of Dispensations**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

5 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th November were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

6 **Matters arising from the minutes**

a) 195/01 Mr S Cragg was unable to become a Parish Councillor as he was unable to make meetings held on the first Thursday of the month.

7 **Planning Applications**

a) **6/2013/0504** - SITA UK Binnegar Environmental Park, Binnegar Road, Binnegar, BH20 6AX. Further information received about this planning application.

The Parish Council had **no comments** to make on the further information received.

8 **Reports from County and District Councillors**

a) County Cllr Lovell
No report.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) Appeal **6/201/0378** – this application has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector.

ii) **Partnership** -The Business Case was considered at the Council meeting on 12th November. It was agreed not to pursue proceed with the partnership with East Dorset District Council and Christchurch Borough Council at this current time. Part of the problem is that PDC has no overall majority control unlike Christchurch and East

Dorset. Due to the forthcoming elections over the next two years the makeup of the Council may change.

- iii) The gas company should have informed PDC of the problems in Lytchett Matravers but they did not.
- iv) Referring to the Council meeting summary the Chairman asked if there would be funding from PDC for the Village Hall as it was noted that a grant had been given to Moreton Village Hall for their rebuild. Cllr Quinn confirmed that it would be £50,000 or 10% of the cost whichever is less. There is funding available from SITA and the Village Hall Committee has had an offer of funding from Synergy.
- v) Wareham Town Council has been successful in securing the funding for the refurbishment of the town's toilets.

9 River Frome Issues and update on any flooding issues

There were no issues from Mr and Mrs Burden, the Flood Wardens.

10 Any issue to report to the Police or Update on Issues reported

- a) Cllr Quinn attended the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Community Engagement Forum at Swanage where he raised the recent theft of sheep. The PCC said that it looks like organised crime as 500 sheep have been stolen from the Purbeck area. Sergeant McCarthy said that they cannot afford to send officers to Parish Council meetings. It is only possible if the shift patterns of the Safer Neighbourhood Team fit in with the meeting. At present PC Jephcott is off sick. Sergeant McCarthy did say that if there are any specific issues then the Police will try to attend the Parish Council meeting. It would be a shame to lose the good relationship formed with the safer neighbourhood team. The Police are using more modern methods of communication e.g. Facebook, Twitter.

11 East Stoke Level Crossing

No update. It was thought that the commissioning has been delayed.

Action: Cllr Quinn will contact Christina Walker to try to get an update for the next meeting.

12 Highways Issues

- a) Update on issues reported

Only one of the three areas reported where there are potholes on A352 has been repaired. These need to be re-reported.

It was thought that these may not have been repaired as this road is due to be resurfaced in January.

- b) Other Issues

- i) Binnegar Lane 'No SITA Access sign'.

Cllr Quinn has had a reply from Andrew Brown. On Friday two lorries from TJK Logistics and a van have been using this lane to go to A & D skips. The van driver said they could use the lane as they were loading/unloading. However the company they were going to is not in the lane and there is a 7.5T limit. These lorries were delivering the new waste bins for storage at the site.

Steve Cornwall (DCC Planning Officer) had spoken to Cllr Quinn and has offered to take up the issue of the signage. As Sam Fox-Adams who was dealing with this has been transferred to the Chief Executive's Office.

The current sign should be changed to exclude the words 'loading/unloading'.

Action: The ditch needs clearing in Binnegar Lane.

ii) Overnight parking at Holmebridge.
The camper van has gone. Phil McStraw will raise the issue of a sign at a meeting next week and see about a 'No overnight parking sign'.

iii) Request to Mike Winter for a site meeting to extend 40mph on C6
There had been no reply from Mr Winter from the letter sent asking for a site meeting. Cllr Quinn will speak to County Cllr Lovell to get him to chase this.

iv) Lane at Highwood (PEM 450608). Repairs have not been made to the lane.

c) Other Highways Issues

i) Parking at Middlefield – one resident had created an off-road car parking space but to park they had to go under the electricity wire. Synergy has had a word with the tenant as they need planning permission and could take out the electricity supply.
Synergy want to create additional parking at Middlefield as it is a problem for many properties.

13 Consultations or New Items for Discussion

There were no consultations or new items to consider.

14 New Gate at River Laboratory

Advice had been sought from NALC regarding the gate and they have stated for the duration of the meeting the public must be able to access the meeting. Therefore options are as the gate is open to 8pm meetings to start at 6pm. Could the River Laboratory gate remain open until 9pm? Otherwise the Parish Council may have to meet at another venue.

Action: Cllr Quinn will personally speak to John Davy-Bowker at the River Laboratory to see if the gate can remain open until 9pm.

15 Parish Council Website

The Chairman had met with the Village Hall's website designer at Excel and he will look at other Parish Council's village websites. Cllr Cady explained that the website would be a hub for all groups within the parish. Changing the name would cost money. A quote producing the website is likely to be received in the New Year.

If it costs money for the website sponsorship from local businesses or funding sources could pay for it.

Action: This item will be added to the next agenda.

16 New Notice board to replace the one at the Old Post Office

Cllr Cady had tried to contact Holme sawmill but there had been no reply.
The notice board has been added to the asset register and insured.

Action: Cllr Quinn to fit the lock to the notice board.

Action: The notice board will be installed by Cllr Quinn and Mr Haskell over Christmas.

17 New model Standing Orders

The Clerk had circulated the draft Standing Orders.

Action: All Councillors to read so these can be adopted at the next meeting.

18 Correspondence Received.

- a) Letter of resignation from Clerk. Adverts for the vacancy were posted on the notice boards, in the Spar and Sainsbury's. To date no applications have been received. The Chair and Vice-Chair will form the interview panel.
- b) Thank you letter from Wareham Town Council for the Parish Council's donation towards the refurbishment of the Public Conveniences. Noted.
- c) Press release from Dorset County Council about changes to night-time street lighting that will be introduced across Purbeck over the next few weeks.
- d) An invitation to Dorset Community Action's AGM to be held on 6th December at 11.15am at Wimborne.
- e) Dorset Safeguarding Children Board. Poster put up on notice board.
- f) DCC information regarding the forthcoming Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Planning Consultations.
- g) Christmas Quiz poster. This Village Hall fundraiser will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm at the Stokeford Inn.
- h) Basic Road Traffic Collision Map available on Dorset for you

19 Finance

a) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Mrs J Wright (November salary)	£168.21	000401
Viking (Stationery)	£41.35	000403
Stamps	£6.00	000404

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

- b) Parish land fencing quotes
No response had been received from Alan Morgan, Young Farmers about their quote for the Parish Land fencing and the quote for re-seeding the land.
- c) Purchase of 'Local Councils Explained' from NALC – cost £49.99.
It was agreed not to purchase the book. The Parish Council owns an old copy of Local Council Administration.
- d) Advertising costs for the Parish Land Tender
It was agreed to advertise in the Lulworth News for two months at a cost of £6.25 per month. The advert will also be placed in the Spar and Sainsbury's.
- e) Cost of replacement laptop from Insight
Insight has stated that the specification of the Council's laptop is very low. It was hoped that they would have come back with prices for a new laptop in time for this meeting.

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out the specification of the District Cllr's laptops.
Action: The Chairman will contact Excel with this computer spec and ask for a quote for the new laptop.
- f) Draft Budget 2014/15
At present there is an anticipated under spend from this year's budget. The draft budget was circulated with the agenda. It was agreed to add £1,000 into Clerk's payments to cover the expenses for the new Clerk. The website is budgeted for.

Action: The budget for next year will be considered and the next meeting.

20 Items for information or next agenda

- a) Tessa Wiltshire who has lived at Hethfelton for 33 years spoke about herself and her family and the reasons for becoming a Parish Councillor. This will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) The Hawkin's Trust Christmas deliveries will take place on 21st December.

21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th January 2014 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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