

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Julie Wright

APOLOGIES Cllr Chris Evans
 Cllr David Purshouse
 County Cllr Wharf

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public
 District Cllr Cherry Brooks
 PC Doyle
 PCSO Watts
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time

No comments

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Evans, Cllr Purshouse, and County Cllr Wharf

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 1st November 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st November 2018 were approved as a true account.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

It was agreed to discuss the Volunteer of the Year Award during Items for Information

Due to the Police being in attendance it was agreed to bring forward Item 9.

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

- i) There has been numerous reports of poaching in the area and it was advised to report any suspicious vehicles. There have been incidents of fuel thefts from the quarries along Puddletown Rd. Often a sign of poaching is seeing badly parked cars in laybys in particular areas. A resident did try to report a suspicious white van via the 101 number but he was put on hold for 15 minutes. PC Doyle explained that if a crime is in progress to call 999. The major problem with 101 is due to financial constraints, there isn't enough staff to cover the amount of calls, especially when some issues reported are not police matters.
- ii) Cllr Wiltshire reported a vehicle, however she questioned why it was never published on Dorset Alert. The reasoning behind it, is that the amount of "Alerts" are limited as people will only pay attention to a couple a day rather than the hundreds that are reported. It was commented upon that another way of publicising is via Facebook. For example a suspicious vehicle was outside the Black Dog Inn and it was shared on Facebook over a hundred times which resulted in an arrest being made.

- iii) A resident has witnessed on a couple of occasions army forklifts presumably transiting between Bovington and Lulworth being driven in a dangerous manner, with the forks lowered which happened around the junction with the B3070. He said he had reported it previously to "the camp". The police said they would take it up with the MoD police as there had been a recent incident with an agricultural forklift that almost resulted in serious injury to a car driver.
- iv) There have been numerous incidents of the pigs near Holmebridge escaping onto the road. It was asked if the police could do anything as it was an accident waiting to happen. Unfortunately, the police do not have the powers to enforce that the pigs are properly secured in the field, but they suggested to contact Trading Standards and the Environmental Health.
- v) The railway crossing has been closed due to a signal fault and on one occasion it was closed due to cows on the line.
- vi) PC Doyle summarised that if the police do not respond straight away it is due to them having to prioritise incidents due to the manpower levels being extremely low.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

a) 6/2018/0545 - Kemps Country House, BH20 6AL. Erect two storey extension to hotel.

The Parish Council **objects** due to the following issues:-

- i) There are currently ground water problems from the soakaways within the vicinity of the site and the new proposal will only exacerbate the drainage issue which has caused flooding to the adjacent properties in Binnegar Lane over recent years
 - ii) The street scene would be affected due to this overdevelopment as it will have a much larger footprint. The application lacks detail as to where the parking spaces will be located. The lighting will create light pollution and will affect not only the Coach House which is now a private dwelling but also surrounding houses along Binnegar Lane.
 - iii) It is also not clear as to whether it will continue as a hotel or will become a private residence. If the intention is for it to be converted to a house then it will have a detrimental effect on the locality, both financially due to job losses and social as the Parish will lose what has been a popular community facility.
- ### **b) 6/2018/0578 - Access to Manor Farm, BH20 6AW. Replace temporary toilet block with mobile toilet block**

The Parish Council has no comments or objections.

9. Reports from County and District Councillors

County and District

District Councillor Brooks gave the report.

- i) There will be a meeting at the old Bovington Middle School site on Friday 7th December to discuss the news plans to open it as a special educational needs school.
- ii) The Local Government Boundary Commission report has been published. East Stoke was initially intended to be in the North West Purbeck Ward but this has now been changed to the South East. During the consultation period Wool Parish commented that they would prefer to have Bovington and Wool in the same ward. The new arrangement is to have East and West Lulworth, Chaldon Herring, Bere Regis, Wool and Bovington all in one ward with two councillors covering it. The Conservative candidates for that ward are Peter Wharf and Laura Miller but the South East Purbeck has not

- been decided yet. Other changes include a 3 member ward for around Sandford, Lytchett Minister and Upton..
- iii) A Pre-Submission Consultation session was held on 30th November at the D'Urberville in Wool to help people to submit their comments on the consultation as problems were encountered while using the online system. There were 600 individual comments about the policies. It will be submitted to the Inspector in late January.
 - iv) Due to the Local Government Review, it will be the last time Purbeck will be having a Volunteer of the Year Ceremony. It is hoped that in future years a similar event will be staged by Dorset County.
 - v) The Task and Finish Group are finalising the constitution and there will be a briefing to the shadow councillors. The senior management team has now been recruited. The second tier appointments will be announced on 7th December. There have been complaints from Town and Parish Councils regarding the transfer of assets. The Council has now been called into account.
 - vi) Less District meetings are being conducted as the work is gradually transitioning to the new council. Some of the meetings have been cancelled as there is not a lot business to discuss and it would cost to open the meeting up and for paying travelling expenses.
 - vii) It was asked if the funding for highway enhancement/repairs needs to be spent before the new council comes into operation. The cost cutting approach to maintaining the highways was investigated and it was found it actually had a detrimental effect as it costed more in the long term to fix the problems. £6 million has been received by Dorset and will address various road repair issues including pot holes. With part of the money they have purchased a gully emptier. There is now a slight delay as they need to hire subcontractors to undertake the work and therefore the money will have to be accrued. New signs have been installed and soon there will be visible improvements to the standards of the roads

10. Conference Room Update

There has been no news on whether the River Laboratories have been sold. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to look into other possible venues within East Stoke. The Clerk will find out the costs of hiring function rooms at Longthorns, Hethfelton House and Holme Nursery. The Black Dog Inn has offered, but regulations state that meetings can only be conducted on licence premises if there is no alternative venue.

11. Woolbridge Project

The bridge work has now been completed and it was resurfaced on 5th December

- a) Proposal to have an official opening of Woolbridge
There has been some discussion with Wool Parish Council as to a possible opening ceremony. East Stoke Parish Council has agreed to support it, but can only donate a token amount to the event. It was suggested that a person from East Stoke could be nominated to help open it.

12. Highways Issues Update on issues reported

- a) Update on Issues Reported
 - i) Stephen Mephram is now covering the East Stoke area again as the Technical Officer.
 - ii) Work has been carried out on the back pavements and it has been improved slightly, however the verges still have not been addressed.

The pavement at the western end is very overgrown and needs to be reported.

- iii) The "layby" in Church Lane is deteriorating again and needs to be filled with plantings.

b) **Other Issues**

- i) The Remembrance Sunday service was well attended. Cllr Quinn was loaned some "Slow" signs for Church Lane but due to the numbers it may be necessary for next year's event to have cones and "A" boards. He will arrange a site visit with Highways to explore signage solutions.
- ii) There are blocked gullies in Binnegar Lane. **Action:** The Clerk to report.

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

- a) National Parks Landscapes Review: Call for evidence- Response from Corfe Castle Parish Council. The consultation closes on the 16th of December. **Noted.**
- b) Let's talk libraries. A consultation is being run to find out the needs for Dorset with the deadline being on Sunday 2nd December. It is available online at The Let's Talk Libraries survey is available online. **Noted.**

14. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Dorset Community Action Conference 2018. This will take place on 7th December at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester. **Noted.**
- b) Dorset Alert - Extortion Scam. It appears to be linked to a data breach on Linked-In. **Noted.**
- c) Parish and Town Council - election recharges. A decision made by the Shadow Executive Committee to adopt an approach for recharging parish and town councils for their elections and by-elections to be implemented by the new Dorset Council. The estimated cost for East Stoke would be £746.91. **Noted.**
- d) November News - Annual Report, Health & Nature Charter and Annual Forum. Dorset Local Nature Partnership update. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC office arrangements - staff sickness. There are currently 2 members of DAPTC office staff on urgent long term sick leave. **Noted.**
- f) DAPTC AGM Agenda and Motions. The AGM was held on Saturday 10th November. **Noted.**
- g) Casual vacancies within six months of councillors' retirement. If a casual vacancy arises between now and 6 May (the day on which current councillors will retire), the Parish Council may co-opt to fill this but is not required to seek to do so and there are no requirements in relation to advertising this locally. **Noted.**
- h) Updated Community Highway Officer Area Maps (November 2018). The Technical Officer will be Stephen Mephram and Phil Goodland will be the Community Highway Officer. **Noted.**
- i) The Moors at Arne Public Exhibition. The public exhibition was held in the Wareham Town Hall on Wednesday 28 November from 14:00 – 19:00.

A member of Arne Parish Council has been in contact asking about information on works carried out by the Environment Agency and changes to groundwater levels. **Action:** The Clerk to forward the email onto the Flood Wardens.

- j) Purbeck Local Plan Pre-submission Publication - How to comment. A guide has been created to help people comment online. The consultation closes on the 3rd December. **Noted.**
- k) A new logo for a new council. The Shadow Executive Committee has approved the new logo for Dorset Council. **Noted.**
- l) Dorset Community Action Conference 2018. The half-day conference is scheduled for Saturday 7th December at 9.00am to 1.00pm in Dorchester. **Noted.**
- m) Falmouth Town Council Re-submitting Toilet Tax SCA Proposal To Government In 01/19 - Request To Complete / Promote Completion of Short Evidence Survey By Member Councils In Your Areas. Request to respond to the survey by the 10th December. **Noted.**
- n) NALC Spring Conference to shine a light on youth services. This will be held at the Royal National Hotel, London on 11 February 2019. **Noted.**
- o) Waverley wins High Court challenge over local policies. Government to review second home tax rule that it says could be costing councils in England millions in lost council tax. **Noted.**
- p) News release - Festive free parking in Purbeck. This includes Wareham car parks on Saturday 22, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 December. **Noted.**
- q) Dorset Resilience Day for Flood Wardens and Community Volunteers, 7th December, Poundbury Fire & Rescue Centre. This will be from 10am to 4pm. **Noted.**
- r) Wytch Farm Landscape Enhancement Fund The fund is for projects that will moderate the impacts of the oilfield on the local landscape, wildlife and rights of way. The funding area includes a small part of East Stoke. **Noted.**
- s) Purbeck District Council Rough Sleeper Estimate 2018. The estimate will be carried out on the night of Tuesday 27th and the morning of Wednesday 28th November. **Noted and the Clerk submitted a nil return.**
- t) Suspicious Vehicle Alert 29/11/2018. The vehicle is a Silver Ford Mondeo with the registration N**8 GXA. This vehicle has been seen in suspicious circumstances in areas across the county over the last few weeks. **Noted.**
- u) Wool Skatepark Crowdfunder. Request to release pledge money. Concern was raised about the donation being returned if the skatepark is not successful. It was agreed to keep the money ring-fenced until the project is guaranteed to definitely go ahead. **Action:** The Clerk to respond.
- v) DAPTC PAC Meeting. Minutes of the Purbeck Area Committee meeting include a presentation explaining the benefits of Dorset becoming a National Park.

15. Finance

Chairman's Initials

Minute No. 261

a) The following receipt was noted

Share of CIL Apr – Nov 18	£825.68
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b) The following payments were approved.

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment November Salary	£213.17	000738
Dorset County Pension Fund	£62.03	000739
Re-imburse R Cady for War Memorial plants	£43.00	000740

19. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) A resident of Holme Lane has made a complaint regarding the use of flares on the ranges on 4/5th December. It appears that flares were used near the Southern Boundary of the Ranges and it seems to have been made worse by the removal of the tress on Holme lane as far more flares are now passing over the lane onto private properties on the north side of Holme lane. Other owners of horses have also raised concerns.
Action: Cllr Quinn to contact the Army Community Liaison Officer.
- b) A firework display took place in Woodlands a few weeks ago. There are many horses within the vicinity and a complaint was lodged with Purbeck District Council. It was commented upon that these events are difficult to enforce as they do not require licence.
- c) The Hawkins Trust deliveries will be done during the weekend of 22nd December. Due to it being so close to Christmas, Cllr Wright will be unable to deliver any. It was suggested that either Cllr Purshouse or Mr Cross could cover this area. This year the Trust held a raffle to win £250 worth of I.T. equipment for 14-18 year olds who live within the Parish. Joshua Lee won the prize and spent it on a new iPad.
- d) Cllr Quinn named a person from East Holme to be nominated for the Volunteer of the Year award. It was agreed that this person's name should be put forward and Cllr Quinn will obtain more information about them.
- e) Residents in the Stokeford/Hethfelton area have received a letter notifying them that there will be no electricity from 9 to 4pm on Tuesday 11th December. An employee of Southern Electric inquired at the Black Dog Inn as to who owned the Parish Land as access is required in order for them to use a cherry picker. It was agreed that they need to speak to the Parish Council directly about obtaining the key.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd January at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30

Chairman:

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