

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9th AUGUST 2012 (Postponed from 2nd August)

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman Cllr Tib Axon Cllr Karen Barnes
APOLOGIES	Cllr Neill Child, Vice Chairman Cllr Christine Evans Cllr Adrian Naylor Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor) County Cllr Mike Lovell PCSO Stuart Hann
IN ATTENDANCE	5 Members of the Public Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

- a) Mr David Topp stated that the train horns are sounding before 7am and after 10pm when they should not be.

Action: The Clerk will report this issue and find out from Network Rail when trains are allowed to sound their horns. az

- b) Mr Ady Pitman, Village Hall Committee Chairman, informed those present of the East Stoke Village fete will be held on Saturday 8th September, 2pm-4pm at Mill Paddock.
c) Vicki Haskell reported that the Rushton bridleway is very wet.

Action: The Clerk will report this online.

It was reported that Cllr Quinn had been for a walk along the river at East Stoke with the Environment Agency.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Neill Child, Cllr Christine Evans, Cllr Adrian Naylor and Cllr Barry Quinn.

3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.

None.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 5th July 2012

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th July were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

5 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

6 Register of Members Interest form

A completed form was received from Cllr Cady.

7 Planning Applications

- a) **6/2012/0451** – Erect agricultural building. Rushton Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AL.
This is the same application as 6/2012/0288 which was withdrawn.

It was resolved that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

8 Planning Board meeting to discuss 6/2012/0378

To clarify the Parish Council's response to **6/2012/0378 - (Outline planning permission)** Erect a new agricultural workers dwelling; form new vehicular access. Holme Nurseries Ltd West Holme Farm (Holme Nurseries), East Stoke, BH20 6AQ. The Parish Council **objects** to this application on the grounds that the case stated in the supporting letter is not well founded to meet the criteria for an agricultural dwelling in the open countryside that is in the AONB.

9 Update on Previous Planning Application(s) or Planning Information received

- a) **Alaska Windfarm Appeal decision. Appeal allowed.**
- b) **6/2012/0317** - Manor Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AW. Change of use of chicken shed to storage units (Class B8). Approved.
- c) **6/2012/0288** – Rushton Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AL. Erect agricultural building. **Withdrawn.**

10 Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) County Cllr Lovell
No report.
 - b) District Cllr Quinn
No report.
- Action:** The Clerk will ask Cllr Quinn to circulate a report via email.

11 Police Update

There have been a number of thefts of garden machinery from garden outbuildings. The Police are willing to visit a resident's property to review the security of their outdoor shed and if necessary give advice on updating the security.

12 River Frome Issues

Due to the heavy rainfall on 7th July there was flooding in Holme Lane at the Luckford Lake road bridge, the blocked culvert on B3070 caused flooding of the fields, the road was flooded on the bend and the road to East Holme opposite, Church Lane was flooded as were 1 and 2 Harry's Cottages at Woolbridge.

13 Highways Issues

- a) Update on previous Highways issues and new Highways issues to report
 - i) Camp Bestival Traffic
In general the traffic going to the festival went well this year. Holme/Bindon lanes were being used as a rat run by those leaving the festival and a request was made if there could be a marshall on the Holme crossroads (B3070) to direct the traffic ahead onto the A352. A coach missed the B3070 turning to the festival and did a three point turn on the A352 this was witnessed by Cllr Cady. Traffic signage at the Woolbridge roundabout was confusing as before the roundabout all Bestival traffic was to turn right but signs at the roundabout stated traffic for the M5 was to go straight ahead to Dorchester and traffic for the M27/M3 was to turn right.
 - ii) East Stoke Crossing was closed due to staff shortages as no one would cover. The Parish Council would like to know if it is lawful to close the crossing and who do they notify for informing the emergency services. Are the first responders informed? There were signs at the top of Church Lane to indicate that the crossing was closed.
Action: County Cllr Lovell to provide an update at the next meeting.

- iii) There will be a cycle race that will use Bindon/Holme Lanes on Sunday 12th August, 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Some residents have been informed.
- iv) The reflective bollard near Wood Street is still overgrown with bracken. The Clerk will chase this issue as it was reported last month.

b) There were no other Highways issues

14 **St. Mary's Ruins**

The cattle are back in this field.

Action: Darren Haskell needs to install the post so the gate can be fixed back.

15 **Consultations or items for consideration**

a) Minerals Core Strategy

Mr Cullinane has been asked to look at this consultation.

Action: Mr Cullinane will provide a report on any comments that should be made on this consultation for the next meeting.

b) Invitation to Dorset Opportunities Programme Launch, 16th August, 10am – 12noon, Corn Exchange, Dorchester. Dorset Opportunities Community Questionnaire.

Action: The Clerk will tender the Parish Council apologies as no one can attend this event.

16 **Correspondence Received**

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

- a) Grants online news with funding news for specific projects. Details of the Dorset Community Fund has been passed onto the Village Hall Committee.
- b) Registering interest in Superfast Broadband
- c) Information about the Week in the Woods Course.
- d) Press releases about Summer activities at the Purbeck Sports Centre, car park improvements and free activities at the Purbeck Sports Centre for 14 – 25 year olds.
- e) Special edition of the Dorset Countryside news regarding voting for Durlston Country Park
- f) Details of the Armed Forces Grant Scheme.
- g) Update from Stephen Howard on roundabout Sponsorship
- h) Community Buying unLimited (CBL) Eden Launch Community buying of energy.
- i) Exhibition for the new East Stoke Crossing – Public Exhibition on Thursday 20th September. It is hoped that more will be known about this exhibition by the next Parish Council meeting.

A comment that needs to be submitted is that if these barriers are open then Church Lane will become a rat run.

17 **Finance**

a) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Freshwater Biological Association (Rent for meetings 2011/12)	£120.00	000359
DAPTC (Planning Issues training)	£40.00	000360
Mrs J Wright (June/July salary)	£333.11	000361

It was **resolved** that the above payments were paid.

b) Honorarium to Mrs Ros Ham

It was **resolved** to pay Mrs Ham an honorarium of £34.00 for clerking June's extra ordinary meeting (cheque number 000363).

- c) First quarter bank reconciliation at 30th June 2012

The bank reconciliation for June was circulated prior to the meeting. The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance agreed with the reconciled bank statements. The cashbook balance at 30th June 2012 was £16,660.57. June's bank reconciliation was approved.

18 Items for Information or the next agenda

- a) Cllr Quinn will be asked to provide an update on the status of the Parish Land and the progress with the land's registration.

19 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 3rd September 2012 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....