

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2015

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

APOLOGIES Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE 9 Members of the Public
 County Cllr Mike Lovell
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 20:20hrs

1. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Cady duly signed her declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

2. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mrs Topp made the meeting aware that there is an unseated inspection cover which may have been crushed by a lorry and is now full of water. It is located along Church Lane near to the farm gate.
Action: Cllr Cady will investigate.
Mrs Topp also asked for an update on the broken bridge and questioned who put up the poster. The Clerk said that John Williamson, Senior Ranger has reported it to the DCC estimator who has been asked to look into it and work out the costings.
Action: The Clerk to find out who put up the poster.
- b) It was noted that the bin in the churchyard is overflowing. Also, the bin at Highwood needs to be scheduled to be emptied on a regular basis.
Action: Cllr Brooks will report these matters to Jill Jackson the Environmental Services Officer at PDC.
- c) A car has been abandoned opposite the Highwood noticeboard. The Police have been informed.
Action: Cllr Brooks will investigate
- d) It was asked if there has been an update on the pot holes along Church Lane. The Clerk has reported has reported it online.
Action: County Cllr Lovell to chase inquiry and Clerk to forward report number onto him.
- e) Mr Topp said that the re-surfacing of the A352 looks very sporadic and there are still pot holes towards Wool. Cllr Cady feels that County need to be more understanding about the state of the road. It doesn't give out a good impression to visiting tourists. Highways is scheduled to chip the road soon. It was noted that the re-surfacing finished over a month ago, but the arrows and 50mph road markings have still not been painted. Mr Burdon reported that Mr Willgress was nearly

- involved in an accident due to the lack of road markings.
- f) Mr Burdon highlighted the ongoing issue of the railway crossing as he has had to telephone for the barriers to be lifted and he feels that there has been no improvement. County Cllr Lovell is hoping to arrange a meeting with Richard Drax MP as it is now felt that the local MPs need to get involved to resolve the situation. Cllr Brooks is setting up a meeting with Network Rail concerning the Wool Footbridge and she would like to combine it with the issues at the Holmebridge Crossing. It was agreed that more evidence is needed and Mr Burdon will keep a diary of the incidents that he witnesses. Cllr Wiltshire said it would also be helpful to have photographic evidence. Cllr Evans suggested that County should put up a camera for a couple of weeks to monitor the situation.

Action: County Cllr Lovell to find out if County can install a camera. The Clerk to contact Mr Willgress to ask if he has any photographs and to see if he can record incidents.

3. Apologies

No apologies were received but it was noted that Cllr Child would be late.

4. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th May 2015 were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wright asked about the dog sticker. It cannot be obtained for free so the Clerk will therefore purchase one.
Action: The Clerk to purchase dog sticker
- b) Cllr Cady inquired if there has been a response from Mr Barnes to see whether he would like a site meeting regarding the dead elm trees. The Clerk confirmed that she has not received an email from him.
Action: The Clerk will telephone him.
- c) Revd Rhona Floate has forward the email on concerning the Fyler and Butler. However, there maybe a delay as they currently updating their financial practises.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

Cllr Brooks announced that she would not participate in Item 8 of the Agenda due to her sitting on the Planning Board.

- a) **6/2015/0287** Hazel Lodge, Bindon Lane, East Stoke, BH20 6AS Erect conservatory to rear elevation
No objections and no comments

- b) **6/2015/0281** Woodstreet Farm, Wool, BH20 6BD Refurbishment and change of use of farm buildings into 3 dwellings and carport.
No objections and no comments.

9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

There were no updates this month.

10. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- i) County Cllr Lovell has again been allocated £5000 to be spent on projects/items for his Parish Councils. He asked if the Councillors can choose what they would like to spend the money on and purchase it by the end of the financial year.
- ii) The draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for the County has proposed that East Stoke along with Lulworth, East and West Holme come under Egdon Heath. Other changes include having 3 different County Councillors for Wareham. It will be going to Council next week, but Cllr Quinn believes that the plans should be re-considered. The Parish Council has been asked to comment, but it will not make a big difference to East Stoke whether it is within Purbeck Hills or the Egdon Heath boundary.

b) District Cllr Brooks

- i) They are still finalising the routing of the Bestival traffic.
- ii) Cllr Brooks attended the Binnegar Quarry site meeting, which they are still in the process of submitting the plans. One of the options they are considering is to move the bridleway and try to link it up with another one on the other side of the A352. Understandably, there will be safety problems on crossing the road.
- iii) The shingle for the War Memorial will be collected by Darren on Saturday 6th June.
- iv) The car that has been abandoned near the Highwood noticeboard has been taped up by the Police. Cllr Brooks called it through and the Police have stated that it will be removed.

11. Any issues to be reported to the Police or, update on issues reported

This item was discussed just before the Annual Parish Meeting.

12. River Frome Issues

Mr Burdon stated that the river is shallow at the moment. He believes that it would be the ideal time for the Holme Estate to use the excavators to remove the fallen tree that has been there since February.

Action: The Clerk to contact Will Bond.

13. East Stoke and Wool Community Chest

The next round of applications need to be submitted by the 15th October.

14. Railway Crossing Issues

This item was discussed Minute number 217/2/f

15. Highways Issues

- a) Update on issues reported
Cllr Quinn asked for an update on the potholes in Church Lane. The Clerk has logged it on dorsetforyou.
Action: The Clerk will find out when the work will be completed.
- b) Other Issues
There were no other issues.

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

- a) Planning training schedule for 2015-16 – cost £50
It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Wright to continue this for another year.
- b) Electoral review of Dorset – draft recommendations. There is an eight week public consultation from 12th May on the Commission's draft recommendations on new division boundaries across Dorset.
See minute 217/11/a/ii
- c) Proposed traffic management plan for Camp Bestival event
Cllr Evans has concerns that Holme Lane will be busy. It was agreed that it would be difficult for motorists to travel from Stoborough/Blue Pool direction. The management plan would only work if the Holmebridge crossing problem is solved or otherwise they should consider for the traffic to go through Wool. It was previously thought that cars going through Wool would benefit local businesses, but it would logistically be difficult for lorries to travel through. Cllr Lovell confirmed that it would be necessary for the local MPs to get involved by corresponding with Network Rail.

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Letter from NALC chairman to all parish and town councillors. **Noted.**
- b) Dorset Police Young People Award. Anyone between 11 and 24 years of age can be nominated. **Noted.**
- c) Public Health Dorset Survey.
Cllr Evans will complete the survey. Cllr Cady commented that there is currently a huge demand for swimming classes at the Purbeck Sports Centre and to cater for this they should extend their opening hours. It is very expensive to swim there unless you are entitled to certain discounts.
- d) Tour of Wessex - Dorset Stage 24 May 2015. **Noted**
There have been road signs put up for another race.
Action: Cllr Brooks to contact the Purbeck Sports Centre.
- e) Awareness, Recovery and Hope in Eating Disorders: The Carers' and Lived Experience Perspective. **Noted.**
- f) Prayers at your council meetings – Legal brief giving details of a change to the law that will again allow Prayers on council agendas and as part of the business of council meetings. **Noted.**
- g) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Poster from Dorset Police. **Noted.**

- h) Dorset County Council - An Invitation to a Forward Together event for town and parish Councillors and their Clerks. To be held on Tuesday 23rd June between 5 and 7pm.

Cllr Lovell recommended that people should attend as it will be an interesting event. Cllr Cady said the timings are difficult for people and perhaps it should be held later in the evening.

Action: The Clerk to pass on the comments about the early timings.

18. Finance

a) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Miss E Maidment May 15 Salary	£165.73	000463
Came and Co Insurance 2015-16	£359.90	000462
Reimburse Miss E Maidment for 1st Class Stamps	£6.48	000464

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

b) Internal Audit

- i) The report on the annual return had been circulated prior to the meeting. The comments on the report were noted. Cllr Wright proposed that the Clerk to be paid the pro-rated amount of £11.23 as a non-consolidated payment which is to compensate for the delay in NALC reaching a pay settlement. It was seconded by Cllr Cady.
- ii) Section 1 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences. Copies of all these documents were distributed at the meeting.
The end of year bank reconciliation agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £23,696.57 and this agrees with Boxes 7 and 8 of the Annual Return.
It was proposed by Cllr Cady, seconded by Cllr Wright and it was **resolved** that section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences were approved. Section 1 was then signed and dated by the Chairman.
- iii) Section 2 of the Annual Return
A copy of Section 2 was distributed at the meeting.
It was unanimously agreed that all the answers to the statements were "yes" except for the one regarding Trust Funds as the Parish Council is not the sole trustee of any trust funds.
It was proposed by Cllr Cady, seconded by Cllr Wright and **resolved** that Section 2 was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Wiltshire expressed the need to publicise the Mineral and Waste Public Consultation documents. She questioned whether posters would be erected at the site entrances and more updates would be required.
Action: Cllr Wiltshire to contact Emma MacDonald, Senior Planning Officer to obtain more information and publicity material. The Clerk will

forward the Public Consultation email to the residents and put it on the website.

- b) Cllr Cady said that the grass cutting tender will need to be reviewed as the Parish Council are still paying for the old village hall site to be maintained. Cllr Lovell felt that it would be important to wait for the pre-application. The Committee is intending on buying an ISO container to store furniture. County Cllr Lovell replied that he might be able to obtain a cheap one and will investigate it.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Chairman:Date.....