

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2015

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

APOLOGIES County Cllr Mike Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE 9 Members of the Public
 PC Claire Jephcott
 PCSO John Morton
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

Due to there being two representatives from the Police it was agreed that Item 11, on the Agenda should be discussed first.

11. a) Motorcycles on SITA Land

PCSO Morton said that Motorbikes on SITA land are an ongoing problem. To tackle this issue a camera is onsite to take images of the bikes and both 4X4s and the rhinos have been used through the woods. Posters have been circulated to various groups publicising the potential dangers. Mr Redl asked if they would place a vehicle on the A352 as there is a motorbike that travels through at 6am at 120-130mph. The Police asked if this has been reported but it has not and asked if it would be possible to get a registration number. It was also questioned who is responsible for the maintenance of the speed camera, PC Jephcott confirmed that the Council are responsible. The motorbikes are quite often on the SITA land on a Tuesday evening and it was asked if a car could be placed there then. The Police have erected temporary laminated signs at the site but they have asked Steve Cole of Raymond Brown if they could put up more permanent signs. Cllr Quinn asked if they would shift the emphasis from the Quarry to the new Common Land exchange. PC Jephcott agreed that this might happen.

b) Travellers at Hethfelton Wood

PC Jephcott said that the Forestry Commission have been informed. Cllr Wiltshire asked how they managed to get in and it was due to the gate not being secure. It was confirmed that legal proceedings have started.

Action: The Clerk to email the Forestry Commission to get an update

1. Presentation from Stephen Cornwell, Case Officer at Dorset County

Council, Steve Cole of Raymond Brown and Gareths Phillips of SITA. Followed by a short question and answer session for members of the Public and the Parish Council.

a. Stephen Cornwell Presentation

- i. Mr Cornwell outlined the history of the planning application. With the initial Request for Screening and Scoping Opinion made to County in November 2014.
- ii. It is a joint application with SITA UK and Raymond Brown.
- iii. The application has been publicised in the local press, site notices, 32 nearby properties were sent letters and ten Parish Councils were consulted. There are 21 bodies/agencies involved, which are both internal and external to DCC.
- iv. The Consultation is still running and there hasn't been many responses so far. Some people have asked for more time and also clarification on a few points.
- v. The Site includes Battery Bank, which is a Statutory Ancient Monument. It does not however include any landscape or nature conservation designations.

b. Steve Cole Presentation

- i. Mr Cole explained that there was a public meeting held at the Kemps Hotel to listen to the views of residents. If anyone would like a disk with the plans on they should contact the Parish Clerk. Raymond Brown has been undertaking work, including liaising with Historic England (formally known as English Heritage) in relation to Battery Bank and working on B1 which has been featured nationally for best conservation/restoration.
- ii. Presently, there is a big demand for sand due to the increase in house building. The proposal is to quarry in three phases, the first phase however is in three stages. It will start at the Northern end and will slowly work southwards towards the houses. There is quite a bit of clay which will go into B1 after it has been used. The site will be restored as they go across the phased areas. On the Southern Side the slopes are stable and will have trees planted. The Northern Side, where Battery Bank is needs to be maintained in a reasonable setting. Historic England has requested that there should be a fairly flat area around it.
- iii. There is a little lake containing the rare herb Pennyroyal, which is on the Red List of Threatened Species. Therefore, a number of depressions have been made in the regenerated area.
- iv. The land is in the total control of Raymond Brown rather than SITA. The company likes to work closely with the Community and has set up liaison groups.
- v. A large "bucket" will be created to help with drainage. During heavy rainfall excess water will channelled using two gullies into this valley. Flooding has been caused in the past due to the run off. The amount of water will be monitored. Cllr Brooks questioned if the gullies will be maintained and Mr Cole confirmed that they will be. Mr Redl asked how many people were notified of this meeting as he was not aware that this presentation would be taking place and he found it difficult to

obtain the documentation from the internet. Mr Cole stated that residents did not receive a direct invitation from them. Mr Redl also raised concerns about the high risk of flooding, why the track was widened, and why the noise pollution was only monitored in one garden. It was advised that these comments should be discussed individually with him due to the meeting's time constraints. Cllr Brooks said that the motorbikes might use the basin instead. Mr Burdon stated that there are lots of winter bournes and water underground. All the water goes down to the valley in one little stream to take it to the River. Mr Cole said that work will be carried out within one and a half meters of the water table. Mr Burdon was asked to write about the water issues which he did, but has not had a reply back yet.

- vi. An email was sent by Mr Willgress asking about the effect on the birds and this has been sent to the County Ecologist who will investigate it.

c. Presentation by Gareth Phillips, Head of Planning & Property – South at SITA UK

- i. Mr Phillips described how the three parcels they will be offering to have as Common Land is 22.9 hectares in exchange for the 19.7 hectares they would like to have. Once the quarrying has been completed, they will give it back as Common Land. The Planning Inspectorate has organised a site inspection on 8th September. The rights of way which will be included will create a large circular route.
- ii. Cllr Cady raised concerns that the parking and general promotion of the walks would encourage more people to visit and may result in antisocial behaviour. It will also cause problems on Binnegar Lane as it is a very narrow road that does not have the capacity to take any additional vehicles. The Open Spaces Society is keen to have larger car parks, but SITA have tried to make a compromise with both parties by having two small car parks with a capacity of 3 to 4 cars. The car parks will be located on Binnegar Lane and on Puddletown Rd.
- iii. Mrs Wardell from Ramblers Dorset asked if the map is on CD Rom and what the status is for the Right of Way. Mr Phillips confirmed that it wasn't but hard copies are available and it will be formally dedicated as a Bridleway with no legal right of way for motorised vehicles.
- iv. Mr Redl asked if the three pieces of land that have been made available will eventually be used for quarrying as well. They will not use the parcels of land as they do not own any additional land that could be offered up as Common Land.
- v. Cllr Brooks questioned the timescale for the quarrying. It is hoped to take 13 years, but they have applied for 15 years.
- vi. Mrs Burdon wanted confirmation that the footpaths would be maintained and Mr Phillips said that SITA would be responsible for the upkeep.
- vii. Cllr Quinn asked if a management plan for the Common Land. There will not be a management plan as it will be kept as open access. It was felt that without a plan the area could revert back to scrub. There has been an occurrence recently of someone walking on the Parcel 2 land and then continued walking through someone's garden to gain access to the A352. The current tenant farmer uses it for low level agricultural

use and the Parish Council feel that this should be maintained. It was asked if a tenant wants to put livestock could he put a fence at the top. Mr Philips confirmed that they could not as it has to be open access. Cllr Cady inquired as to how it would be enforced. SITA will pay for the farmer to look after the field.

2. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mr Redl said that he did not know about this meeting and is concerned about the risk of flooding. He has already sent an objection and it was asked if he could forward this onto the Parish Council. Mr Burdon also agreed and said it would increase flooding rather than decrease it.
- b) Mr Burdon said that Bestival traffic was sent through Holmebridge. It was confirmed that this was the case on Saturday as there were no traffic restrictions in place so therefore more vehicles would have accessed this route. Cllr Brooks said that the traffic management was quite good. It was noted that there was traffic building up at the railway crossing which was considered dangerous. BT were doing works along the A352 on the 30th July but they moved on quickly. The Network Rail employee who was based at the crossing didn't make a great deal of difference with the amount of waiting traffic. Cllr Brooks stated that the repair work has been done and Cllr Quinn said that there has been an improvement.
- c) Cllr Wright asked for an update on the closed path. Cllr Quinn said that a culvert will be built and signage will be put up saying cross it when dry. Then hard core will be placed over the top. Cllr Brooks said that they will have to make sure that it doesn't silt up.

3. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for County Cllr Lovell

4. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Brooks stated that she sits on the Purbeck District Planning Board. On Item 18c Cllr Cady is a licence holder and on 8c she is on the Village Hall Committee.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd July 2015 were approved as a true account and were duly signed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wiltshire said that she didn't remember agreeing to draft a letter to Richard Drax MP.
- b) The grass at the Holme Lane junction has been cut. It was noted that the hedge at West Holme Cottage needs cutting back.
Action: The Clerk to send a letter to the resident.
- c) The damage verge near the Holme Nursery was reported but as there were no highway safety issues they will not undertake repairs.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **6/2015/0421** Raymond Brown Ltd and SITA Environmental Ltd
Proposed extension to Binnegar Quarry to form new working area (Area B2) for the extraction of sand and gravel, restoration to nature conservation and woodland at lower final level with importation of inert material as an aid to restoration and use of clay to restore Area B1. Land East of Binnegar Lane and South of Puddletown Road, through to land rear of Binnegar Hall, Binnegar.
Cllr Quinn said it was important to re-inforce the restoration of the trees as Natural England would like instead for it to be returned to heathland. Cllr Wiltshire asked if the Parish Council could seek a second opinion over the flooding issues. It was felt that it would not be worthwhile and would also be expensive. GWP looked at the issues with Cllr Quinn and he told them about the springs. It was asked what remedial action would be taken if flooding were ever to take place and it was stressed that channels need to be maintained. Cllr Child raised the point that the area is becoming overly industrialised. It is important that the quotas are met and it was pointed out that the mineral extraction would always take priority. The habitat of the herb pennyroyal and many birds will be affected.
It was resolved that the Parish Council unanimously opposed this application.
- b) **6/2015/0427** Kemps Country House Hotel
Variation of Conditions 5 & 7 of PP 6/2015/0005 (Change of use of Kemps Country House to 6 dwellings with associated alteration works, extension to the coach house, parking and landscaping.) to allow phased implementation of the approval. East Stoke (Kemps Country House Hotel)
It was noted that there was no timescale as to when the phases would be completed and how the landscaping would be affected. It was decided that clarification would be needed before submitting comments.
Action: Cllr Child to attend the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 26th August.
- c) **PAP/2015/0160** Pre-application advice – In Principal – Erect new village hall. Land adjacent to Stokeford Inn.
It was resolved that the Parish Council had no comments to this application.

9. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

- a) **6/2014/0683.** Land At Masters North Pit, Puddletown Road. Section 73 Planning Application for non-compliance with conditions 1, 2 & 12 of planning permission ref: 6/2007/0892 dated 12th August 2011 and the variation of these conditions to extend the end date of the landfill to allow the works to be completed, adoption of the revised scheme of phasing and to delay the submission of an after-care scheme.
Approved.
- b) **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Mineral Sites Plan.** This is a

ten week consultation that ends on 23rd September. It includes the Great Plantation (Hethfelton Woods).
Cllr Wiltshire attended the exhibition. Some of the parcel has been reduced as Natural England have said it was too big. It is unclear as to whether there is a new application.

10. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report

b) District Cllr Brooks

- i)** All Parish Councils were represented at the Network Rail meeting. Work has been carried out at Holmebridge but the barrier timings will still need to be monitored. Other issues that were discussed include Moreton, the footbridge at Wool and the passenger train service to Swanage. They will route Weymouth trains via Yeovil but the Bournemouth to Weymouth line will not be affected.
- ii)** PDC is in the process of collating the Partial Review responses and they will run drop in sessions on 7/8th September. One option that is being considered, is the possible release of some Council land.
- iii)** The Combined Authority Economic Growth replaces the Growth Unit. The funding is combined with other District Councils, including Bournemouth and Poole. They are considering seeking an Enterprise Zone status for Dorset Green. This will have an impact on the local area as there will be more demand on housing and transport.

12. River Frome Issues

The tree that came down over the Winter has now been removed.

13. East Stoke Community Chest

There were no further updates.

14. Railway Crossing Issues

See minute 219/10/b/i

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

- i)** Camp Bestival Travel Plan
On the whole it worked well, although there was no signage at Binnegar Lane stating "No Bestival Traffic". The residents along Holme Lane were not leafleted.

b) Other Issues

- i)** The works along Manor Lane has been completed.

16. Parish Clerk to sign amendments to her contract

The Parish Clerk and Cllr Cady duly signed the amendments to the contract.

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

- a)** Public-owned land availability for development. Suggestions were made during the Purbeck Local Plan Consultation that council owned land should be considered. **Noted.**

- b) Town and Parish Council Precepts for 2016/17. The Parish Grant is gradually being phased out.

18. Correspondence Received

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

- a) News release - Council announces results of planning consultation. The results of a recent consultation (Purbeck Local Plan) on future development in Purbeck have been assessed. **Noted.**
- b) Challenge Weymouth Triathlon. Details of the event taking place on 13th September including route maps.
They will need to communicate with local residents.
- c) Taxi Licensing Consultation. Purbeck District Council seek to make significant changes to the current policy.
New applicants will have to pay for the driver's assessment and medical before the actual application.
- d) A Living Countryside: Latest CPRE Research Report **Noted.**
- e) Summer Fun for all the family. Events run by the Purbeck Sports Centre. **Noted.**
- f) Letter from Mr Hedgeman regarding overgrown vegetation. **Noted.**
- g) Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative Newsletter Summer 2015. **Noted.**
- h) Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey 2015. **Noted.**
- i) Temporary traffic management orders - Camp Bestival, 2015. **Noted.**
- j) Smaller Local Councils to receive Financial Services protection for their investments. SLAs will be protected for deposits/investments up to £85,000. **Noted.**
- k) Changes to Legal Topic Note 73 Community Governance Reviews. **Noted.**
- l) Letter from NALC chairman on The Commonwealth Flag Day to be held on 23rd March 2016. **Noted.**
- m) Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Formal consultation delayed until 2016. **Noted.**
- n) Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service - South West Region Estates Consultation. **Noted.**
- o) DorBAG - MOST IMPORTANT!! At last the BBC Launches its Public Consultation on Local Radio - This is our chance to make the case for a full BBC Radio Dorset station! **Noted.**
- p) Big Pathway Survey. www.ramblers.org.uk/bigpathwatch **Noted.**
- q) Nomination, forms and letters. Information about Dorset volunteering awards. **Noted.**

18. Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted
Fyler and Butler Trust 2013 dividend £123.80

b) To approve the following payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment July Salary	£211.76	000474
Wessex Grounds Services	£1025.52	000475
J A Construction (Repairing church wall)	£1296.00	000476
BDO LLP (External Audit)	£156.00	000477
Re-imburse Miss E Maidment for Dog Waste Sticker	£1.29	000478
Re-imburse Miss E Maidment for 2 nd Class Recorded Delivery	£2.29	000479

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

c) First Quarter Bank reconciliation 2015/16

The bank reconciliation, bank statements and a copy of the Receipts and Payments Cashbook were circulated with the papers for this meeting. The bank reconciliation at 30th June 2015 agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £27,899.19.

d) Annual Return

i) External Auditor's report

The External Auditor's report was circulated with the papers for this meeting. This report was **noted**.

ii) Completion of the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr Cady, seconded by Cllr Quinn and it was **resolved** that the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2015 was accepted and approved.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

The dead cherry trees in the churchyard need to be removed.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman:Date.....