

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2008 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllr Simon Cross – Chairman
Cllr Rebecca Cady – Vice Chairman
Cllr and District Cllr Barry Quinn
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh
County Councillor Mike Lovell

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr and Mrs Horton of West Holme
Gillian Topp
Karen Barnes
Martin Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr Adrian Cullinane

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Simon Cross declared a personal interest in Item 8 under Business of Meeting.

MINUTES of last meeting held on 4th February as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Wind Turbines – Email received from Cyra Parkes advising that the planning application for six wind turbines would be submitted by Infinergy in March. A presentation would be held at the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 25th March. The Parish Council would go ahead with a separate meeting for East Stoke to which Ms Parkes and William Bond would be invited to give a short presentation lasting 20-30 minutes followed by a response from DART Action Group. Questions would then follow from persons living in East Stoke and then questions from other interested parties. A suggested date for this meeting would be 31st March. Due to the high level of interest on this issue it was felt that the River Laboratory hall might be too small. Barry Quinn to ask Brian Godfrey about insurance at the Laboratory and how many people at one time were covered to use the Hall. It was suggested the D'urberville Hall in Wool might be an appropriate location. Clerk to find out person responsible for taking bookings and then to contact Cyra Parkes and leader of DART to advise them of the definite date. Councillors also suggested Arne and Wool Parish Council be invited. Cllr Mike Lovell asked Clerk to email him when a definite date for the meeting had been set. Advice of this meeting would be put in the Parish newsletter to go out on 22nd March.
2. Bindon Lane – Paul Whitmarsh advised he had met with Blair Turner. The cause of the blocked culvert had been investigated and had been added to a priority works list due to the number of incidents that had occurred on this corner. Paul Whitmarsh advised Blair Turner that there did not appear to have been a PMU visit in January as scheduled.

3. Binnegar Lane – Barry Quinn advised some clearance work had been done and ditches dug out. A French drain is to be put in to deal with the spring problem. He had sent email to Nigel Hamer which had been acknowledged. He advised the bank of Moorcroft Cottage had spilt out on to the road due to the passing trucks and this had exacerbated the mud in the lane. This was something that the PMU's could look at. There are an increasing number of large lorries using this lane as a short cut and Barry Quinn would email Andy Ackerman for advice on how the current weight limit could be enforced and if possible reduce the limit to 3.5 tonnes. There was a danger that the situation could get worse with the proposed Environmental Park. At the meeting with Blair Turner Paul Whitmarsh had asked that DCC do something about the overhanging trees.
4. War Memorial – Barry Quinn confirmed a donation of shingle had been secured from Hanson. Darren Haskell to deliver to site on Saturday. Paul Whitmarsh confirmed that chain linking the posts would be put up.
5. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised he had met with people from Bournemouth University who would be looking at the site up-righting gravestones and then laser scanning. This matter was now moving ahead.
6. Village Hall – Building now demolished. Paul Whitmarsh presented a bill from PL Agricultural Services for £445.00 plus £77.87 VAT. He had obtained cash back for galvanised roofing from Reliance Scrap Metal Merchants. Clerk to bank. Chairman confirmed he had received reply e-mail from William Bond who was happy with the idea of 2/3 cottages for affordable housing and small committee room. He had spoken to Mr Hall of Raglan Housing who would move the matter forward. Barry Quinn advised he believed he had a site plan of the area and would send to Mr Hall.
7. Notice Boards – Barry Quinn advised that these were now in his garage at home. Paul Whitmarsh suggested that it may be better to use galvanised posts instead of wooden ones.
8. Parish Land – Simon Cross advised that DCC had contacted him to say the file on this matter had been lost. E-mails had been exchanged with Mrs Butler who asked for a copy of the Statutory Declaration previously lodged. Simon Cross advised that this should be on file at DCC. Full copy of draft statutory declaration, plan of land and all correspondence had been handed to DCC to deal with urgently.
9. Parish Poll – Clerk confirmed she had received receipt from PDC.
10. Naming of Lane – Manor Lane, West Holme - Neill Child confirmed that this lane had been left off previous list and map sent to him from PDC. Clerk to write to PDC advising that after consultation with residents in this lane, Manor Lane was the favoured name for this lane. This would help alleviate the problem of delivery drivers etc not being able to locate properties.
11. Binnegar Environmental Park – Application to be considered at DCC committee meeting the following day. Mike Lovell to attend. Copy of our letter given to him. He would be asking for deferral. Barry Quinn and Rebecca Cady had attended meeting with Bere Regis Parish Council on 18th February. A draft letter outlining the traffic problems that would arise if the Binnegar application was to go ahead was put together and the Parish Council asked if this could be read out at our next meeting and amended or additions added. This letter needed to be sent back by 17th March. District Councillor Barry Quinn to e-mail chief executive of DCC expressing concern that this

application was being heard before it had been before the Planning Board at PDC. He understood the reason for this was that the necessary updated documentation was not received by PDC in time for consideration at the last Planning Board meeting. He would ask that the Board Chairman of the meeting on 7th March be made aware of these facts. Barry Quinn would also request that the application was deferred until the PDC Planning Board has had an opportunity to consider it. Rebecca Cady to also e-mail Ian Ventham at Bere Ergis PC.

12. New Planning Regime – Simon Cross advised that he and Barry Quinn had attended a meeting at PDC with representatives from six other parishes who stated their concerns about the new delegated planning rules that PDC proposed to enforce on 29th February. At this meeting it was decided to refer the matter back to the Overview and Scrutiny Group for a full and proper review of the consultation process and the identified shortcomings of the proposed changes. A panel would be formed to discuss the proposed changes which have now been suspended and the current process will be carrying on as normal. For the interim period following Mike Grime's retirement Alan Davies and Pete Smith will be helping out with Mr Grime's work load.
13. Regional Spatial Strategy – Barry Quinn confirmed letter had been sent to Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears. A meeting had yet to be held with the Minister. Barry Quinn e-mailed Jim Knight and had received acknowledgement.
14. Avian Flu – Rebecca Cady confirmed a Canada Goose at Abbotsbury had been found to have the virus. Quarantine would follow.
15. Grass Cutting Tender – Tender received from Colin Baker of Baker Property Services. Tender amount £1396 per year for next two years, i.e. March 2008 to March 2010. This was the same as tender submitted two years ago. Rebecca Cady proposed and Simon Cross seconded and all agreed that this tender be accepted. Clerk to write to Mr Baker.
16. C.J.Barnes – Paul Whitmarsh advised the meeting that the cable running across Luckford Wood Camping Site had been stolen and the Police had been called out. This cable should have been placed underground as part of planning consent granted for licence of camping site. Barry Quinn to chase Environmental Health Services.
17. Retiring Chairman – Simon Cross confirmed that this would be his last meeting as a Councillor as he was to become a partner in his firm of Solicitors and to continue on the Parish Council would conflict with his work. The Council wished him all the best for the future.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications received. However District Councillor Barry Quinn advised that application number 6/2008/0066 had been lodged but not received by the Parish Clerk. He would contact Case Office Phillip Payne to determine if this application had been sent and whether the deadline could be extended.

PAST PLANNING

1. 6/2007/594 – Infinergy – Erection of met mast – Approved 4th February.
2. 6/2007/892 – DCC re Masters North Sand Pit – Development of land without complying with Condition 1. Approved 11th February.

3. 6/2007/931 – Longthorns Farm – Change of use from rally field to temporary siting of 11 Tipi Tents. Application withdrawn.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. New Councillor – Two applications for vacancy from Karen Barnes of Manor Farm and Martin Wright from Charlecote, Holme Lane. Both gave a brief resume of their life in East Stoke and what they believed they could contribute to the Parish Council. At the end of the meeting Councillors would take a vote.
2. County Councillor Report – Mike Lovell reported that the Day Centre at Swanage had been saved from closure. Increase in Council Tax was set at 4.5%. Savings were being made by using the ‘Pathfinder Scheme’ between County Councils in the area.
3. District Councillor Report – Barry Quinn reported that there would be re-organisation within PDC after the departure of Mike Grime. Bill Trite had stood down as Leader of the Council. Nick Cake, Deputy Leader, would take over until the elections in May when a new Leader would be elected.
4. Parish Plan – Nothing further to report.
5. Validation of Planning Applications – Letter from Mike Grime advising that from April new regulations were proposed which will require applicants to comply with new requirements concerning the standard and content of applications. National List attached, procedures to come into effect on 6th April. Also applicants may be requested to supply additional information from an adopted Local List also attached. When adopted this list should provide a better quality of plan. Clerk to email Mike Grime asking what this new document means to the Parish Council and ask him what was in his local list over and above the now published guide. The Council also wanted to know how these issues are being addressed in the planning process at Purbeck.
6. Camp Bestival – E-mail received from East Lulworth Parish Council re licencing application to hold music festival/camping event at Lulworth Castle from 18 – 21 July. 14,000 people were expected to attend the event, the majority of which would be coming by car, approximate estimate would be 3,000 cars. Therefore traffic issues were a major concern. East Lulworth Parish Council would be holding their Annual Parish Meeting on 4th March and any councillors were invited to attend. There would be a presentation by the event managers. Mike Lovell and Barry Quinn attended this meeting at which it was explained how this family event would run, the security involved, noise etc. They confirmed that noise limitations would be strictly observed. Police had given their consent on the traffic which would be sent on to the A352 and on to the B3071 at Wool. If successful it was expected this event would be held the following year. Councillor Paul Whitmarsh considered that he had no objection to the event taking place this year but if any problems arose then the application should be looked at more closely for the next year. Concerns from other councillors were that the licence extension until 2.00am was thought to be unnecessary when the main music event was to finish at 11.00p.m. Another concern was the impact that the noise may have on the surrounding areas including East Stoke. Clerk to email Julie Wright, Clerk, detailing our observations and asking that our Parish Council be kept posted on any future developments on this issue.

7. Newsletter – Spring edition No. 20 to be put together and delivered on 22nd March together with Easter Eggs from Hawkins Trust. Clerk to send final copy to Simon Cross for printing.
8. Life Education Dorset – Letter received re grant. This Association works closely with schools to help primary school children develop healthy life choices. Neill Child proposed and Rebecca Cady seconded that the Parish Council give a donation of £40.
9. Purbeck Community Housing Group – Advice of next meeting on 7th April and attached notes of previous meeting.
10. Purbeck Heritage Strategy Workshops – Three Workshops to be held April and May.
11. Vacancy for Councillor – Karen Barnes and Martin Wright left the meeting and a vote was taken. The Council voted that Karen Barnes be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Both applicants were considered to have much to offer as potential councillors and the Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Peter Aston to see if it was possible to add another councillor to the Council. If this were not possible it was hoped Mr Wright might be prepared to sit on any committees that might be formed in the future. Also that should there be another vacancy he might like to apply again. Clerk to write to both parties thanking them for their interest. Also Clerk to e-mail Peter Aston advising him of the result of the Council's vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. National Cycle Network – Letter received re Route 2 Dorchester to Norden Park and Ride. This Route runs through our parish and detailed map was attached. Signing for Route had been secured and new signs would be put in place April/May. These signs to replace the existing Purbeck Cycleway signs which were now redundant. This Route 2 would link with the Rempstone Ride.

FINANCE

1. Baker Property Services - £349 – Quarterly Account
2. BWBSL - £9.42 Water Charges for 6 months.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd April – Annual Parish Meeting followed by monthly meeting.

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Chairman

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Date