

East Stoke Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd JUNE 2011

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Damian Cullinane
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
 Cllr Christine Evans

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Mike Lovell
 Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)
 6 Members of the Public

1 Public Participation Time

Mrs Gillian Topp reported the following rights of way issues

- a) The finger post at East Stoke Crossing has still not been replaced.
- b) The finger post at the end of Highwood is leaning.
- c) The footpath (SE14/7) accessed from Church Lane needs trimming back.

Action: The Clerk will report these issues.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Karen Barnes and Cllr Christine Evans.

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

There were no declarations to record.

4 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2011

An amendment was made to 164/3 b) second paragraph of these minutes by replacing the word Harvey with Hardy.

After this amendment it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 5th May were approved and signed.

5 Matter arising from the last meeting

None.

6 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2011/0158** - Manor Farm, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AW. Erect agricultural hay barn. **Approved.**
- b) **6/2011/0112** - Holme Lane (Luckford Cottage), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. Erect single storey rear extension and carry out repairs to existing outbuilding. **Withdrawn**
- c) **6/2011/0010** – Bindon Lane (Woodlands Lodge), East Stoke, BH20 6AS. Change of use of shower block to form one self contained holiday letting unit. Carry out external alterations and insert additional windows.

This application has not been determined. The Planning Department is waiting for a consultation response from Natural England on this application. Cllr Quinn will speak to the Planning Officer for an update.

7 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) District Cllr Quinn

There is no overall control of Purbeck District Council, the Conservatives have 11 seats, the Liberal Democrats have 10 and the Independents 2. There will be a by-election in the Lytchett Matravers ward as Mark Gracey has resigned.

b) County Cllr Lovell

There is not much to report at the moment. The libraries consultation will go to the Overview Committee. There will be a Network Rail meeting.

Mr T Westwood is retiring.

Cllr Lovell will speak to Mr Westwood about the timeline for the planned closure of the East Stoke Crossing and who will be consulted and when the letters go out.

8 Police Update

There was no report as the Police did not attend the meeting.

9 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit

There was nothing to add to the PMU list.

b) Other Highways Issues

On 31st May there was another accident on the C6 and 7 people were injured. This is the third accident in 18 months, one of these was a fatal accident and another was serious. A meeting occurred between DCC Highways, Dorset Police and ESPC last year and it was felt that there was no need to extend the 40mph from the A352 roundabout up to the Bovington junction on the C6.

Action: The Clerk will write to Highways and ask if they will reconsider extending the 40mph limit.

It was reported that another accident had occurred at the B3070/A352 junction.

Cllr Quinn stated that his hedge has been trimmed back at Binnegar Lane junction.

c) Data from Traffic monitoring lines in Holme Lane

The Chairman read out Mr Stubbs email and a summary of the data obtained from the traffic monitoring lines laid near Stud Holme in Holme Lane.

The speed tables were divided into half hourly segments up the side of the table and the speed ranges across the top. The 85 percentile speed was 45 mph and the mean 38 mph. It was stated by Mr Stubbs' email that these speeds were reasonable for this lane. The data did not show the usage by cyclists or walkers.

The majority of the traffic were using this lane at school pick up time (3.30-4pm) and later when returning from work.

A query was raised if there could be a centre white line in Holme/Bindon Lane to stop people driving in the middle of the lane.

This would not happen as even on the B3070 the white lanes have not been painted which are needed for safety in foggy weather as it is difficult to see where you are on the road.

10 East Stoke Crossing

- a) Cllr Barnes had produced a draft newsletter about the planned closure of the East Stoke Crossing. Two amendments were made on the first page after “Evidently the ORR (Office of the Rail Regulator) won’t let the crossing remain” to add ‘in its current form’ and on the second page Dr Lyons is a member of the First Responders not the Fast Response Team.

Action: The Clerk will send these comments to Cllr Barnes.

- b) No response had been received on the questions Mr Emerson was asked at the Annual Parish Meeting. The presentation at this meeting had been received.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mr Emerson with the questions that were raised.

- c) A letter has been received about the planned closure of East Stoke Crossing from DCC. It is asking for the Parish Council to respond to Network Rail’s request to close East Stoke Crossing as there are alternative routes available and for a statement if the Parish Council consent to this application being made to a magistrates court by DCC. It is not known what happens if the Parish Council say no to this request.

Action: This will be added to next month’s agenda. The Clerk will ask the DAPTC for advice (why does the Parish Council have to consent to the application being made to a magistrates court).

- d) Two ambulances used this crossing on Thursday May 26th. The Clerk will record this evidence of usage.

11 River Frome Issues

The remaining funding from the Keystone Project has been transferred to the Dorset Wildlife Trust. A draft management development plan is in place.

A query was raised about where the borehole will be. Cllr Quinn will seek clarification on its location.

12 Village Hall

At the Annual General Meeting on May 19th, the Chairman, Mark Kelly, was re-elected as was the Vice Chairman, Rebecca Cady, the appointment of Treasurer - Vicki Haskell and Secretary – Julie Wright with help from Ros Ham.

There is support for building the new Village Hall on the Parish Land. Cllr Quinn will speak to Alan Davies (Development Control Manager) about this possibility as it was the intention to rebuild on the old village hall site and this was put in writing to a previous Head of Planning, Mike Grime.

There will be a fundraising meeting on Wednesday June 8th at the Stokeford Inn at 7pm. This will be a brainstorming session for fundraising ideas for an event to be held in August. The Binnegar Hall Open Day is on August 6th.

13 Churchyard – water supply

Cllr Quinn will donate his old water barrel. A tap will need to be purchased for the barrel.

14 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

This has not been replaced (see 165 1a)).

15 Planter for War memorial – replanting

The planter is not in-situ but it is thought it would be replanted on an annual basis.

16 Email regarding the re-tarmacing of Primrose Lane

No quotes had been received. This is a private road and the Parish Council would need to see the lease to see whose responsibility it is to maintain this lane. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

17 Training Courses

- a) DAPTC HMRC PAYE training course, 22nd June. Cost £20.

It was agreed that the Clerk could attend and this cost would be shared with the other Parish Councils the Clerk works for.

18 Reports from Councillors on Meetings and Training attended

Cllr Barnes and Cllr Evans had attended the DAPTC Purbeck Area meeting on Wednesday 25th May at West Lulworth. Cllr Barnes was elected Vice Chairman of the area meeting. Cllr Barnes will also be the Parish Council representative at the PDC Planning Policy Development panel and will be the Standards Board representative.

19 Consultation and Discussion Papers Received

- a) A letter was received from Dorset County Council about the forthcoming Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Development Framework - Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy consultation July-September 2011. This consultation will start in July.

20 Correspondence Received

- a) Information about inDORSET a new Community Website for Dorset.
b) Digital UK – Information on the switchover to digital in 2012.
c) Dorset County Council Collision Summary 2009 (Fatal and Serious). This data is two years old but as a small Parish it has the same number of accidents as Dorchester. The data does not highlight on which roads the collisions occur on. This information was noted.

21 Finance

a) Receipts

The following receipt was **noted**.

Victoria and Trevor Carroll (Cremation Plaques) £45.00

b) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
Weld Spray Contracting Ltd (Churchyard maintenance)	£449.02	000313
Clerk's salary (April/May)	£333.11	000314
Mrs J Wright (Ink cartridge/paper)	£25.38	000315
Paula Harding (Internal Audit Honorarium)	£40.00	000316

It was **resolved** that the above payment schedule was approved.

c) Annual statement of Accounts year ending 31st March 2011 and supporting statement

It was **resolved** that the Annual statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2011 and supporting statement were approved.

d) Annual Return year ending 31st March 2011

- i) Section 1 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences

It was resolved that the Accounting Statements (Section 1) of the Annual Return could be signed by the Chairman. The end of year bank reconciliation and the explanations of differences were approved.

- ii) Section 2 of the Annual Return

Having read Section 2's questions all the Councillors agreed that the answers to the questions in the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2) should be answered yes with the exception being that the Parish Council is not a sole managing trustee of any charity; therefore this question was not applicable. This was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

- e) To receive the report from the Internal Auditor

Mrs Harding had carried out a thorough audit of the accounts.

The internal audit recommendations were noted by the Parish Council and will be actioned.

- f) Parish Land fencing quotes for consideration

No further quotes had been received. This will be added to next month's agenda.

22 Matters for information and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

Cllr Cullinane tendered his resignation.

There had been another person from the army stating that funding was available to restore the old pill box. Unfortunately the person did not give their name.

The Churchyard hedge has been cut.

It was reported that the Parish Land hedge had been cut back.

23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....