



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY  
6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

PRESENT            Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)  
                         Cllr Tessa Wiltshire  
                         Cllr Barry Quinn  
                         Cllr David Purshouse  
                         Cllr Chris Evans

APOLOGIES        Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE   Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks  
                         2 Members of the Public  
                         Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time for 15 Minutes**

No comments

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Child

**6. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**7. Declarations of Interest**

None

**8. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The minutes were altered to state that the proposer for the Vice Chair was Cllr Cady. It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved as a true account.

**9. Matters arising from the minutes**

The gully at the corner of Bindon Lane has been repaired.

**10. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

None received.

**11. Update on Previous Planning Applications**

a) **6/2019/0171** - 2 West Holme Cottages, BH20 6AQ. Single storey front & rear extensions. **Approved. Noted.**

b) **6/2019/0020** - Roebuck Farm, BH20 6AR. Formation of new access and driveway and erecting a wall to close off existing access. **Approved. Noted.**

**12. Reports from Unitary Councillor**

- i) The first ever meeting of the Dorset Council met on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Spencer Flower was elected Leader of the Council, Cllr Peter Wharf as Deputy Leader / Corporate Development and Change and Cllr Laura Miller as Adult Social Care and Health. Members of the 'Extinction Rebellion' staged a protest at the meeting. It resulted in the council voting to declare a climate emergency. The Councillors voted 69 for and 2 against. This has resulted in a committee being formed.
- ii) The Policy Development Panel results went to the Shadow Council and they have committed extra money for proactive maintenance units. It has been realised that these units will save money in the long term. Some of the money has been rolled over to the next financial year.
- iii) The new council will take a fresh approach to the current policies to investigate what is working well and what isn't.

- iv) There has been a complaint about various speeding incidents along Church Lane. A traffic survey was undertaken two years ago, but it was felt that it should have been placed at the southern end of the road. A possible deterrent would be to have a S.I.D. It was noted that Wool Parish Council have recently purchased one using CIL money from the Purbeck Gate development. It was suggested that the camera van enforcement should park again in one of the A352 laybys. There has been requests in the past to lower the speed limit along Bindon and Holme Lanes but there has been no appetite from Highways and the Police to do this so it will probably be the same for Church Lane. The Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator suggested to lobby the council for a reduction in the speed limit. A petition signed by the residents would have an impact on this decision and if the petition was run during the summer, the holidaymakers from the Manor Farm campsite could also sign it.

**Action** The Clerk will contact Steve Mephram to find out who the point of contact is within Highways

- v) Cllr Brooks has looked into the school buses. On the tender there is no need to state what size vehicle will be used. With the East Stoke route lots of children use the coach before and after it goes through the village, however, along Holme Lane only one child is on it.
- vi) On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Holme Lane will be closed from Church Lane to West Lane for the Macmillan Mighty Hike. Residents have received letters explaining that they will still be able to access their properties but it will be closed for all other traffic.

**10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported.**

It was asked if the speed camera on the A352 could be reinstated as there have been numerous incidents of speeding. It was confirmed that it is beyond repair as it is an old style speed camera. It was noted that some parish council's loan out their S.I.D.s and it was discussed if one could be purchased by applying to the ESWCC. In order to do this a speed watch committee would need to be formed as it needs to be separate from the Parish Council. It was requested to ask the Police if a mobile speed unit could park in one of the laybys along the A352 in the next couple of weeks.

**Action:** The Clerk will speak to the Police to arrange for the mobile speed unit.

**11. Hethfelton Woods Update**

- i) Trees are continuing to be felled and there is uncertainty as to when it will be finished. The tape has been put up again as people have tried to park there. It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to ask the Forestry Commission when the harvesting operations will be completed.
- ii) The Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Site Plan – Modifications Consultation is now open and runs until the 20<sup>th</sup> June. On two of the documents it stated that the Great Plantation is in Bere Regis. This has now been modified in some of the documents in other places it is listed as Puddletown Rd, Wareham. In the amended documents, there appears to be no mention of Hethfelton Woods even though the only public access to the Great Plantation is through Hethfelton Woods. It has been previously suggested that the mitigation area would be located in Crossways however, there is no reference of it in the documents as the only acknowledgement of the mitigation is that it would occur on off-site land. Ralph Holmes from Open Spaces said that it was “unsound” due to the vague description of the mitigation. It was questioned whether mitigation can take place outside a parish boundary. It has been felt that the parish would lose out on a recreational amenity if it is transferred to Crossways. It was asked what would happen to the quarries once the work has been discontinued. The area will be capped similar to other sites located in Binnegar.

**Action:** Cllr Wiltshire to respond to the consultation on behalf of the parish council.

## 12. Fyler Grave

Brian Riglar has been asked to repair the Fyler grave. A resident has stated that parts of the churchyard have become very overgrown and the dead cherry trees need to be removed. Cllr Quinn will ask for photographs and the Parish Council will then discuss the way forward.

## 13. Bus Shelter and Bin

The bus shelter can be repaired. Cllr Quinn, Child and Purchase will undertake the work.

## 17. Highways Issues

### a) Update on issues reported

The Holme Lane sign has been reattached to the posts. The 50mph speed sign outside the Farrer Estate has been put back up.

### b) Other Issues

The Clerk will email Highways requesting for an extension of the 40mph speed limit by the Farrer Estate.

## 18. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan - Modifications Consultation. Copies of the documents are available online at

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites). The consultation will run from 9th May 2019 to 20th June 2019. Comments must be received by 5pm on Thursday 20th June 2019.

**Discussed 268/11/ii**

## 19. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Burngate Stone Carving Centre - we need your votes by 17th May. They are applying for the Calor Rural Community Fund and request the public to vote for them. **Noted.**
- b) Dorset Council ushers in new era by declaring climate emergency. A motion was proposed to ask for the council to recognise that climate change is happening and that the council agrees to declare a climate emergency. 69 councillors voted to pass this motion, two voted against and 6 abstained meaning Dorset has officially declared a climate emergency. **Noted.**
- c) Complaint from a resident regarding speeding vehicles along Church Lane. Discussed 268/9/iv
- d) New courses available to book on DAPTC website. Bookings can be made at [http://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/DAPTC-Web/Conferences\\_and\\_Seminars\\_10744.aspx](http://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/DAPTC-Web/Conferences_and_Seminars_10744.aspx). **Noted**
- e) Request from the Extinction Rebellion Purbeck for all the Purbeck Parish Councils to declare a climate emergency. **Noted.**
- f) Request from the breastfeeding support charity Families and Babies to loan equipment or to finance the resources for the charity to attend community days and events. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC AGM 2019 timetable and proposal process. The AGM will take place on Saturday 9th November. The deadline for submission of proposals is Tuesday 6th August. **Noted.**
- h) Request for help/advice on hedgehog signs around Middlefield. It was agreed that there is too much signage in the area. It was suggested that he contacts the Dorset Wildlife Trust or the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for advice.
- i) Temporary closure of Holme Lane for the Macmillan Mighty Hike on Saturday 15th June from 11am to 8pm. Discussed 268/9/vi

## 17. Finance

### a) The following receipt was noted

VAT Refund £249.99

### b) The following payments were approved.

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment May Salary	£220.83	000763
Dorset County Pension Fund	£64.25	000764
Zurich Municipal	£344.51	000765
Re-imburse E Maidment for Stamps	£3.66	000766
Jim Cronin Memorial Fund	£10.00	000767
Paula Harding (Internal Auditor)	£45.00	000768

A new cheque was issued to the Purbeck Film Festival as last month's cheque was returned due to the name being incorrect.

### c) Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were formally agreed and signed by the Chair.

### d) The fourth quarter budget bank reconciliation, budget report, cashbook and bank statements were circulated prior to this meeting.

The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance agreed with the reconciled bank statements. The cashbook balance at 31st Mar 2019 was £33028.10

## 18. Year End Accounts ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

To consider and approve the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2019 and supporting statement (enclosed).

The accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 19. Parish Council Annual Return

For year ending 31st March 2019:

To complete, approve and sign Section 1 – The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return (enclosed)

It was resolved that Section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences were approved. Section 1 was then signed by the Chairman.

## 20. Approval of Annual Statement of Accounts

### a) To note the restatement of the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2019 and note to these accounts.

This was unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### b) To consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences (enclosed).

A copy of Section 2 was circulated with the agenda papers for 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. Section 2 was then signed by the Chairman.

## 21. Items for Information or next agenda

### a) It was agreed to formally thank Julie Wright for her time as a Parish Councillor and the vacancy will be advertised.

### b) The Clerk will request an invoice from the River Laboratories.

## 19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at the River Laboratories.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.21

Chairman:

Date.....

Chairman's Initials

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