

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY
7th NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr David Purshouse
 Cllr Chris Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time for 15 Minutes

- a) The Flood Wardens attended a drop in meeting in Corfe about rewilding Dorset, led by the National Trust. A population of beavers has been re-introduced at the River Otter in Devon and over time it is expected that some will be released in Purbeck.
- b) It was asked by a resident if the traffic survey would be discussed. Two surveys were conducted one at Church Lane and the other on the A352.
 - i) During the duration an average of 370 vehicles a day used Church Lane and a lot of these were travelling at over 30mph. Cllr Purshouse met with Steve Mepham and Paul Eastwood from Highways on 24th October. It was discussed if the road could be changed to a 30mph zone, but it was stated that it would require specific changes in the traffic regulations, and there is a backlog due to lack of funding. This location would be classed as low priority as it doesn't score highly due to no collision data. They looked to see if physical obstacles could be put in place, however the £20,000 needed to undertake the project would have to be funded by the Parish Council however, additional signage and lines could be installed.
 - ii) Along the A352 an average of 8000 vehicles use this road, and 87% of these drive at 50mph or under. As part of the site meeting they stopped at the entrance to the Farrer Estate to investigate extending the 40mph zone. They said the speed limit would be reviewed as part of the next stage of the planning process which another department will be dealing with. If the 40mph limit was moved due to the proposed bus stops, then the 50mph zone will shrink, and will therefore become unviable.
- c) A resident asked if there would be a demand for extra houses, as only 4 of the current properties up for sale at the Farrer Estate have been reserved. It was suggested that this might be due to the current financial climate and the uncertainty regarding the new planning application.
- d) A resident requested that a new bus stop should be installed near the Holmebridge junction, if it changes to a 40mph zone as at present there is only an unofficial stop due to it being along a 50mph stretch.
- e) The Black Dog Inn is changing to winter hours and will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The polling station will be held there for the general election and the Police and Crime Commissioners election.
- f) It was asked if anyone attended the Camp Bestival meeting. Cllr Quinn went and when he was there only 3 members of the public had visited the drop in session. Nothing of significance was discussed at the wash up meeting.

- g) A resident commented that application 6/2019/0367 should not be passed in the present format due to the agricultural conditions in place.
2. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Cady and Dorset Councillor Brooks
 3. **Granting of Dispensation**
No applications for a dispensation had been made.
 4. **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were declared.
 5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2019**
It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd October 2019 were approved as a true account.
 6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising.
 7. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
6/2019/0367 – Luckford Wood Campsite. Holme Lane, BH20 6AP.
The following comments were made:-
 - a) The building itself is subject to an enforcement notice for it to be removed and this has not been carried out. Also, there is uncertainty as to whether there are still agricultural conditions in place.
 - b) There is a residential caravan parked on this site which means they have breached the planning permissions.
 - c) The Parish Council is unable to make a decision regarding drainage as there is not enough information available.
Therefore the Council, unanimously agree that it needs to be referred to the planning board.
 8. **Update on Previous Planning Applications**
 - a) Binnegar Hall Update
There are currently discussions between the landowner and Suez regarding the SANG.
 9. **Reports from Unitary Councillor**
The Unitary Councillor was not in attendance, but emailed the following key points
 - a) The Peer Planning Review has been delayed due to the election.
 - b) The second home policy is part of the local plan, but has not been officially adopted yet. Due to this reason some sites in parts of Purbeck are being challenged by developers. Once the local plan has been adopted it will be subsumed into the Dorset Plan.
 10. **Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**
A large van was spotted trying to go through the main gate of the Black Dog Inn. It was suggested that it would be advisable to have CCTV near there.
 11. **Churchyard Maintenance**
Tim Lee has been notified that the Parish Council would like him to undertake the work. There is still no news on the boundary.
 12. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**
Gordon Mackenzie has volunteered to become a Parish Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Quinn and seconded by Cllr Purshouse that Mr Mackenzie should be co-opted onto the Parish Council.
 13. **Remembrance Sunday**
The service will start at approximately 12:30. Jenny Hunt will conduct the service as Revd Langford is unavailable.
 14. **Hethfelton Update**

- a) There is still some timber to be collected. Parts of the tape came down in the storms, but this has been reinstated. There was one occasion where the haulage lorry could not access the track due to parked vehicles.
- b) A line of pines has been felled, and undergrowth cleared, along the northern perimeter of site AS06, on the Hansons side of the boundary fence. The Monitoring and Enforcement Officer confirmed that the works comprised clearance of an area permitted for quarrying within Phase 1 of the consent for Hyde Quarry, and is located within the permission boundary for the site (to the north of the track). Vehicle access was opened up for recovering the reptile fencing to the south of the Hyde Quarry site and it has now been closed up again.
- c) It has been spotted that there are raven nests within the site. This issue cannot be brought up until the planning application stage. It was questioned as to whether it can be discussed with Natural England.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

- i) There is still running water at the bend to Wood Street, and it was agreed that more work needs to be done to resolve the issue.

b) Traffic survey for the A352

- i) This was discussed 2019-11-273 Item 1B.

c) Other Issues

- i) A member of the public has suggested planting wild flowers along the A352. It has been mowed along the pavement, but it still needs to be side verged.
- ii) There will be road closures on the Manor Farm Access road and Rushton on 21st and 22nd November due to re-surfacing works.

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

Polling District Review – Final Consultation Deadline. The deadline for any representations regarding the Final Recommendations for the Dorset Council Polling District Review (published on 13 September) close on Monday 28 October 2019. **Noted.**

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Reminder - places available at DAPTC Councillors Seminar on Thursday 10 October. **Noted.**
- b) Dorset AONB Forum Invitation. The Wareham event was held on Wednesday 23rd October.
Cllr Child attended the forum and it was mainly positive.
- c) Proposed temporary closure of East Stoke Level Crossing. These works are programmed to take place on 4 consecutive overnight shifts (00.05hrs - 06.00hrs), commencing on Tuesday 12 November. **Noted.**
- d) Camp Bestival 2019 Debrief. The meeting will be held at the Council Offices in Wareham on Tuesday 5 November.
Cllr Quinn attended the meeting. The issue of signage at the Binnegar Lane junction was raised, as it should state "No access to Bestival Traffic" rather than "No access to Bestival", as this would include vehicles leaving the event. They have been trying to reduce the amount of waste and they tried to use bottled water, but the only alternative was canned water.
- e) Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils. Including news on Dorset Council's draft Council Plan which was approved at Cabinet on Tuesday 1 October. This plan sets out the council's proposed priorities for the next four years. **Noted.**

- f) Dorset Coast Forum Enews October 2019. The annual Dorset Coast Forum Meeting is on Thursday 21st November 2019 at The Lighthouse in Poole. **Noted.**
- g) Confirm Report: Road works report – Purbeck. This includes Network Rail renewing ultra-controllers at the East Stoke and Holmebridge level crossings from 12th to 15th November. **Noted.**
- h) Camp Bestival 2019 Debrief - residents meeting 5 November. This takes place at Lulworth Castle between 1800 hrs and 1930hrs. **Noted.**
- i) Town and Parish Council Climate Emergency Advice Seminar. Since Dorset Council declared a Climate Emergency in May, our Low Carbon Dorset programme has received an influx of applications for support from town and parish councils seeking advice on what they can do to reduce the carbon footprint of their operations and buildings. The seminar will be held in South Walks House in Dorchester from 6pm to 9:15pm. **Noted.**
- j) Dorset Council and Dorset Parish and Town Council Workshops. The free workshops are an opportunity to discuss and develop how the relationship between Dorset Council, Dorset Town Councils and Dorset Parish Councils will be constructed. 7pm on Tuesday 29 October at Furzebrook Village Hall, Wareham.
Cllr Quinn attended the workshop. They discussed the benefits/goals and the results will be collated in time for the meeting in January. It was noted that small parishes will not take a lot of the additional work except for perhaps side-verging.
- k) DAPTC Area Meeting updated – Cllr Alford. A draft Council Plan has recently been published that sets out the Council's direction of travel from 2020 to 2024. **Noted.**
- l) National Policy Statement Geological Disposal Infrastructure – England? The revised National Policy Statement for Geological Disposal Infrastructure was laid before parliament alongside the Government's response to the Commons Committee for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 4th July 2019. The National Policy Statement completed 21 parliamentary sitting days on 2nd October 2019 and, as a result, the Government is now designating on 17th October.
If this goes ahead it will be in the Eastern side of the County and could be 40 years away.
- m) Donation request from St John's Ambulance.
This will be decided at the end of the financial year.
- n) Request from the Dorset Gliding Club for a reference from the Parish Council.
- o) Invitation to Planning Peer Review - Town and Parish Council Focus Group. The meeting is being held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 from 13.45 -15.15pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester.
- p) Broadband at East and West Holme. As far as the BT delivery team is concerned the project is currently on track, the project is a 'priority installation' and as soon as the Change Request is signed off, they are ready to start.
It is hoped that the project will be finished by Christmas.
- q) Helicopter flights/disturbance. Resident complaint regarding disturbance on Thursday 24th October.
Action: The Clerk to write to the MOD requesting that the Parish Council should be informed in advance of any low flying exercises.

18. Finance

- a) **The following receipt was noted.**
CIL Payment for 6/2018/0417 £1270.95
- b) **The following payments were approved.**

Chairman's Initials

Minute No. 273

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment October Salary	£220.83	000548
Dorset County Pension Fund	£64.25	000549
Re-imburse E Maidment for stamps	£7.32	000550
Dorset Council (Traffic Survey)	£510.00	000551
Royal British Legion – donation towards wreath	£50.00	000552

c) Second quarter budget report 30th September 2019.

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 20th September agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £33439.60.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

The distribution list needs to include the Coach House next to Kemps and there are now two Rowan Lodges in East Stoke. The properties on the Farrer Estate have a different postcode to the nearest house. Cllr Quinn will investigate.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th December at the River Laboratories.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.10

Chairman:

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