

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT            Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)  
                         Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)  
                         Cllr Christine Evans  
                         Cllr Barry Quinn  
                         Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES        Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)  
                         Cllr Julie Wright  
                         Cllr Brown (District Councillor)  
                         Cllr Miller (District Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE   4 Members of the Public  
                         County Cllr Lovell  
                         Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time.**

- a) Mr Whitmarsh asked if topple testing has been done recently at the Churchyard. Cllr Quinn confirmed that it hasn't been done for a few years. He also said that the bridleway near the Lovells and the Barnes is covered in gorse. It was confirmed that it falls in the Arne Parish.  
**Action:** The Clerk to notify Arne Parish Clerk and add Topple Testing to the next month's agenda.
- b) Mr Burden stated that the Purbeck Way Bridleway near the railway line is also totally overgrown.  
**Action:** The Clerk to report it on Dorsetfor you
- c) Mr Willgress asked when the announcement date will be for the land swap. Cllr Quinn explained that comments from the Unilateral Undertaking had to be submitted within 7 days of receiving the email therefore the deadline was 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Inspectorate will then consider the information and Cllr Quinn believes a decision will not be made until the end of the year. It has been noted by all the relevant parties that it is all linked to the planning application.
- d) Mr Willgress questioned what is being done about speeding along the A352 as some vehicles are travelling up to 80mph. Cllr Cady said that the Police conducted speeds checks on 10<sup>th</sup> September over a 4 hour period and caught various vehicles. They were positioned near Middlefield, but Mr Willgress felt it would have been more effective if they undertook the checks further east.
- e) It was asked what caused the fatal road traffic accident that happened Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Although the police investigations are currently ongoing and a lot of the information cannot be made available at this stage. It is believed, however, that Vehicle 1 may have strayed into the wrong carriageway due to possible fatigue.
- f) Mrs Burden has noticed that there is a proliferation of out of date

advertising signs. Which includes the Purbeck Folk Festival that is still up even though the event took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. It was also noted that Wilkswood Farm has erected a large white sign at the corner of the B3070. She asked if there is a contact within the Council that she can speak to. The main contact is Alan Davies at Purbeck District Council.

**Action:** The Clerk to email Alan Davies.

- g) Mrs Burden spectated the Challenge Weymouth Triathlon at the B3070/Holme Lane junction. The marshal there was 17 years old and was responsible for stopping traffic going onto Holme Lane. At 10:25 the Police appeared and asked him if he was an accredited marshal. They informed him that he should be stopping the cyclists instead of the motorists. While this conversation was happening there was no one keeping an eye on the actual road users. One of the PCs shouted stop to a group of around 6 to 8 cyclists which resulted in the lead cyclists breaking suddenly and falling off his bike. Luckily, he managed to get back on his bike and continued with the race. It was felt that the Parish Councils should be made aware of who is marshalling as they appeared young, inexperienced and did not have local knowledge as they came from all over the country. Mr Willgress raised concerns about the Puddletown Rd Junction as the cyclists were directed to go straight onto the A352 rather than to stop and give way. The filter system there made the road very narrow and it would have caused problems for larger vehicles. He telephoned the organisers but they never returned his call. Cllr Wiltshire also contacted the organisers as she felt that the Colliers Lane Junction in Wool was very dangerous as there was nobody managing it. She did, however, get a reply back from them. A friend of Mr Whitmarsh telephoned the Police as he was having difficulty in getting back to his home on Holme Lane. The Police opened the road for him so that he could get through. Cllr Quinn said that there is a Safety Advisory Group for Challenge Weymouth and various organisations sit on it including the Police. He asked the residents who have complained about the event to email their comments to Cllr Quinn, Cllr Brooks and the Parish Clerk so that these issues can be addressed.

- h) The River Laboratories sent an email asking if they can place a temporary advertising sign on the land opposite the Church to publicise vacant office space within the Laboratories. It was agreed that the signage would need approval from the Planning Department at Purbeck District Council. Also, within the email was an offer to clear the brambles at the ruins site of the old St Mary's Church. It was discussed that various volunteers have done this in the past, but it has not been cleared recently. Any volunteers taking part in this work should be made aware of the fragility of the ruins.

**Action:** The Parish Clerk to email the River Laboratories to explain that they will need to contact the Planning Department and to accept their offer of clearing the brambles.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Child and Cllr Wright. County Cllr Lovell will be late in attending.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were approved as a true account and were duly signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

Item 9b should have stated agriculture instead of argiculture.

**7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

No applications were received this month.

**8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**

**a) Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Mineral Sites Plan.**

This was a ten week consultation period, but it has now been extended and comments can still be submitted. It includes the Great Plantation (Hethfelton Woods).

Residents who wish to submit commitments can still do so as the deadline has been extended to the end of 24<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Cady suggested that it should be emailed out to the residents and to put it in the newsletter.

**Action:** The Clerk to email residents and add it to the newsletter.

**9. Reports from County and District Councillors**

**a) County Cllr Lovell**

- i)** There are still concerns over the drainage problem at Binnegar.. The proposal is to push the water out under the road towards the railway line, but an idea would be to put it towards the river instead. Cllr Quinn added that the GWP believe the ground water flows north, but they cannot be 100% certain that it will not go south. A lot of the properties along the A352 have wells as it lies on a spring line. At the liaison meeting it was mentioned by Mr Redl that there is a drain under the road. It was felt that the valleys that they have planned to be constructed would not be adequate as they would overflow. Cllr Quinn also confirmed that DCC was not given a copy of the Unilateral Agreement, which is regarding the land swap. Therefore the other departments, for example Highways have not been notified as DCC would distribute out the information to them. Within the agreement, there was no mention of a management plan for the agriculture even though the Parish Council have stipulated that this should be a condition.
- ii)** There has been various developments due to the Boundary Change. Arne has been taken out of Purbeck Hills and is now in Wareham. East Stoke is now going in South Purbeck which will have 15 parishes, including Wool and Bovington, but there will

only be one County Councillor to cover all of it. County Cllr Lovell is of the opinion that the Councillor should attend all the parish meetings rather than what was suggested which was to have a big meeting with all the Chairs every few months.

- iii) It has been announced that there is a new unitary authority in the East which combines Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole Councils., This might make the rest of the County structure unviable therefore they might have to make a unitary authority in the West.
- iv) County Cllr Lovell has a grant again for £5000 in addition to the £300 leftover from last year. The grant's aim is to help the community and to look after people. The Parish Council will try to come up with ideas for the money over the next few months.

**b) District Cllr Brooks**

- i) At the Partial Review meeting the Officers gave a report on how to split the housing but the recommendations didn't look at the necessary proportions. It has now been asked that every village would investigate to see if there is any land available for development. The following sites within East Stoke which might be suitable for housing include the old village hall site, Middlefield, land near Manor Farm Barns and Mill Paddock. It was suggested that an email should be sent out to residents to see whether there are other potential sites.  
Action: The Clerk to email the residents and reply to the email suggesting the aforementioned sites.
- ii) The Village Hall have put in an application to the East Stoke and Wool Community Fund as they would like to purchase a container.
- iii) Purbeck District have not formally made any decisions on the East Dorset Unitary but the general view is that the District Councils should continue.

**10. Police Update**

There was recently a crash where a car was flipped over due to the motorist trying to avoid a badger. It took place just to the West of Hethfelton at the end of September.

**11. River Frome Issues**

There were no further updates.

**12. Items for Autumn Newsletter**

Subjects to be included are Dorset Police, Hawkins Trust, Community Chest, tank anniversary to include details of Cllr Brooks Great Uncle, the Partial Review and Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Quinn asked Mr Whitmarsh if his son could place the wreath. The distribution will take place over the half term week (week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October). Another item that was discussed but was decided against as a potential article was Kemps Hotel.

**Action:** The Clerk to email Rev Floate to confirm arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

**13. East Stoke and Wool Community Chest**

The closing date for the next round of applications is the 4<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Cady stated that as well as the £5000 there is also £700 left over from the last

round. Cllr Wiltshire asked if the money could be used for winter fuel allowance for the Parish unfortunately, this would not be possible but Hawkins Trust is always looking for new ideas.

**14. Highways Issues**

**a) Update on issues reported**

i) The Church Lane sign at the Bindon Lane Junction has come down and has just been propped up.

**Action:** Cllr Brooks to contact PDC

ii) It was commented upon that the Bindon Lane verges have been cut back very well, but it was noted that the verges along the A352 and the triangle at the Bindon Lane/Church Lane junction needs to be done.

**Action:** The Clerk to report it online

**b) Other Issues**

The grit bins at Church Lane and Highwood have been checked and there is plenty in both.

**15. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration**

**a) Transparency Fund for Smaller Councils - Funding Application Form.** The new regulations for what information smaller authorities should be publishing annually starts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. They apply to all authorities with an annual turnover NOT exceeding £25,000 and this includes Parish Councils.

Within the "Location of public land and building assets" both the Parish Land and the War Memorial need to be included. The Councillor details to be published were collated before the meeting and Cllr Evans confirmed that she sits on the ESWCC and Cllr Wright is the DAPTC Area Representative.

**b) Purbeck Community Resilience Event - 21 October 2015 from 5pm.** Free event for parish and town councils in Purbeck providing practical advice and support on improving local communities' resilience to emergencies. Cllr Quinn is unaware the reason why it is scheduled at 5pm when it is difficult for Councillors who work to attend. Cllr Wiltshire confirmed that she might be able to go. Mr Burden raised the question why the emergency services are being delayed at the railway crossing as he witnessed on one occasion two fire engines waiting for two and a half minutes. The timing is still delayed from when the barrier goes down to when the train passes. However, it has been noted that the barrier is now raised between trains. Cllr Brooks said that the Wareham footbridge plans have been rejected and the planning application at Wool is ongoing so all the issues along the line will be looked at.

**c) Working Together Report - Town and Parish Councils Agenda Item.** The report contains recommendations on changing the way Dorset County Council and Parish & Town Councils work together. Comments need to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed that this item should be added to the next month's agenda.

- d) Licenses for blocks to explore for gas and oil onshore. Habitats Regulations Assessments of 14th onshore oil and gas licensing round.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/habitats-regulations-assessments-of-14th-onshore-oil-and-gas-licensing-round>

Consultation ends 29<sup>th</sup> September. SY88d relates to a licensing block within East Stoke.

It was asked why there has not been direct communication about this to the Parish Council as the information was received via the Swanage Town Clerk who emailed it out to other Purbeck Parish Councils. The Chairman of the DAPTC Executive Committee has arranged a meeting with Oliver Letwin MP and an NALC Representative to discuss why there was no direct contact with the Parish Councils. The outcome will be reported at the DAPTC AGM on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The aim of the consultation was for companies to apply for licences for fracking rather than the later stage of actually extracting it. Cllr Cady asked if Richard Drax MP could be made aware of how the Parish Council received the information indirectly and the lack of timing to form a response.

**Action:** The Clerk to email Purbeck Clerks to inform them of our new email address and to forward the initial email onto Richard Drax's office.

#### 16. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Help and Care - Free workshops for Carers. The Wareham trainings are 28<sup>th</sup> Oct First Aid, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Personal Care and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec What is Caring.  
**Noted.**

- b) 7th September SHLAA workshops. The draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) deadline for comments is September 25th. **Noted.**

- c) Dorset For You website concerns. There will be a new version of the Dorsetforyou website. To keep updated follow the blog at <http://news.dorsetforyou.com/digital-first/> **Noted.**

- d) Help shape the future of youth services in Dorset. There is a six week engagement exercise and the survey ends on 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
Cllr Quinn reiterated the importance of this survey as the youth services budget maybe cut by half.

**Action:** The Clerk to put a link to it in the newsletter.

- e) Dorset PCC Community Grant Round Five open until September 28<sup>th</sup>. Grants are available of up to £3000. **Noted.**

- f) Dorset Waste Partnership Guide for Councillors.  
The bin at the Churchyard is full.

**Action:** The Clerk to notify Jill Jackson.

- g) Forward Together for Children Drop In Sessions for Councillors. .28<sup>th</sup> September 9-10am at Purbeck District Council. **Noted.**
- h) Swanage Local Plan - Pre-submission Publication. **Noted.**
- i) Help NALC Campaign to exempt public toilets from business rates. **Noted.**
- j) South West Conference of Local Councils - Regional Conference - Building the strength of Local Councils - 10th November 2015 in Tiverton, Devon. The cost is £65 per delegate. **Noted.**
- k) Fatal Road Traffic Collision – Site Investigation Report A352 Wool – Nr Hethfelton Hollow. **Noted.**

**17. Finance**

a) To approve the following payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment September Salary	£211.76	000483
Re-imburse E Maidment purchase 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Stamps	£3.78	000484

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

- b) Purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday

It was resolved to make a donation of £30.00 to the Royal British Legion.

**Action:** The Clerk to ask Tib Axon to organise the collection.

**18. Items for Information or next agenda**

Cllr Quinn has sent his apologies.

**19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.44hrs.

Chairman: .....Date.....