

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.00P.M.**

PRESENT

Cllr Simon Cross (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr and District Cllr Barry Quinn
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh (joined meeting at 7.50pm)
County Councillor Mike Lovell

**ATTENDING
MEMBERS OF
PARISH**

John Barnes
Hilary Godfrey

APOLOGIES

Cllr Adrian Cullinane

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None for this meeting

MINUTES of last meeting held on 2nd August as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Revised Code of Conduct – Clerk had collected from PDC new Register of Interests forms which councillors would complete for next meeting.
2. Binnegar Environmental Park – Letter from Council to Tony Jefferies, DCC, had been sent. Outcome awaited. Barry Quinn confirmed Mike Grime had emailed his concerns on this application, namely transport and environmental issues and confirmed PDC would be recommending Objection to the proposals.
3. Police Matters – Clerk confirmed she had emailed PCSO Lindy Christopher re suspicious car incident to make sure she was aware of the facts and asking her for the email address of the Safer Neighbourhood Team as promised when she last attended our parish council meeting.
4. Travellers – It was noted that some of the travellers at Hethfelton had moved to Moreton. Although eviction notices were attached to gate posts not all travellers had moved. Mike Lovell reported that the rest were due to move the following Monday and had been granted an extension to 10th September. Barry Quinn reported more soil had been dumped at Gallows Hill to deter any return to this area. He also suggested the Clerk ring the Gypsy Liaison Officer at DCC to see if he could confirm when the rest of the travellers would be moving and why they had not complied with the eviction notice.
5. C.J. Barnes – No further advice from PDC re enforcement order. Chairman asked Clerk to chase.

6. War Memorial – Barry Quinn advised he had not yet spoken to Mike Grime re formal consent to undertake minor works at the memorial. Barry to email Mike Grime.
7. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised a presentational evening had taken place the previous Thursday with about 25 people attending. It was intended that another meeting would be held at the end of the month. There was still further geophysics to complete but this was pending approval from English Heritage. Also gravestones needed to be put upright and uncovered in order to complete the laser scanning. Barry Quinn confirmed he had submitted a report with an application for the remainder of the grant. He was awaiting a reply. There was question over the second part of the grant not being paid until all the money initially received had been spent.
8. Village Hall – Barry Quinn confirmed he had written to Mike Grime reporting the position with the village hall and the options for the future. Acknowledgement of this letter had been received. This matter could now progress. It was decided this building may not be feasible to sell through e-bay. Paul Whitmarsh was not at this time present at the meeting to ask if he had contacted the reclamation company over possible disposal. The committee would get together at the end of the month. Whoever removed the hall would need to enter into a contract with the Parish Council.
9. C6 Sightlines – There had been no success with cutting down vegetation around the road signs. Barry Quinn and Mike Lovell to follow up.
10. Notice Boards – Mike Lovell had not found out the cost of the board paid for by Langton Parish Council. A second quote was still awaited from Andrew Tuck. East Holme had not yet received the money for their notice board but they would be reclaiming their own VAT. Barry Quinn would go back to S & S Joinery to see if they could reduce the cost by making boards smaller and by increasing the order from 4 to 5.
11. Connecting Dorset – Newsletter received from DAPTC detailing future email address for East Stoke, i.e. eaststoke@dorsetparishes.gov.uk.
12. Parish Land – Mike Lovell advised that Steve Cheeseman would be getting in touch with Simon Cross direct.
13. Purbeck Keystone Project – First newsletter received regarding Frome Valley Project. Clerk to get in touch with Debbie Weller re blocked culverts under Wareham by-pass. Nothing had been received from Pete Burden re draft letter to English Nature. Clerk to contact Mr Burden. Clerk to request further copies of newsletter for Pete Burden and Barry Quinn.
14. Middlefield Sign – This sign had now been taken away by PDC and would be repaired.
15. Middlefield Fence – Mike Lovell reported that a more suitable fence would be put up by the Housing Trust.
16. Binnegar Lodge – It was noted the fence put up around this property was at least 6ft. high. As part of this fronted the main highway it should only be 1m high. Clerk to report to Enforcement Officer.

PLANNING APPLICATION

6/2007/594 – Infinergy Ltd. – Erection of Anemometer Mast at Masters Pit.

This application was discussed and the Council raised the following concerns:-

1. The mast would be 80m high which the Council felt unacceptable. There was no mention in the attached report about the danger the mast would cause to low flying aircraft that use this area. This included military aircraft, the police helicopter and gliders from the local club at Gallows Hill.

2. Due to the size of the mast, which is some 60% higher than the previous mast, there will be a much larger impact on visual sightlines from most parts of the parish especially from the valley where the mast will be silhouetted against the sky line. This will detract from the AONB although not situated in it.
 3. By allowing erection of this anemometer, it will affect the local character of the area.
 4. There is already data gathered from the previous mast, making this application unnecessary.
 5. Objections had been made by local residents.
- All Councillors objected to the application. Clerk to email Case Officer.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. County Councillor's Report – Mike Lovell reported that the Planning Board were not happy with planning application for Binnegar Environmental Park. It was confirmed that 90% of the lorries carrying waste will go past Bere Regis School. It was not possible to by-pass Bere Regis. More information is needed before a decision is reached.
2. District Councillor's Report – Barry Quinn had nothing to report.
3. Highway Issues – Paul Whitmarsh reported manhole covers had been stolen from Holme Lane. Cones were at present covering the holes. DCC had told him this matter was receiving urgent attention. It appeared the PMU's visit had not taken place in July as programmed. A re-organisation of PMU's was taking place.
4. Parish Plan – Barry Quinn to consider funding opportunities for the Action List.
5. Adoption of New Code – The Chairman proposed and Barry Quinn seconded that the council adopt the new revised code including Section 12 but with exception of Section 7. All agreed.
6. Parish Poll – The Chairman reported that on 13th August the Council were given notice that arrangements had been made for a Parish Meeting to be held on 21st August. Copies of this notice signed by six members of the electorate had been posted on the parish notice boards. The aim of the meeting was to request that PDC hold a Parish Poll under the Local Government Act 1972 to ask the question "Do you want a Referendum on the EU Constitutional Treaty? - Yes or No". Chairman Simon Cross chaired the meeting and the proposer of the motion was Mr John Barnes of Luckford Wood House. Although the Chairman reported that he considered the question was too wide to be the subject of such a poll, this would be referred to PDC. A vote taken at this meeting and showed that 18 people were in favour of a referendum and 3 were against. Simon Cross had received an undertaking from Mr Barnes on behalf of UKIP that the cost of running the poll which was understood to be about £500 would be borne by UKIP and not the Parish. Chairman had written to PDC to say that if there was any problem, the Parish Council would not be picking up the costs. A date and time would be set to hold a Parish Poll on this question. The Chairman reported that the Green Dorset Echo had incorrectly reported that the Parish Council had "pushed for the referendum". He had written to the Echo to set out the true position and pointing out the difference between a Parish Meeting and a Parish Council meeting and stating that the Parish Council had not pushed for residents to have their say. Peter Aston had also written to the Echo explaining the facts. There had been a further report in the Daily Telegraph which was also inaccurate. Chairman to follow up. He also reported that the article printed in today's Blue Echo was the most accurate report so far, as it made the difference between the Parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting. Chairman to email Peter Aston detailing observations and questions on the Poll. Advice had been received that the Poll would be held on 20th September at the River

Laboratory. PDC to place notices in newspaper and on parish notice boards. Chairman to further pursue matter with DAPTC as to whether the question to be asked at the Poll was too wide and not relevant to the Parish.

7. Parish Land – New Tenancy. Chairman asked Clerk to contact Mrs Tubbs to make sure she did not wish to renew her tenancy for the coming year commencing 17th September. Also to ask that any remaining rubble be removed. Tenders need to be invited for rent of this land by posting notices on the 5 parish notice boards. Two people had expressed an interest, Dr. Lyons who would be moving into Primrose Cottage and Adrian Naylor and Michelle Waren of Sunnysdale. Clerk to post notices and write to those people inviting them to tender.
8. Roadworks – Notice had been received of major road works that would be underway on the A351 between Sandford and Holton Heath. These works would necessitate substantial lane closures and for part of the time a complete closure of the main road between Woodlands Drive and Organford Road traffic lights. Works to start on 8th October and run for 6-8 weeks.
9. Purbeck Community Partnership – Funding for Projects. Barry Quinn to study.
10. Purbeck Core Strategy – A Second Preferred Options document to be prepared for consultation April/May 2008. Two representatives from each Parish Council to attend an evening Core Strategy Training Event/Workshop early in October. Paul Whitmarsh and Simon Cross to attend. Attendance of Chairman would be dependent on date.
11. DCC Survey of Highway Maintenance in Dorset – Paul Whitmarsh to complete.
12. DCC List of Structural Maintenance 2008/09 – Perused and filed.
13. Flood Wardens Seminar – Copy of letter to be sent to Pete Burden.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Purbeck Transport Action Group – Summary of last meeting received. Barry Quinn perused. Filed.
2. Standing Orders – new template received from DAPTC. Chairman to look at document and amend for purposes of East Stoke Parish Council.

FINANCE

1. Baker Property Services - £349.00 – Quarterly account
 2. BWBSL – Water charges for churchyard - £9.28
- Cheque for £95 received for memorial of Kenneth Brown.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th October.

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Chairman

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Date