

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5th AUGUST 2010

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

APOLOGIES None

IN ATTENDANCE PCSO Stuart Hann
County Cllr Mike Lovell
12 Members of the Public
Mrs Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

Mr Pete Burden spoke regarding the planning Application 6/2006/0666 which was submitted in July 2006 and passed. Part of the work takes place in the East Stoke Parish. No planning notices were seen at the time.

The steel hatches used cannot be controlled and are unsuitable for birds, the RSPB does not support these steel hatches. The sluice gates are closed for seven months of the year. The fields just below Holmebridge were deeply flooded for weeks but further down the valley the fields were clear.

This caused the properties at Holmebridge to suffer drainage problems and holding the water back raised the water table over a wide area. Problems were also reported in Bindon Lane and Church Lane. There was no excessive rainfall over this period.

No surveys were originally carried out by the Keystone Project so the results and effects of the plan cannot be properly monitored. The bird population which it is supposed to enhance has not increased.

The Keystone Project has already proposed but withdrawn an application to install similar structures from Holmebridge to Rushton and the Environment Agency now owns the low lying fields off Church Lane.

If this and future plans are allowed then there could be a corridor of water controlling structures from below Holmebridge to at least Church Lane in the very near future. This will result in prolonged periods when the water table is very high right through the valley.

The new Minister for the Environment, Caroline Spelman, has stressed the importance of reducing flooding and every effort should be made to keeping water on the move and not backing it up.

The sluices at the Holmebridge end of the site should be removed as has been requested several times.

Mr Pete Burden has emailed the Parish Council a copy of the response to the planning application 6/2006/0666 that he has submitted to Purbeck District Council.

Mrs Gillian Topp has photographs from 2008-2010 of the water. Church Lane has flooded three times and this year. The water in Church Lane came from the River down to Manor Farm drive. In 33 years Mr and Mrs Topp's campsite has not been closed except in the 2008/09 season. Rivers in low lying land will naturally flood when they break their banks

Mr Phil Thorkildsen had photographs of his garden that flooded this year. Problems had occurred with his septic tank backing up and having to be emptied regularly.

Other schemes that are planned will have an affect on a lot more properties further upstream.

Mr Paul Whitmarsh thanked Cllr Quinn for speaking to Mr Frampton, Purbeck District Council's Enforcement Officer, regarding the heap of pallets at the boundary fence of Luckford Wood Campsite as they have been moved.

Cllr Quinn requested that any letters that are sent to Purbeck district Council about this application 6/2006/0666 or flooding are to be copied to him. Cllr Quinn explained that the Overview and Scrutiny Group at Purbeck District Council (PDC) had looked at the Keystone project and a report was submitted that this application should be submitted to the planning board and referred to East Stoke Parish Council. There are legal issues with this application as it has already been passed. There is no precedent for this. If it was an application for a house or extension that had been approved then the applicant would not be made to take it down.

There is confusion over what the Environment Agency has said to Richard Drax MP to what has been said to PDC.

The NFU household insurance no longer covers ground water flooding. If the property cannot be insured then who will cover this?

The sluice gates should be open when the water is high. The responsibility is with the landowner. When the gates need to be open/shut may not correspond to the weather conditions and if the person responsible is away when they need to be opened then they will remain closed.

Action: The Clerk will make a note for the feedback on the new Scheme of Delegation that residents and yellow notices should be sent/put up when the Parish Council is informed of planning applications.

2 Apologies for absence

None.

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

Cllr Neil Child declared an interest in item 23 c) on the agenda Donation to the Purbeck Film Festival.

4 Planning Applications

- a) **6/2010/0410** - Bindon Lane (Long Coppice), East Stoke. Erect extension to form rooms under new higher roof, erect replacement garage and stables and form new vehicular access to dwelling.

No comments.

- b) **6/2010/0411** - Longthorns (Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre), East Stoke. Erect primate building and enclosure.
No comments.
- c) **6/2010/0440** - Binnegar Lane (Hines Landfill), East Stoke. Extension to time limit for implementing existing planning permission (ref 6/2005/0463) "A construction and demolition waste recycling facility".
No comments.
- d) **6/2006/0666** – Floodplain east of Holme Bridge to Railway Line, East Holme. Installation of 8 water level control structures and 4 clay bunds on floodplain ditches. Creation of shallow scrapes and grips. **Not considered at this meeting.**

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

5 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) Planning Appeal **APP/B1225/10/2131195** – Summary details of case (Application ref 6/2010/0208). CHANGE OF USE to permit: (a) Use of entire site edged red for camping caravanning & associated activities 365 days per annum for up to 60 pitches (excluding 4-metre buffer zone hatched GREEN on the plan along common boundary with Hill View Farm). (b) Siting of 20 long stay caravans on area hatched BROWN between 1st March and 31st October inclusive annually, (c) Outdoor storage of boats caravans etc on the area hatched BLUE on the plan.
- b) Planning Appeal **APP/B1225/A/10/2130974** - Summary details of case (Application ref 6/2010/0163) Erection of site amenity building comprising: dish washing/laundry room; male and female toilet facilities; disabled toilet and shower facilities, and reception office.
- c) **6/2010/0294 – Kemps Country Hotel**, East Stoke, Erect prefabricated timber cabin within the grounds. **Refused.**

A special planning meeting for the Wind Farm application 6/2010/0040 was scheduled for September 28th at The Purbeck School. This meeting has been deferred until November. Site visits are being undertaken by the Planning Board at present.

6 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

The County's budget has been cut by £7 M this year. County want to maintain frontline services but savings will be made through loss of staff. Further savings of £40M are needed over the next three years.

The County Council's cabinet unanimously approved its support for the reconnection of the Swanage – Wareham rail link (£3M). PDC have included the reconnection in the Purbeck Transportation Strategy (funding will come from the Infrastructure charge).

The traffic lights in Wareham have changed sequence (this is experimental). The change makes it safer for pedestrians but is causing long queues of traffic.

b) District Cllr Quinn

PCSO Hann was asked about the 'Camp Bestival' traffic. There were long queues of traffic, routing of traffic was changed due to the build up of queues. There was a large volume of traffic on the roads that Friday and the stewards at the festival did not get the traffic off the road quickly. The buses to pick up festival goers were not used. On

the Monday long queues occurred as people made their way home from the festival and traffic had to be routed through Wool from the B3070.

Some suggestions to help ease the traffic were to route the traffic in several ways (use New Buildings), have a park and ride some distance away, allow camping for the whole week or for the day before and after.

District Cllr Quinn has undertaken a desktop review of 'Camp Bestival'. The group should have minutes of the pre-application and wash-up meetings and these should feed into the operating plan. Any traffic problems should be reported to Cllr Quinn.

7 Police Update

The overall crime figures for Dorset are going down. There are two exceptions theft from unmanned vehicles and theft from outbuildings (sheds) at night. If anyone spots any suspicious slow moving or parked vehicles that do not look like holiday makers then please report these to the police.

There have been several reports of unwanted door step callers in the Purbeck area.

8 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit (PMU)

The brambles need cutting back around the post box at the Old Post Office.

b) Other Highways Issues

i) There is grass growing through the centre of the road on Bindon Lane (Wool Parish).

Action: The Clerk will report this issue.

ii) The hedge up to the Old Post Office on the B3070 needs cutting back.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mr Bond the landowner asking for this to be cut back.

iii) Moorcroft Cottage hedge has not been cut back despite a letter being sent after the last meeting.

Action: The Clerk will inform DCC.

9 East Stoke Crossing Update

Cllr Quinn had spoken to David Emmerson (Network Rail Project Manager). The consultation over East Stoke Crossing should start next month, September 2010. The railway line will be closed down over the first May Day Bank Holiday in 2013 for the signalling upgrade.

The national policy is to close these types of crossing. The Parish council will need a separate workshop to build a case against closure of this crossing.

10 River Frome update

There was nothing more to report.

11 The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July were approved and signed.

12 Matters arising from the above minutes.

None.

13 Application(s) for Parish Council vacancy

Cllr Barnes had spoken to Mrs Chris Evans about the vacancy. Cllr Barnes is to invite Mrs Evans to the next Parish Council meeting.

14 Reports from Councillors on Meetings and Training attended

Cllr Barnes had attended the DAPTC Purbeck area meeting on the 22nd July at Langton Matravers. Resolutions for the DAPTC AGM, to be held in November, from Parish councils need to be submitted soon.

At the October meeting it was planned that Steve Dring the Planning Policy Manager and Martyn Colvey the Built Environment spokesperson from PDC would speak about the Core Strategy. In January 2011, Baker Associates will be attending to speak about the consultation on Gypsy and Traveller sites.

15 Training Seminars, & AGM,(PDC & DAPTC & DCC) None.

16 Terms of Reference (ToR) for Flood Warden and Rights of Way (RoW) Liaison Officer

The Clerk had contacted the DAPTC about the ToR. Mr Parker was not aware that councils had ToR for their Flood Wardens or Rights of Way Officers. DCC expect to get reports from the RoW officer even if they are members of the public.

The Clerk could be given delegated powers to write to the District Council after liaising with the Flood Warden on flooding issues in the Parish. It was agreed that this delegation would be written into the new standing orders.

17 Graves

a) Fyler and Butler graves

A corner on the Butler grave needs cementing.

Action: The Clerk will contact Mark Alder again at Albert Marsh to see if this work will be undertaken by them.

Coloured shingle is required to finalise the work on the graves.

b) Other graves.

Topple testing

18 Fisherman's Stone bench in Water meadow

This bench is getting close to the edge of the river bank. It needs to be moved back and to a place where it would get used. The bench belongs to the Parish. Cllrs Cady and Quinn will look at the bench and report back at the next meeting.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

19 Public notice board

It was agreed that at present there are no funds for extending or having another notice board.

20 Purbeck Forest Design Plan

The presentation about the Purbeck Forest Design plan and the plan were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Action: The Clerk will find out what the plans are for Hethfelton in the Purbeck Forest Design Plan.

21 Consultation and Discussion Papers

- a) Purbeck District Council review of electoral cycles
The next opportunity to change how voting occurs in Purbeck is in 2011. The consultation on electoral cycles is should the PDC electoral cycle stay as it currently is (elections by thirds) or should PDC move to elections once every four years.

It was noted that the Boundary Review is not going ahead at this present time.

Action: The Clerk will add this consultation item to the next agenda.

- b) Purbeck District Council licensing policy review.
This is a review of policy not the process.
There was no contact with the Parish Council over the Bournemouth Car Club Rally at Luckford Lake Farm. As there was no alcohol at this event, there was no requirement for a licence. For temporary event notices the only statutory body that could object is the police.

Mr Heritage is to produce a monthly list of new licensing applications which will be sent to the Clerk. Training is to be provided for the Purbeck District Councillors on the Licensing Board and briefings for Parish Councils which would probably be as part of the Chairman/Clerks liaison meeting at PDC.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mr Heritage asking to be kept informed of licensing application relating to our Parish and that the Parish Council would be interested in attending training on licensing.

22 Adoption of the new standing orders

This item will be added to the next agenda.

23 Correspondence Received

- a) Letter from Mr J Barnes
The Clerk had tried to telephone Mr Hamer but had to go through Dorset Direct Number. The Clerk left a telephone message for Mr Hamer to call. The Clerk emailed Mr Hamer about the letter. Mr Hamer telephoned the Clerk back just prior to leaving on holiday.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

The Clerk will inform Mr Barnes that his letter will be considered at the next meeting after the Parish Council have spoken to Mr Hamer.

- b) Letters from Mr P Whitmarsh
Mr Frampton has visited Church Lane. The pallets have been moved. Enforcement Action will be taken but it is not a high priority.
- c) Donation request from Purbeck Film Festival
The Clerk will keep the letter on file and the donation request will be considered at the end of the financial year.

24 Dog waste bins

Cllr Quinn has been given a litter bin from Purbeck District Council. This bin needs painting and a sign. The litter bin by the bus shelter will be moved slightly and the bin

donated will be placed at the Highwood crossroads so there will be bins that can be used for dog and general waste at both ends of Church Lane.

25 East Stoke Heritage and Historical Society Update

Cllr Quinn has received the final payment of £10.35. The project is now closed with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The information boards are ready but need to be erected. The trail leaflets when printed will be given to local tourist outlets.

26 Finance

a) Payments Received

It was **noted** that the following payments had been received.

Heritage Lottery Fund	£10.35
Fyler and Butler grave maintenance	£151.25

b) Invoices and payments

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

Mrs J Wright June/July salary	£333.11
Weld Spray (grass cutting Churchyard/footpath)	£440.62
Cllr B Quinn (paint for bin)	£10.98

Action: The Clerk will ask Weld Spray contracting Ltd to trim back the privet hedge in front of the Church.

c) First Quarter Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation for June was circulated prior to the meeting.

27 Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

None.

Exempt Business

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the public and accredited representative of the newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item

28 See confidential minute 154a

29 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd September 2010 at 7pm.

Chairman: **Date:**