

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th January 2016

- PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright
- APOLOGIES Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
 Cllr Brown (District Councillor)
 County Cllr Lovell
- IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public
 Cllr Miller (District Councillor)
 PCSO Williams
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) Mr Burden came across two people from Network Rail inspecting a ditch on the southside of the railway line they explained that they were looking at the drainage infrastructure. On the proposed plans for Binnegar Quarry any excess water is planned to go on the left-hand side of the railway line. Mr Burden said that when the survey was compiled he felt that no one actually visited the site as there is no visible hole. The Network Rail employees said to Mr Burden that they will advise for it to be done. It was suggested that a copy should be sent to Network Rail of the document which states that it is them who are liable if this work is not carried out.
- b) As a Flood Warden, Mr Burden received the Groundwater Warning Area promotion document. The scheme is to monitor ground water warnings, however even though there has been lots of complaints from East Stoke residents the document does not specifically mention the Parish. Mr Burden is of the opinion that it is not a worthwhile exercise as residents will be extremely aware that the River is rising and he feels that the money would be better spent on improving the infrastructure.
- c) Mrs Topp thanked the Hawkins Trust for her Christmas gift. She has recently done a litter pick along Church Lane and has been advised not to put the waste in her own wheelie bin so has placed it in the bin at the Churchyard.

Due to the Police being in attendance Item 11 was brought forward

11. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported

- a) The number of barns broken into has increased from last year. The buildings are mainly located from Briantspuddle to Lulworth it is believed that they are using the green lanes to get to these locations.

The burglaries might also be linked to the poaching, which has occurred in East Stoke. The vehicle that was used to ram the gate at the top of Binnegar Lane must have been quite hefty to use that amount of force.

- b) There hasn't been a lot of sheep theft recently as only nine have been stolen this year, but a mobile sheep handling yard was stolen from a farm near Wool.
- c) It is worthwhile to have your property marked and there will be a bike marking session on Saturday 9th January at the Bovington Memorial Hall.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Brooks, Cllr Brown and County Cllr Lovell.

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 3rd December 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd December 2015 were approved as a true account with a correction that Cllr Quinn stated that he does not know if they can legally park in the layby rather than they couldn't park in there. The minutes were duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wiltshire noticed that the Parish Council has not made a local plan yet for emergency planning. Cllr Child confirmed that it is not essential for Parish Councils to compile a plan, but it was agreed that it would be useful to circulate a list of emergency numbers to the residents.
- b) Cllr Cady asked if there has been any news on the divisional fund. Cllr Quinn said that the Village Hall meeting had been postponed and it has been rescheduled to the 18th January. He is currently collating the information that the Committee requested. Cllr Child recommended a QC for them, but he has not heard back. It was agreed that the form for the divisional fund cannot be filled in until the amount is known. Cllr Cady will complete the form on behalf of the Parish Council.

7 Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) Proposed Deregistration of Land on Ford Heath, Application Ref No COM 617
The Inspector has decided that due to the amount of amendments regarding Binnegar Quarry a hearing will take place on Thursday 11 February 2016 at the Dorset Golf Club.
 - i) Cllr Quinn will be attending the hearing. An email was received from SITA with their statement of the case. Cllr Quinn will email the Parish Council's response and he will double check to see whether a postal reply is also required as it states that it needs to be in a blue folder. In the document it says that there is no intention of the tractor accessing the fields via the quarry but to

- use the current gate. However, it shows on the map that this will be a horse gate along with the one next to it.
- ii) Cllr Quinn said that the tenant farmer has not been consulted by SITA and there has not been any mention of a management plan. SITA will have a meeting with County to discuss these issues. The Open Spaces Society have insisted that the width of the bridleway must be increased however it has not been agreed how it would be maintained.
 - iii) The area of the proposed Puddletown Road car park is also classed as heathland under a previous Section 106 agreement with DCC. SITA has proposed that in the short term there would be stiles rather than horseboxes on the exits onto the A352 .
 - iv) The most important concern is the loss of farmland and access for the tractor. Cllr Quinn thinks that only three people will speak at the hearing as well as the applicant.
 - v) There has already been incidents with poaching and motorbikes. It is felt that these anti-social activities would increase.
- b) **6/2015/0721- Frome Vale, BH20 6AN.** Proposed loft conversion and alterations comprising removal of existing porch, creation of new main entrance and introduce garden fencing to southern boundary. Internal alterations.
No comments and no objections. The Parish Council would like to highlight to the planning department that a paper copy of the proposed plans were not included and the plans had to be accessed online at the meeting.
- c) **6/2015/0723 - Puddletown Road (Purbeck Shooting School).** This site sits on the boundary with Bere Regis. Change of use of land to West of Purbeck Shooting School to re-site existing and install additional shooting positions.
No comments and no objections.
The Parish Council is in favour of this application and appreciates being consulted as it is just outside the Parish Boundary.

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

There were no planning updates.

9. Hethfelton Wood Update

The next step regarding Hethfelton Wood is to have a meeting with the Forestry Commission. Cllr Brooks has arranged it for the 4th February but unfortunately she has not had confirmation back from the Forestry Commission that they can attend that day. A meeting room has been booked at Purbeck District Council Offices but Cllr Cady feels it might be more suitable to hold it at the River Laboratories as the close proximity will be more convenient for a site visit. It was suggested by Cllr Wiltshire that a half an hour circular walk could be done and the meeting could directly follow after that. It was agreed to wait for confirmation from the Forestry Commission before finalising the details. It has been noted that there have been contractors cutting back gorse. It was suggested that Cllr Brooks should ask Trevor Badley for an update.

10. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report

b) District Cllr Miller

- i) Potential plans for unitary authorities and creating a Combined Authority for Dorset is still under discussion. The recommended options for unitary authorities is either East/West or for the whole County. PDC has said that they would like more options and East Dorset do not want any sort of unitary.
- ii) There is a public consultation on whether to raise the Policing element of the Council Tax by approximately £4 per household.
- iii) In the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment they have advised that 238 new homes should be built compared to the PDC Partial Review which recommended 120.

Item 11 was discussed at the start of the meeting.

12. River Frome Issues

Mr Burden reported that the flood waters have risen quickly. He inquired about the Keystone Project water level management as the suggested ½ inch water levels in the fields is now approximately 3ft deep. This has resulted in cattle being unable to graze on these fields. It was suggested that Cllr Miller should contact Bridget Downton to obtain a copy of the Keystone Project annual report.

13. Community Emergency Planning

It was discussed if the Parish Council needs to identify a place of safety if an emergency occurs. Various venues were suggested including halls in Wool, nearby public houses and Holme Nursery. It was agreed that a list of venues should be compiled and if an emergency arises a decision would then be made as to the best safe location.

14. Auto enrolment pension changes

The staging date for the auto enrolment is on 1st January 2017. The Clerk has investigated three possible pension providers. Both Standard Life and Aviva have stated that it is not a high enough salary for them to provide this service. The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) asks the employee to contribute 5.5% and the employer normally contributes the other 2/3rd of the amount. Cllr Wright advised that the statutory resolution needs to be in place by October. It was agreed that LGPS should be used and to add the resolution to the March agenda.

Action: The Clerk to add the resolution to the March agenda.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

- i) On the A352 by Primrose Farm there are roadworks in operation to separate the water supply. The work is due to finish on the 8th January.

It has been noted that water has been seeping out of the manhole cover.

Action: The Clerk to report the manhole cover

- ii) The collapsed verge in Church Lane has still not been properly repaired.

Action: The Clerk to contact County Cllr Lovell to ask Highways for an update

b) Flood warning signage

An email has been received from the Wool Parish Clerk asking if we would like their spare flood sign for Bindon Lane. Mrs Burden also confirmed that they too have a flood sign and there are a couple of other signs near the railway line. The area where there is flooding by the farm is actually in Wool Parish therefore it should be advised that they should keep the sign. Cllr Wiltshire said that it would be preferable to have people in authority to put out signs.

Action The Clerk to email Wool Parish Clerk to advise them the flooding is normally 200 metres up past Bindon Abbey.

c) Blocked culvert along Bindon Lane

This has now been resolved.

d) Other Issues

No other issues were discussed.

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

- a) DAPTC Subscription Charges for 2015/2016. There will be an increase to the DAPTC Subscription Charges for the coming financial year. The amount for East Stoke will increase from £148.95 to £153.42. **Noted.**

b) Town and Parish Precepts for 2016/17

The grant is gradually decreasing. When setting the budget money should be allocated for fencing the remainder of the Parish Land and for the Parish Clerk's pension. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn that the precept for 2016/17 would be £8,750.00. This was unanimously approved and resolved.

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Temporary road closure - A352 at Wool Level Crossing. 12th-13 December. **Noted.**

- b) Temporary road closures - B3070 at Holme level crossing. Overnight work commencing 23.45 until 06:30 on 28th and 29th Jan. Stage two will be commencing 21:00 until 09:00 on 13th and 14th Feb.
Due to Stage Two closing until 9am Cllr Cady advised that the residents should be emailed about it and posters should be displayed on the noticeboards.

- Action:** The Clerk to publicise the closure.
- c) COM 617 - Proposed de-registration of land - Ford Heath. A hearing has been arranged and will begin at 10.00am on Thursday 11 February 2016. It will be held at Dorset Golf and Country Club, Hyde, Bere Regis, Wareham, Dorset BH20 7NT. **Noted.**
 - d) Citizens Advice Trustee Board Meeting. Held on Wednesday 9th December. **Noted.**
 - e) NaLC Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings - 4 December 2015. **Noted.**
 - f) Protecting Vulnerable People Newsletter - Issue 4 Missing Children. December's newsletter from Dorset Police. **Noted.**

18. Finance

a) Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment December Salary	£211.76	000490

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

- b) Third quarter Budget Report
A full budget up to the 31st December could not be given as the bank statements are not available yet. Therefore, the item would be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Donation request from the Citizen's Advice Bureau.
The request was noted and will be considered at the March meeting.
Action: The Clerk to add it to March's Agenda.
- d) The item was discussed Minute number 224/17/b

19. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Mrs Haskell has kindly repaired the chain at the Memorial. A receipt has been provided and will go on next month's payment schedule.
- b) A mobile home has been placed in Rushton without planning permission. Cllr Brooks will need to investigate.
- c) The Parish Plan is now ten years old and is in need of a refresh. The Plan is still supported by Government and Cllr Quinn will contact someone who has compiled two including the Broadmayne one for advice. The difference between the Neighbourhood Plan is basically what you do want in terms of development compared to a Parish Plan which is what people do not want but the latter also covers much wider social and community topics. It was suggested that it should be included in the Easter newsletter.
- d) Cllr Cady thanked the Councillors to help deliver the Hawkins Trust presents. The numbers who are entitled to gifts are increasing therefore it might be necessary to alter the stipulations as to who receives them.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40hrs.

Chairman:Date.....