

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2013

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES County Cllr Mike Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE 3 members of the public
 Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Co-option of a Parish Councillor

One application to become a Parish Councillor had been received from Mr Simon Cragg. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Quinn that Mr Cragg was co-opted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr Cragg was co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill one of the Parish Councillor vacancies.

Action: The Clerk will write to Mr Cragg about his success at being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

2 Public Participation Time

a) Mrs Burden reported that a campervan had been staying overnight at Holmebridge for about a month. Mrs Burden had not got the registration number of the vehicle. This was reported to PC Jephcott who was to investigate and the Police can issue a ticket. As the vehicle is parked on a Dorset County Council Highway at night the vehicle should be lit.

Action: Cllr Quinn will speak to PC Jephcott to see if she went to investigate the overnight parking.

Action: Cllr Quinn will contact Cllr Lovell and see if a sign could be erected stating 'No overnight camping'.

3 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

4 Granting of Dispensations

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5 Declarations of Interest

None.

6 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd October were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

7 Matters arising from the minutes

- a) There had been no update regarding the C6 road traffic collision.
- b) No response regarding the site meeting about the C6 speed limit.
- c) No update regarding the enforcement at Reed Cottage.
- d) Cllr Quinn will look at the new access that has been formed at Middlefield Cottages.
- e) The Clerk had contacted Mr Gammon at Purbeck District Council to about purchasing a laptop computer for the Parish Council. Mr Gammon had sent the Clerk details of who to contact for this purchase.

Action: The Clerk will contact the company to find out the prices for a new laptop. This item will be added to the next agenda.

8 Planning Applications

- a) **6/2013/0525** - SITA UK Binnegar Environmental Park, Binnegar Road, Binnegar, BH20 6AX. Formation of external bay using concrete A frames for storage of waste wood. The Parish Council had **no comments** to make about this application.

9 Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

- a) **6/2013/0543** – Purbeck Care Ltd, Binnegar Hall, Binnegar, East Stoke, BH20 6AT. Use as Private residential dwelling - Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing. **Noted.**
- b) Planning enforcement appeal for Highwood Mead. **Noted.**

10 Reports from County and District Councillors

- a) County Cllr Lovell

No report.

- b) District Cllr Quinn

- i) Appeal **6/201/0378** - PDC's case for refusal was robust. Two reports were submitted by the applicant but these were not seen by the original panel.
- ii) There was a planning training session on appeals. PDC win more appeals than they lose.
- iii) **Partnership** -The Business Case will be considered at the ordinary council meeting on 12th November.
- iv) **Gypsy and Traveller** report to Council next week that is seeking funding for the next stage of the Gypsy and Traveller consultation. Over next fifteen years looking for another 33 pitches; these include those on unauthorised sites and those on the waiting list for Ashoaks.
- v) Meeting with Highways Officers – this is minor schemes throughout the District. Of interest to East Stoke are:
Improvements at A352/B3070 junction next year – it was unsure if the countdown markers that have been painted on the approach to this junction were the improvements?
Extension of footpath to Binnegar Hall - This should be done and it is not expensive and there is potential funding but the cost to carry out this work is needed.
The dual use footpath will not be done.
HGVs – there was another HGV up Binnegar Lane on 1st November. This has been taken up with PC Jephcott. There is no observation by the lorries of the 7.5T weight limit. Evidence provided so that enforcement can be taken.

Action: The Clerk will email Mr Brown with copies to Cllr Quinn, County Cllr Lovell and Mr S Howard asking for an update on the 'No SITA access' sign. With the new waste transfer planning application this could increase the use of Binnegar Lane by HGVs if there is no sign to stop the lorries gaining access to SITA via Binnegar Lane.

vi) County – there is a new Leader and new Chief Executive at DCC.

11 River Frome Issues and update on any flooding issues

Mr and Mrs Burden attended a Consultation meeting on the Local Flood Risk Management plan at Wareham Corn Exchange. DCC, Mike Goater, PDC, and Environment Agency were at the meeting. They wanted to know of any areas or walls that are holding back water. Mr Burden gave a resume of the valley of why so much water is being held back. The EA are holding back water. The Keystone Project required an inch of water for the wading birds to breed but there is more than an inch on the meadows. The EA are using the whole of the area to hold water.

There was no issue from the EA's view about holding back four foot of water on the railway line. The railway line forms a dam. This is about the Catchment Management Plan - this has divided the area into segments, with uses for each segment. The ones at the very top are to hold water, and let it down the river slowly so during flooding you do not get a big rush down the river. They have done this at the bottom at the railway line and Wareham. It was reported that the farmers are being paid for the water to be on the fields.

Mr Boone, technical engineer, only seemed concerned with the storage capacity of the valley.

Aerial photographs of this area show that the water is being stored here and further downstream.

An update - The ditch that goes along the Burden's garden and then goes under the road needed a pipe to be replaced. The EA have sought permissions from DCC and the trench has been dug and a larger pipe has been installed.

12 Any issue to report to the Police or Update on Issues reported

There have been several thefts in the area including one of sheep. Cattle have been taken from Bere Heath.

A car had turned over on A352.

If you see horses with two plaits in their tails then someone will be back later to steal them so this needs to be reported to the police.

13 East Stoke Level Crossing

No update. Jenny Penney's details have been given to Christina Walker at Network Rail to arrange procurement of a new finger for the finger post.

14 Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

None.

b) Highways issues to report

- i) A request has been sent to Mike Winter requesting a site meeting to extend 40mph on C6
- ii) Lane at Highwood (PEM 450608). Signs have been erected 'Temporary Road Surface'.

- iii) Footpath along Tout Hill towards Monkey World. This footpath from Bovington Lane to Monkey World was on the County Highways list but has not been costed. The list

of works in Purbeck is prioritised by County but these do not have any costs. PDC need their own meeting to prioritise the works required for the District.

iv) There are new Cycleways in Purbeck but these are not used by cyclists.

c) Other Highways Issues

There are three areas where there are potholes (total of five) on A352 to report.

15 Consultations or New Items for Discussion

a) Purbeck District Council (PDC) is conducting a partial review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1: Planning Purbeck's Future. PDC would like your views on – 'What do you think are the key issues surrounding the sustainable development of Purbeck that the PLP1 partial review should address?' Closing date 31st December 2013.

Action: Cllr Quinn to respond.

b) A representative from the Parish Council who would be interested in joining the Wool Surgery's Patient Participation Group.

Cllr Evans will contact Wool Surgery to express an interest in joining the group.

c) Volunteer of the Year 2013

It was agreed that Mrs Gillian Topp would be this parish's Volunteer of the Year.

d) Rough Sleeper estimate (any change since last year and number of people)

There are no rough sleepers in East Stoke.

e) Purbeck Heritage Network meeting to be held on 12th November, 10.00am – 2.00pm, at Studland. No one would be attending this event.

16 Feedback from initial meeting Woolbridge Solar Farm: agreeing, allocating and administering community benefit.

There was no update on the decision of the Solar Park planning application.

The community fund that Good Energy proposes to deliver once the site is consented, built and operating is:

- £10,000 towards the East Stoke Community Hall campaign
- A domestic scale solar PV installation designed and installed on Wool Church of England First School, Bovington First School, and D'Urberville Hall. The Catholic School were offered the domestic solar PV but their roof was not suitable.
- £1,000/MW (£5,000 in total) per year provided to the fund rising with inflation. The money in the fund does not have to be spent in that year it can be rolled over.

Good Energy intends to agree a Unilateral Undertaking with Purbeck District Council to commit to the project company to delivering the benefits.

Good Energy intends to agree a Community Fund agreement with East Stoke and Wool Parish Councils on delivering the benefits to the community.

All parties were agreed that a Trust with 6 members with a representative from both Good Energy and the Drax Estate should be established to manage the funds.

All parties were agreed that the administration and accounting of the funds is to be managed by the trust Treasurer which is likely to be a parish clerk.

The parishes will take on responsibility for establishing the trust.

Any reasonable administration costs of establishing the trust can be drawn from the community fund.

The boundary for projects that will be eligible to receive funds is the boundary of both East Stoke and Wool Parish.

17 Gate at River Laboratory

The automatic gate at the River Laboratory closes at 8.00pm. This means that the public cannot gain access to the meeting after this time. The Clerk has sought advice from the DAPTC about this and a way round it would be for the meetings to start at 6.00pm.

Action: The Clerk will write to ask if the Parish Council can put a note on the agenda stating that access to the public meeting is not available after 8.00pm.

18 Tender for Churchyard Maintenance

Additions to tender - Parish Land maintenance (cut grass and trim boundary), grass cuttings to be removed from the Churchyard and the beech hedge to be cut back and maintained at a height of six feet.

A query was made about the Village Green status of the Parish Land and could it be used to raise money. Are there grants for village greens?

Action: The Clerk will find out the costs of adverts from Wareham and Swanage Advertiser, Purbeck Gazette and Lulworth Parish News.

The Clerk will report that the path from the bus shelter to the footpath needs clearing.

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out what can be done with the Parish Land as it has Village Green status and if money can be raised by hiring out the land.

19 Parish Council Website

There were no setup costs for the Village Hall website. The Parish Council had received a price from Vision websites for a community website. The web address would need to be changed to reflect that the website is a hub for all groups within the parish.

If it costs money for the website sponsorship from local businesses could be pay for it.

Action: The Chairman will have a meeting with the Village Hall representative and their website designer.

20 New Notice board to replace the one at the Old Post Office

Mr Will Bond had no objection to the location of the notice board but did not want the notice board fixed so that it could not be moved at a later date.

Action: Cllr Cady will ask for a donation of posts from Holme sawmill.

Action: Cllr Quinn to fit the lock to the notice board.

Action: The notice board will be installed by Cllr Quinn and Mr Haskell.

21 New model Standing Orders

The Clerk will circulate the draft Standing Orders when these have been read and amended.

22 Correspondence Received.

a) Community Lunch to be held on Wednesday 13th November, 9.30am – 1.30pm, at Harman's Cross Village Hall. A £4 donation is required towards lunch.

b) The revised Purbeck Forest Design plan has been submitted to the Forestry Services for approval.

c) Public Health Dorset bulletin.

d) Any requests for emptying additional dog waste bins will not be processed until after the completion of a Dorset wide Street cleansing review

- e) Trustees wanted for Dorset Community Action – closing date is Friday 29th November 2013.
- f) The business case for a shared services partnership with Christchurch and East Dorset Councils will be considered at the Purbeck District Council meeting to be held on 12th November at 7.00pm.

23 Finance

a) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Garden Services (Purbeck) Ltd	£757.20	000396
Mrs J Wright (October salary)	£168.21	000399
Mr B Quinn (Parish land registration & costs, printing newsletter)	£67.00	000400

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

b) Parish land fencing quotes

Action: The Clerk will contact the Young Farmers again about their quote to see if it is still valid and ask for a quote for re-seeding the land.

c) Second quarter bank reconciliation 30th September 2013

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 30th September 2013 agreed with the Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £21,423.51.

d) Items for inclusion in the Budget 2014/15

Parish Land maintenance, website (additional £200) and winter maintenance.

24 Items for information or next agenda

- a) The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 10th November at 1.00pm.

25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....