



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY
9th DECEMBER 2019

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr David Purshouse
 Cllr Chris Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 Gordon Mackenzie
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. To receive Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interest Forms from Co-opted Councillor

The Parish Councillors Declarations Book was duly signed by Gordon Mackenzie. The Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interest forms will be signed at the next meeting.

2. Public Participation Time for 15 Minutes

No comments

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dorset Councillor Brooks

4. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th November 2019 were approved as a true account.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 17d Cllr Quinn attended the evening not the daytime meeting.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

PDA/2019/0001 - 1 Stockford Cottages, BH20 6AN. Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house in accordance with the provisions set out within the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 at Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q.

The Parish Council had no comments or objections.

9. Update on Previous Planning Applications

a) 6/2019/0482 - Manor Farm, BH20 6AW. Demolish existing building and replace with a storage building. **Approved. Noted.**

b) It was confirmed that Luckford Lake was classed as a planning application.

10. Reports from Unitary Councillor

The Unitary Councillor was not in attendance.

i) Due to purdah there is very little news.

ii) Cllr Brooks chairs the Highways Development Panel, and it has been decided to revert back to the old policy of preventative maintenance.

iii) The Highways Officer will remove the Farrer Estate signs.

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

There have been numerous reports on Dorset Alert regarding poaching. The Police have asked the public to look out for a black Suzuki Vitara and a Black Audi A4 as they are believed to be involved with deer coursing & poaching.

12. Churchyard Maintenance

Cllr Quinn gave a vote of thanks to Paul Whitmarsh for welding the gate. There has been no update on the ownership of the trees, once this has been resolved quotes would be obtained from tree surgeons to work on making the trees safe.

13. Review Grounds Maintenance Tender

- i) The current tender ceases on 31/3/2020
- ii) It was discussed that a pedestrian gate needs to be installed at the entrance of the Parish Land.
- iii) It was agreed to add to the tender, the trimming of the hedges at the Churchyard along the road and railway boundary.
- iv) Action the Clerk to contain Highways to ask how many times the grass triangle at the junction of the B3070/Holme Lane is cut.
- v) The Tender will be sent out in January and it will be discussed in February and March

14. Hethfelton Update

- i) The area at the Southern Entrance is still taped off, and will be until all the timber has been collected, which the Forestry Commission have informed us will be by the end of December. Burning has been taking place as part of the regeneration process.
- ii) Regarding the mineral development, there has been no further movement along the northern boundary. It appears that the area will be worked on right up to the boundary. The plan will be adopted soon and it will then be fully adopted by the Secretary of State

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

- i) The owners of the Farrer Estate did not remove the signage within the specified 14 days, therefore they will now be taken down by the Highway Officer.
- ii) There is now funding for the replacement of the culvert as it has collapsed under the road which is what is causing the overtopping and the run off down Bindon Lane. However to do the work the ground needs to dry out. The Dorset Council site agent will be keeping a close eye on the ground conditions here, duration of the works should be 1-2 weeks depending on what they find when they break ground. It will necessitate a road closure to do the work. The "Start date" cannot be confirmed at the moment as it will depend on achieving satisfactory ground conditions and securing the road closure under the new "permitting" framework that all utility companies and highway authorities have to abide by.
- iii) During the wet weather there was a blockage on the A352, located at the bend near the Church. It is believed to have been caused by the grip not draining off.
- iv) Cllr Quinn has written a risk assessment for the Remembrance Services. He had a site meeting with John Alford where they discussed various options including applying for the road to be closed, but it was agreed that it would cause more of a hindrance as the clergy and people from the Royal British Legion would need to use this road to access this event. The Parish Council all agreed that the best solution would be to purchase yellow A Boards signage for £36 each as this would be more cost effective than hiring them for £20 each year. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr

Quinn that the Parish Council would procure three signs for £36 each. It was agreed that the signage would be put up on the morning of the event.

b) Highways Meeting

There has been no further update.

c) Other Issues

- i) The Highways Officer has driven the route from the Puddletown Rd junction down to Monkey World to look at the overhanging trees. He will approach the landowner to cut them back. Cllr Quinn will inform the resident who complained.
- ii) The two bridges at Holmebridge have been de-weeded by Highways.

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

Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. The Home Office has issued a new consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. The consultation document can be found here. **Noted.**

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Urgent road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary road closure Bere Heath Rd, Hyde. It will come into operation between 09:30 to 15:30 on 5th November 2019 and remain in force for five days, however, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 7th November 2019. **Noted.**
- b) Recent coverage of Dorset Council in the local press. There were a number of inaccuracies in the Dorset Echo and statement clarifying various points have been published on the Council's website. **Noted.**
- c) Cancelled - Planning Peer Review, Town and Parish Council Focus Group. This has been cancelled due to purdah. **Noted.**
- d) Temporary closures of Rushton Lane and Manor Farm Access, East Stoke. The Rushton Lane closure will come into operation on Thursday 21st November 2019 and will remain in force for five days. However, it is anticipated that the works will be completed between 08.00hrs and 16.00hrs on Thursday 21st November 2019. The Manor Farm Access will be closed on Friday 22nd November 2019 and will remain in force for five days. However, it is anticipated that the works will be completed between 08.00hrs and 16.00hrs on Friday 22nd November 2019. **Noted.**
- e) Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils. For this election, the Purdah period started on 7 November. This means that from this point on, we are not allowed to issue any publicity that seeks to influence the way in which people may vote. During Purdah we cannot quote or feature councillors in any publicity. **Noted.**
- f) Proposed temporary closure of B3070 at Holmebridge Level Crossing. These works are programmed to take place overnight, between 23.00hrs on Saturday 14th December 2019 and 09.30hrs on Sunday 15th December. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC AGM 2019 - Decisions on motions. The DAPTC AGM was held on 9 November and was well attended as normal. The proposals from member councils were debated and agreed. The details can be found on <http://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/DAPTC-Web/Default-10745.aspx> **Noted.**
- h) Confirm Report: Road works report – Purbeck. This includes the level crossing closure on weekend of 14th/15th Dec, as well as Rushton Lane and the Manor Farm Access. **Noted.**

- i) Small Councils Committee election. NALC Small Councils Committee - Dorset Candidates are Sarah Jackson [West Lulworth PC] and Josephine Parish [Corfe Castle PC]. Voting opened on 15th November and will close on 13th December. **Noted.**
- j) DAPTC E-Newsletter - No. 19 November 2019. Dorset Council's draft Council Plan was approved at Cabinet on Tuesday 1 October. This plan sets out the council's proposed priorities for the next four years. They are keen to seek feedback and views from town and parish councils on this draft plan throughout October, November and December. **Noted.**
- k) South Western Railway Update. Information from South Western Railways with regard to the forthcoming industrial action due to start on 2nd December and last until the New Year. **Noted.**
- l) LGA's Guidance on councillor intimidation. This includes advice and guidance around general safety as well as how to deal with intimidating behaviour towards councillors. **Noted.**
- m) Travel & transport news. Information on free parking in various Dorset Towns throughout December. **Noted.**

18. Finance

a) The following payments were approved.

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment November Salary	£220.83	000553
Dorset County Pension Fund	£64.25	000554
Re-imburse E Maidment for printing donation to Wool PC and A4 paper	£13.98	000555

19. Items for Information or next agenda

- i) The battery on the Clerk's laptop is no longer working. It was proposed that a new battery should be purchased for £50. It was agreed to budget for a new laptop for next year.
- ii) The Clerk will send a link to Mr Mackenzie for the online form to register as an account signatory.
- iii) The Hawkins Trust gifts will be available to be picked up from Friday 20th. It was agreed that the deliveries will be done by the following people:-

Cllr Purshouse	Church Lane and Highwood
Cllr Evans	Bindon Lane, Holme Lane and Holmebridge
Cllr Wiltshire	Hethfelton and A352 (West)
Mr Mackenzie	Middlefield and Rushton
Cllr Cady	A352 (East)

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th January at the River Laboratories.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.00

Chairman:

Date.....

Chairman's Initials

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