

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2008.

PRESENT Cllr Simon Cross – Chairman
Cllr Rebecca Cady – Vice Chairman
Cllr and District Cllr Barry Quinn
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Adrian Cullinane
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

APOLOGIES None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Neill Child declared a personal interest in planning application for Paul Schneider by being a long standing acquaintance of the applicant.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 6/2008/0005 – P. Schneider, 14 Middlefield Cottages – Erect single storey extension at rear and make internal alterations. After discussion no objections were raised. Clerk to contact case officer Phil Payne
2. 6/2008/0037 – Mrs L. Meaker, Godrevey Bungalow, Primrose Lane – Convert conservatory into habitable room and erect new roof and side extension. After discussion no objections were raised. Clerk to contact case officer John Hartigan.
3. 6/2008/0039 – Mr Spicer, Poachers Lair, Holme Lane – Demolish upper part of existing building and complete with pitch felt roof and clad with timber for storage of cars and memorabilia. The Council were in support of this new application but would point out to case officer John Hartigan that if consent was given to this application, approval of the original application should be revoked.

MINUTES of last meeting as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Wind Turbines – Clerk had received a phone call from Goeff Edwards in Wool advising that a meeting would be held on 8th February in East Burton Village Hall at 7.00pm to discuss this issue and maybe form an action group. Posters would be put around the area advertising the meeting. Chairman suggested that councillors make up their own minds if they wished to go along and listen to proceedings. Clerk to email Mr and Mrs Littlecott to inform them of this event. Mr Edwards had suggested this group would be called DART (Dorset Against Rural Turbines) but District Councillor Barry Quinn thought this was not a good idea as there was an entirely different organisation with the same initials.
2. Bindon Lane – Simon Cross advised that the drain on the corner had now been cleared and no water was currently laying. Paul Whitmarsh to check with Blair Turner that work on this junction was complete. Although the Parish Council had suggested that PMU's could undertake this work when they visited our area in January, no PMU vans had been seen. Paul Whitmarsh to check with Blair Turner. Barry Quinn suggested Mike Lovell be asked to take action.
3. Binnegar Lane – Barry Quinn advised that DCC had been digging out the gullies but

he thought Nigel Hamer had not been looking at the real problem, i.e. water flowing from the fields was still on going.

4. War Memorial – The Chairman passed a vote of thanks to Paul Whitmarsh for installing posts. 27 metres of chain was needed to link posts. Barry Quinn to contact Hansons or Browns to see if they would donate shingle. Rebecca Cady offered to arrange to have shingle picked up by Darren Haskell.
5. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised that no further meeting had been held. Letter had been received from grants officer but there was nothing to report back to him. Nothing had yet been heard from the Pillbox Trust.
6. Village Hall – Nothing further to report. Simon Cross reported that Symonds and Sampson had registered the village hall site as a ‘potential site for development’ and it was included as a Rural Exception Site. Simon had informal talks with Mr Hall of Raglan Housing who thought that the idea of development with two houses and a community hall was a good idea. To take the matter further he would require a site plan. In order to keep William Bond in the picture, Simon would draft a letter which he would then send to Barry Quinn for Maureen Quinn to sign from the Village Hall Committee.
7. Notice Boards – Barry Quinn advised that they were now ready for installing. Paul Whitmarsh to look into providing wooden posts to attach to boards. Clerk advised the current iron posts were loose and in bad condition.
8. Parish Land – Nothing further to report.
9. Parish Poll – Clerk advised that two reminders for payment had been received from Purbeck District Council. Council suggested this reminder be sent to John Barnes with a covering letter.
10. Naming of Lane – Four written replies and a verbal response to our letter had been received from residents living in the lane opposite West Holme Nurseries. Mr Horton was present at this meeting and explained that this lane used to be known as ‘Manor Drive’. Of the 5 responses received, 3 were in favour of naming the lane ‘Manor Lane’ and 2 for West Holme Lane. As Manor Lane seemed to be the favourite Neill Child was asked to inform PDC. Mr Horton also advised that diseased trees on both sides of the lane were dying and in a dangerous condition. Paul Whitmarsh offered to discuss when he meets with Blair Turner to determine who owns the land on which the trees stand and what further action to take.
11. Binnegar Quarry – A new transport assessment dated January 2008 had been received. Simon Cross had perused the document before the meeting and had drafted a response for the Parish Council to read pointing out the very significant traffic problems that would occur with the increase in traffic if this application were to go ahead. Councillors suggested that an additional paragraph be added stating that smaller lorries might be tempted to turn up Binnegar Lane as a shortcut. Therefore they considered a reduced weight restriction should be introduced along this lane to 3.5 tonnes to discourage drivers. Chairman to email Clerk copy of this response who would add additional paragraph and send to Tony Jefferies DCC, cc to Alliance Planning, Mike Lovell and Malcolm Shakesby. Meeting with Bere Regis Parish Council to be held on 18th February at Drax Hall. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss traffic problems associated with this application. Chairman not able to attend, Vice Chairman Rebecca Cady and Barry Quinn to attend.
12. New Planning Regime – Chairman Simon Cross advised that through District Councillor Malcolm Barnes he had been sent copies of responses from other Parish councils after receipt of letter dated 19th April, 2007 from Purbeck District Council about new forthcoming planning procedure. Our Council had also responded to this letter but it appeared those Councils objections to the new scheme had not been taken into account. All Councils objecting stated they were not able to meet the new deadlines for applications. District Councillor Barry Quinn offered to get this matter referred back to the Overview and Scrutiny Group of which he was a member, to get

the matter reviewed.

13. Precept – Official form now signed by Chairman. Clerk to forward to PDC.
14. Regional Spatial Strategy for South West – Letter received from Cllr Bill Trite enclosing PDC's initial response to the recent Panel Report following the Examination in Public of the South West Regional Spatial Strategy. He asked our council to write to the Secretary of State, Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears mirroring his concerns that the proposition to increase housing by 145%, i.e. 2750 houses would be highly inappropriate for this area. Clerk to draft a response and send to Barry Quinn.
15. Avian Flu – Copy of Email received from Peter Aston to Barry Quinn advising that Purbeck is within the designated wild bird monitoring area. Map and additional information on DEFRA website.

APPEAL

C.J. Barnes against PDC refusal of planning permission on Land at Holme Lane. Relief from condition 6 to remove constrictions on use of land for camping, parking and storage or recreation. Clerk produced Council's original letter of objection. Council had no further comments to make to the Planning Inspectorate.

PAST PLANNING

1. 6/2007/834 – Monkey World, Longthorns – Construction of waste water treatment works (retrospective) Approved 4th January
2. 6/2007/866 Peacehaven – Erect single storey side and rear extension Approved 15th January

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. No County Councillor Report
2. No District Councillor Report
3. Highway Issues – Nothing further to report
4. Connecting Dorset – Email received requesting payment of £907.30 for laptop and printer. Cost of hardware to be reimbursed by Dorset Community Action. Council to reclaim VAT. Clerk had already sent off as due date was 1st February.
5. Declarations of Acceptance of Office – Email received from PDC advising that they did not appear to have a record of this form after May 2006 elections. Each councillor signed. Clerk to send copy to Cllr Adrian Cullinane as he had already left the meeting.
6. Townscape Character Workshop – Meeting to be held at PDC on 27th February.
7. Community First – Information leaflet received on grant for village store. Clerk was asked to send to Jenny Goldsack at Holme Nurseries.
8. Grass Cutting – Current tender to expire 28th February. Clerk to post notices on boards inviting tenders to be received by end of February in time for next meeting. Tender to be period of 2 years. Also Clerk to write to Colin Baker asking him if he would like to tender.
9. Planning Seminar – To be held at PDC on 20th March. Neill Child offered to attend. Cheque for £10 to be raised and sent to Dorset County Training Partnership.
10. Bus Stop Request – Letter received from DCC who had been asked by colleagues at First Buses to create additional bus stop on either side of the road near to the Purbeck Care Home. Michelle Boone, Technical Officer, had identified position for stops and had sent sketch. There was concern over the suitability as stops would be on a slight incline. As the nearest stop was at Middlefield Cottages it meant that anyone from the home wanting to use the bus service would have to walk along the main

road as there was no footpath. Comments from the Parish Council were requested. After discussion Council felt they had no difficulty in agreeing in principle to an additional bus stop but had concerns over the traffic issues. Councillors felt that one solution would be to extend the pavement on the south side of the road where it finished to Middlefield Cottages. Clerk to write to DCC.

11. Communities and Local Government – Consultation document and letter received. Comments by 15th February. Letter read to meeting. No further comments.
12. Community Action on Climate Change – Workshop to be held in Dorchester Town Hall on 1st March.
13. Highway Structural Maintenance Programme for 2008 received from DCC. Viewed by Councillors.
14. Rural Housing Enabler – Letter received from Andy Lloyd who was leaving his post. Steve Plaice to take over his role.
15. DART conference – email received from Dorset Community Action.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Letter received from Ros Ham at Grapevine Cottage, Binnegar asking questions about Parish council meetings and newsletters. Clerk to reply. Also Mrs Ham advised she had registered in the home watch scheme and asked if the Parish council were aware of this scheme and if we wanted to be kept informed of any developments. Chairman suggested Clerk send her copy of PACT letter Council received from PDC last month.
2. Paul Whitmarsh advised that he had called out Environmental Services after bottles were smashed and dumped on his land by neighbouring Mr Barnes. This was rubbish from last year's campers. Police had been called.
3. DAPTC Annual General Meeting would be held on 6th February at 7.30 at Wareham Town Hall.
4. Bournemouth and Dorset Minerals Core Strategy – Issues and Options Report. Chairman advised he had received acknowledgement for Council's reply.
5. Chairman Simon Cross advised the meeting that he would be stepping down from his role as Chairman and leaving the Parish Council at 31st March due to a conflicting set of circumstances associated with his job.

FINANCE

S. Barrett – Two month's salary and expenses £339.78
S & S Joinery – Notice boards £1880.00

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th March 2008.

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Chairman

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Date