

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007.**

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### **PRESENT**

Cllr Simon Cross (Chairman)  
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr and District Councillor Barry Quinn  
Cllr Tib Axon  
Cllr Neill Child  
Cllr Adrian Cullinane  
County Councillor Mike Lovell

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

### **TALK BY PCSO LINDY CHRISTOPHER**

In answer to our email with reference to concerns of the Parish Council, Lindy Christopher replied as follows:-

1. Noise - Lindy confirmed that matters relating to noise pollution are the concern of Environmental Health PDC. It is possible to contact this department out of hours by ringing the Careline number. The Police had no powers to enter a private dwelling to abate a noise problem unless it became a disturbance involving the highway. Lindy also confirmed there were a lot of noise problems at the moment. If the Police received a complaint about noise from a private property they would first ask the people to tone the noise down but the Police cannot lead the way. Environmental Health would then need to build a case against those people making a noise which all took time. Regarding Raves, the Environmental Health would be called in the first instance. Police would also be called as trespassing had taken place. If the event had not been pre-planned the police would be called and would try to stop it taking place.
2. Speeding Motorcyclists on A352 on Tuesdays – Lindy Christopher confirmed she had spoken to the Traffic Department who advised these cyclists were targeted on the Upton By-Pass and lead roads off. As the Parish Council had now made a complaint she would ask a local officer to assess the situation on Tuesday evenings.
3. Noise from Helicopter – Lindy advised there had recently been a number of military exercises around Bovington and Wool involving low flying aircraft and she thought that the recent noise may have been from these planes. She advised the Police helicopter does not fly under 600ft but military aircraft were able to fly much lower. The helicopter site at Winfrith had been determined in 1999. The helicopter attends incidents locally and at Poole, Bournemouth, Dorchester and Weymouth. Flight times to Dorchester and Weymouth take 6 minutes and Bournemouth and Poole 12 minutes. If the helicopter was to operate from Hurn then Purbeck, Dorchester and Weymouth would not get adequate service. She reassured the Council that the helicopter only flew when needed and was not lifted unnecessarily.
4. Local crime – Lindy Christopher confirmed crime was very low in East Stoke but there had been some suspect incidents. People in East Stoke needed to be vigilant and if a vehicle not known to them was acting strangely, the number of the vehicle should be taken and then reported to the Police who would do a vehicle check and decide what action to take. By 2008 every Parish would have a Safe Neighbourhood Team comprising 1 PC and 2 PCSO's. A baseline assessment would be done in each Parish and the results analysed by a panel when three top priorities would be identified and then acted upon. The team were currently doing

surveys of 1 in 10 houses in Wool and Bovington. A satellite station would be set up at Bovington and there would be a direct telephone number to get in touch with the Safe Neighbourhood Team. Lindy would email Clerk web address details.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none for this meeting.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May were signed as a correct record.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

1. K. Wilkie – Planning Application now withdrawn.
2. Travellers – PCSO Lindy Chistopher advised she had no update on the Hethfelton travellers. She thought the earliest they would leave the site was at the end of the school term in approximately two weeks. The Court was at present looking at the human rights situation.
3. C.J. Barnes – Clerk had spoken to Enforcement Officer who confirmed he had visited the site with another colleague. He had witnessed that part of the camp site was being used outside that which had planning consent. He also noted works on the west side of the site which was being used for imported waste. DCC are looking into this and they will be writing to Mr Barnes however it was noted that this appears to be Paul Whitmarsh's field. Also the Enforcement Officer would be writing. Chairman suggested the Clerk write to the EO thanking for his visit and confirming our concerns were also lodged with the Environmental Health department back in May. A copy of this letter to be sent to him saying that no reply had been received by us and asking that he liaise with them directly.
4. War Memorial – Barry Quinn advised that he, the Chairman and Paul Whitmarsh had looked at the site in order to finish of the renovations. The Holly had now been cut back and the boundary wall re-pointed. The frontage was discussed and Paul Whitmarsh was organising new posts and chains. The surface in front of the memorial needs replacing and whilst grass was considered to match the opposite side of the lane it would be difficult to maintain and a better option appeared to be heavy shingle on top of a membrane. There was a problem with the dropped kerbstones incorrectly put in by DCC Barry Quinn to email Mike Grime to advise him what the Parish Council were intending to do in case any planning consents were required.
5. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised no further progress had been made recently. An invoice had been received from Bournemouth University for the geophysics. Most of the £7500 grant already received had been spent. He would apply for the balance of the grant to complete the task. Printing of the history booklet comprised a large part of the final grant. There would be a presentation by Ian Hewitt in the near future.
6. Village Hall – Meeting with Barry Quinn, Simon Cross and Paul Whitmarsh had taken place with Lois Rose of DCA. Ideas were put forward on the different options to fund the project which would cost £250,000. There was no further lottery funding available. Lois Rose suggested timber from the old building could be sold to a reclamation yard. Simon Cross to chase Symonds and Sampson re outline planning application.
7. Middlefield Fence – Rebecca Cady advised that the house on the corner of the Estate was to be subject of a house exchange and Barry Quinn offered to speak to Mike Grime to see if this matter could be moved forward. Mike Lovell would pursue through the Housing Trust.
8. C6 Sightlines – Barry Quinn confirmed the verge had been cut but the vegetation had not been trimmed back. Mike Lovell to take up with Highways.

9. Notice Boards – Barry Quinn had not yet spoken to Lee of S & S Joinery. Mike Lovell to check who Langton Parish Council purchased theirs from.
10. Council Tax Consultation – Two parish councillors completed their forms. The balance would be handed in at next meeting.
11. Connecting Dorset – Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would be liable for monthly cost of Broadband which was likely to be around £14. Service Agreement to be completed at next meeting.

## **PLANNING**

6/2007/422 – Monkey World – Capuchin House, Replacement of existing building.

Councillors studied the plans and attached documents. 70 capuchin monkeys were due to be rescued from Chile and put in this one building.

The Parish Council has no objections as long as PDC were happy that this does not constitute an over-intensification of the proposed site and only if all 70 could be accommodated in the one house Clerk to contact case officer Philip Payne

6/2007/456 – C.J. Barnes – Change of use of existing garage building to 3 bedroom holiday accommodation. Councillors looked at the plans and a copy of a letter of objection had been received from neighbours David and Kim Curtis of Peace Haven. The Parish Council concerns were as follows:

- This property is within the AONB and the aesthetics of the proposed development within the site as a holiday cottage was not conducive to the preservation of the AONB or indeed the promotion of this type of tourist accommodation within Purbeck.
- Notwithstanding the premise of treating each application on its merits, it would set a dangerous precedent for over development within the AONB to allow conversion of a garage into any sort of living accommodation. The Council knew of several other garages in the area where this could happen if consent was given.
- There would be an impact of the neighbours with regard to more noise and light pollution.
- There already exists a problem with parking on the verges from people staying at Luckford Wood House. Any increase would not be acceptable to neighbours.
- Under the Evaluation Statement of the Design and Access Statement, it states that “this is no ordinary garage” but the Parish Council considers it just an ordinary garage with loft space which is being used as unauthorised living accommodation contrary to the original planning consent. Therefore the Parish Council has requested that the Enforcement Officer look into whether there is a breach of planning control in existence.

The Parish Council objects to this application on these grounds. Clerk to contact Case Officer John Hartigan.

## **BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. Mike Lovell advised there was nothing to report from County Council. He advised Chairman to contact Elaine Taylor at County with regard to parish land.
2. District Councillor Barry Quinn advised he had been allocated the following additional responsibilities at District Council:
  - Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Group.
  - Member of the Licensing Board
  - Transport Advisor
  - Health Advisor
3. There were no Highway Issues

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4. Parish Plan – Nothing further to report
5. WAAP – Nothing to report.
6. Microgeneration – Email together with consultation document and questionnaire received from Andrew Langley of Harmans Cross re government consultation. This consultation advised that the government was planning to change the Permitted Development regulations by which households can undertake alterations without planning permission. Phase 1 concerned Wind Turbines, Solar Power, Heat Pumps etc. Although the consultation had been running from 4<sup>th</sup> April, Parish Councils had not been consulted directly. Email was received 3 days before end of consultation. Chairman to email by saying that our Council could not respond as we learnt about the consultation too late.
7. Revised code of Conduct – Emails received from Peter Aston who would attend our meeting in August to talk on the adoption of the New Code. Clerk to email requesting he bring copies of the Revised Code and Guidance.
8. Internal Audit – Clerk confirmed she had met with Peter Sills on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Notes from this meeting were read out.
9. Risk Assessment – Updated by Clerk on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Filed.
10. Annual Return – Council approved conditions of Sections 1 and 2. Chairman completed Section 2 and signed and dated. Notice of Electors Rights to view accounts to be placed on notice board on 16<sup>th</sup> July.
11. DCA – Letter received re possible funding – Barry Quinn and Simon Cross to look into.
12. DAPTC Area Meeting – Minutes received of meeting held in April. Simon Cross to attend meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July at Lulworth. Nomination form for representative sent to DAPTC.
13. Jim Knight MP - Email received re new web site. Chairman read to meeting. Filed.
14. PTAG – Minutes of last meeting received. Handed to Barry Quinn. Safety Pledge posters put on notice board and leaflets handed to Councillors.

## **FINANCE**

1. Cheque received for £168 re burial of Fred King
2. Bournemouth University £3772 – Geophysical Survey Phase 1
3. Lloyds TSB – transfer letter from savings account to current account signed by two councillors.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2007.

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Date