

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2007.

PRESENT

Cllr Simon Cross (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)
Cllr and District Cllr Barry Quinn
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh
County Councillor Mike Lovell

APOLOGIES

Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Adrian Cullinane

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Paul Whitmarsh declared a personal interest in planning application No. 6/2007/660 for Mrs L. Barnes by being a neighbour of the applicant.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th September as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Revised Code of Conduct – Five Councillors handed in their Registers of Interest to the Clerk who would deliver to PDC with a covering letter and also advising that East Stoke Parish Council had adopted the new code including Section 12 but excluding Section 7. Paul Whitmarsh advised that he had already delivered his form and Adrian Cullinane would be delivering his completed form to the Clerk who would then deliver to PDC.
2. Police Matters – Clerk had now received information on names of the Safe Neighbourhood Team and details of their web site. Leaflet handed to each Councillor. Chairman suggested this information could be put in the next newsletter for delivery at the end of October.
3. Travellers – Barry Quinn advised that he thought there were no travellers left in Purbeck at the present time. Simon Cross also advised that he had heard that there were a few remaining in Coombe Wood. It was suggested that letters be written to Hansons and SITA suggesting that they review their security and take steps to stop their land being used in the future for raves or by travellers.
4. C.. Barnes – Chris Frampton advised that enforcement had now been taken out on illegal use of Land at Holme Lane and failure to comply with planning conditions.
5. Update on C.J. Barnes
 - (a) Change of use of garage to holiday accommodation – John Hartigan advised that officers would be minded to approve application subject to strict conditions but Mr Barnes was not prepared to pay mandatory contribution towards infrastructure which was now payable if property is 5 miles from heathland. Therefore this was an automatic refusal. Await outcome.
 - (b) Garage was being used on informal basis for accommodation of his son. This constitutes change of use. Matter still being pursued by officers.

6. War Memorial – Barry Quinn advised that he had received an email from Mike Grime to say that all is in order for the Council to put down shingle in front of the memorial. No planning application is needed. Paul Whitmarsh advised posts were due next week and he would be putting these in place.
7. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised he had received email back from LHF. £500 was remaining of the first grant. Permission was now needed from English Heritage to go ahead with uncovering of gravestones. Project would be delayed for six months. Meanwhile strimming could be done around the graves. Another meeting would be held at the end of October.
8. Village Hall – Paul Whitmarsh reported that he had had no luck with the reclamation company. He suggested that anything burnable from inside the hut be used on November 5th at the Beavers Bonfire Night organised by Kim Willingham-Curtis. Neill Child suggested contacting companies who may be interested in the wood from the hall. He would make some calls the following day.
9. C6 – Barry Quinn advised he had emailed Richard Bastow over failure by DCC to cut back vegetation which was obscuring signs and also advising him that the PMU's had not been seen in the Parish. He would be emailing Andy Ackerman DCC the following day asking why he had received no response to his email.
10. Notice Board – Barry Quinn advised he had received quote from S & S Joinery of £1600 to make 4 notice boards. Cost of this would be covered by £1200 grant already received and £400 from Heritage and Historical Project. Simon Cross proposed and Rebecca Cady seconded that this quote be accepted. Barry Quinn to see Ruby Selby to determine whether East Holme was still intending to purchase a notice board.
11. Parish Land – Simon Cross advised that Mr Cheeseman had not yet been in touch.
12. Purbeck Keystone Project – copies of Newsletter No. 1 had been received. These were given to Barry Quinn, one copy to be passed to Pete Burden. Clerk had received second newsletter and had requested two more copies from Richard Caldow. Barry Quinn had received draft letter from Pete Burden re his concerns over the Project. Barry Quinn to finalise and forward to Clerk by email for forwarding on to Richard Caldow.
13. Middlefield Fence – Mike Lovell advised Purbeck Housing Trust would be looking into and putting up a more suitable fence.
14. Binnegar Lodge – Enforcement Officer advised Clerk that he had not yet looked into this matter but may be able to do so at a later stage.
15. Planning Application by Infinergy – Letter of Council's objection had been lodged. Email received from Colin Brixton of DEFRA with copy of his letter of objection to PDC. He considered the anemometer would be visible from the AONB and should future turbines be installed they would be of such a large size which would be totally unacceptable in this area. He asked that this application be referred to full council planning meeting.
16. Planning Application for Binnegar Environmental Park – Mike Lovell advised that this application would soon be coming up before county council. Purbeck District Council were opposed to the application.
17. PMU Summary – Paul Whitmarsh advised he had sent in form.
18. Parish Poll – Simon Cross advised the poll had taken place on 20th September at which 80 people from the electorate voted. 72 votes were in favour of a referendum on the EU Constitutional Treaty and 8 votes were against. This represented 23% of the electorate. This meeting followed lengthy correspondence with Peter Aston and Steve McKenzie at PDC over the validity of holding this meeting. Simon Cross had personally obtained a London barrister's opinion of whether the question asked was too wide to be the subject

of a Parish Poll. Copy of this opinion was sent to PDC who agreed with the opinion but still proceeded to call the meeting. This was publicised nationally and articles appeared in the Telegraph, Daily Mail and News of the World. As this parish poll was held illegally our Council has the option of seeking judicial review which would cost in the region of £8000. Chairman confirmed he had given DAPTC a copy of the barrister's opinion and it was possible they may support our Council over the judicial review. Otherwise our Council would not be able to take the matter any further. Simon Cross considered Purbeck District Council had now set a precedent and other District Councils would be involved in a similar type of poll. DAPTC to investigate through the Audit Commission the legality of the cost.

19. Parish Land – Two tenders received for one year's rent, i.e. £250 from Michell Warren of Sunnydale and £510 from Dr. Lyons who was the new owner of Primrose Cottage. The Chairman proposed and Rebecca Cady seconded that the tender of Dr. Lyons be accepted. Clerk to write to Dr. Lyons confirming acceptance of his quote for an initial period of one year. Tenancy at Will to be drawn up after receipt of cheque. Letter also to be written to Michelle Warren.
20. Core Strategy – Workshop Event 9th October – Chairman advised he was not able to attend. Clerk to forward agenda for event to Paul Whitmarsh.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 6/2007/656 – MonkeyWorld – Construct waste water treatment works (retrospective).
Councillors asked the question as to why this was yet again another retrospective application. The covering letter stated that the business had now been running for 20 years and the Council was astounded that the correct planning procedure was still not being followed. Council felt this constituted either deliberate obfuscation or contempt of the planning process. Councillors wanted to know if there were any further retrospective applications in the pipeline.
Councillors were also concerned over the large amount of water being disposed of. It was not clear from the application as to what type of waste was being treated and where it went to after treatment. Our council had previously had concerns over the possibility of animal waste entering the water table. It was also asked if the treatment works were correctly positioned within the overall site. Another concern was whether these works had Environment Agency approval.
Councillors continued to be concerned about the over development of the site and felt that with this application this position had been reached.
Letter of objection to be written to case officer Phil Payne detailing our concerns.
- (b) 6/2007/660 – Mrs L. Barnes – Relief from Condition 6 to remove constrictions on use of land for camping, parking, storage or recreation ref. planning application 6/2005/0069, Land at East Holme.
After looking at the application Councillors could not see how anything had changed from when the previous application was approved in March 2005 when 11 conditions were imposed. Mrs Barnes had apparently been illegally using this land in breach of these conditions. Councillors considered Condition 6 should remain in force. They felt that Purbeck District Council were still failing to carry out rigorous control of the site as detailed in the summary of Grant of Planning Permission dated 7th March 2005.
Therefore the Parish Council object to this application and Clerk would write to case officer John Hartigan.

- (c) 6/2007/658 – Grapevine Cottage – Erect timber framed garden store.
The Parish Council had no objections but made the following observations.
- (a) This building should never be used for any sort of accommodation.
 - (b) Windows should be wooden.
 - (c) It was noted there was no guttering. Some provision should be made for water run off.
 - (d) Provision should be made for a water butt.
- Clerk to write to case officer Phil Payne.
- (d) 6/207/675 – Binnegar Quarry – Retention of existing sand washing and processing plant.
The Parish Council were unable to support this application because we do not know how long permission is being requested for. Council would have expected this information to be on the first page of the application. The Council is not prepared to give open ended permission to retain this plant. Clerk to write to Rob Jefferies, copy A. Jefferies (DCC)

Planning letter received from Mike Grime thanking Clerk and Councillors for attending planning training sessions recently held. More sessions to be held January and February 2008. Changes to Scheme of Delegation still being considered.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. County Councillor's Report – Mike Lovell had nothing to report.
2. District Councillor's Report – Barry Quinn had nothing to report.
3. Parish Plan – Barry Quinn advised that he was looking into funding opportunities from DCA. Next round of funding to close end of November.
4. Highways – Paul Whitmarsh advised studs were still missing from the main road and cones were still covering manholes. He would pursue with DCC.
5. Newsletter – Clerk to prepare draft and send to Simon Cross and Barry Quinn for their inserts. Delivery of newsletter weekend of 27th October.
6. PDC Draft Strategy of Licencing Policies 3 year Review – Not applicable to our area.
7. Dorset Heathland Joint Development Plan Document – Simon Cross to complete.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Letter received from Mrs K. Barnes of Manor Farm re white posts along verge at Church Lane. She considered them to be unsightly and said cars would still use lane to park. Paul Whitmarsh advised that before installation of these posts Highways Department at DCC were fully consulted and they made the suggestion that the posts be painted white so they could be clearly seen especially at night as there was no street lighting.
2. Purbeck Network of Community Groups – Email received from PDC re local networking event highlighting needs in Purbeck to be held on 31st October at the Parish Hall in Wareham. Barry Quinn to attend.

FINANCE

S. Barrett – Two month's salary and expenses £327.33

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 1st November

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Chairman

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Date

Chairman's Inits

