

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2007.

PRESENT

Cllr Simon Cross (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)
Cllr Adrian Cullinane
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr and Mrs Steve Crew, Peter and Sue Burden, Robert and Rosalind Ham, Jez Hermer and Louise McCance-Price

Chairman Simon Cross welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jonathan Hailwood from Alliance Planning and two representatives from SITA who gave a presentation on current planning application No. 6/2007/0516 for the Review and Enhancement of Binnegar Quarry and development of Binnegar Environmental Park. This was a re-submission of the last two planning applications submitted in 2001 and June 2007.

Mr Cox explained that the new development would be a waste receiving and recycling facility. The waste facility would be enclosed and therefore there would be no smell or noise from the works.

It had been identified that there was a lack of waste facilities in West and Central Dorset and a new recycling and waste site was needed to take waste from West and Central Dorset including Portland and Swanage. Waste from Bournemouth and Poole would not be sent to Binnegar Quarry.

Several new recycling and waste sites within the County were looked at as current facilities at Bournemouth/Hurn were inadequate to meet new Government performance targets. New facilities were required to deal with industrial and community waste. SITA felt that Binnegar Quarry could meet this need and waste from the west would come to Binnegar instead of having to be taken on to Bournemouth. The waste would be treated on site and would save 340 miles in traffic movements.

The recycled materials would be bulked up and taken away for re-processing at specialist facilities. Therefore Binnegar had been designated as a preferred site within the County's Waste Local Plan. It was expected this site would be in use for 20 years. The size of the site was limited by what was permitted in the Waste Local Plan.

It would not be possible to see the site from the Puddletown Road as it would be 14m below road level. Planting and screening would be undertaken.

The general public would not be able to use the site and there would be an Education Centre as part of the development. Quarrying would be slowing down when the eco park starts up.

A new traffic assessment had been prepared by Mayer Brown. It was expected an additional 111 waste lorry movements would be made every day from the West and another 20 or 30 movements from the East. All agreed traffic was the major issue for East Stoke. SITA advised that lorries would be using the A352 from the west and proceed to the Worgret roundabout turning back on to the A352 and then turning right on to the Puddletown Road. The Council considered this was not an option and the only acceptable route from the west would be up the C6 and turning right along the C80 to Binnegar Quarry. The Council felt that should planning permission be granted this route should be stipulated as a condition as being the only safe route. If the Worgret roundabout was used in the summer when traffic was at it's heaviest, this would cause serious problems.

SITA advised they were looking to create heathland and woodland walks and there would be an extension to the Bridleway BR1.

There would be a picnic area and educational walk within the area currently being worked which will be restored on completion of extraction.

Mr Cox suggested the Council contact the SITA Trust with reference to any projects in the Parish Plan that the Trust may be able to help fund.

The Chairman thanked those giving the presentation. As this presentation had taken longer than expected the Chairman suggested the Parish Council defer the rest of the business on the agenda to a later date. On consulting Councillors, the agreed date for attending to the rest of the business was set for Monday 5th November. Meeting to be chaired by vice chairman Rebecca Cady.

Jez Hermer introduced himself as the new Operations Manager at Monkey World and said he would like to be added to the mailing list for future agendas and would like to attend some meetings in the future especially when there were any items to discuss relating to Monkey World.

The meeting concluded at 9.10.