



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD  
ON THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2022 AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Graeme Langley
APOLOGIES	Cllr Keith Evans
IN ATTENDANCE	2 Member of the Public Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time**

- a) Simon Goldsack the owner of Holme Nurseries gave an explanation regarding his planning application. The proposal is to install 72KW ground-mounted solar PV array on a grassed area of land to the south of the existing nursery buildings which is currently being used as an overflow car park. The installation will use a third of the field and the remaining two thirds will be used for parking. To screen the panels it will include a new hedge and tree planting as this would also increase the biodiversity. The nursery is aiming to work towards net zero and this array will reduce their CO2 by 38 tonnes. It will supply approximately a third of the electricity the nursery currently consumes. They would have liked to do more but are limited by the 2 phase supply coming into West Holme across the valley from Worgret. It was asked if they would still have enough room for car parking and it was confirmed that they will as even on the busiest of days only one third of the overflow is used. The installation will arrive in pack form therefore no heavy machinery will be required.
- b) A resident complained that the hedges near the Holme Lane, B3070 junction have become overgrown and need to be cut back. There is also a tree that is overhanging near Holme Nurseries. **Action:** The Clerk will report on the council portal and will contact the homeowner.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Evans

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 6th January 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on were approved 6th January 2022 as a true account.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) It was confirmed that £10,000 is ringfenced for the village hall fund. This amount has been built up over a number of years. It was questioned that it should be investigated how it was agreed that Dorset Scouts would be the sole beneficiaries for the wind farm community money and whether it would be possible for the scouts to make a donation to the village hall project.
- b) The tree that has come down southwest of Holmebridge has not been removed yet. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the Environment Agency.

**7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

**P/FUL/2022/00143 - Holme Nurseries, BH20 6AQ. Erect solar photovoltaic array with associated landscaping.**

The Parish Council have no comments or objections.

**8. Update on Previous Applications or planning information**

- a) **P/NMA/2021/05733 - Land at Stokeford Farm** East Stoke. Amendment to the description of development of planning permission 6/2020/0158 (Variation of conditions 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 13 & 15 of planning permission 6/2015/0516 (Construction of a 12 MW solar photovoltaic park with ground mounted photovoltaic arrays and ancillary equipment including substations, inverters, fencing and security cameras) to revise the layout and the drainage scheme, and increase the period of operation to 40 years and 6 months.) to remove "12 MW" from the description. **Granted. Noted.**
- b) **6/2021/037- Long Coppice** Bindon Lane, BH20 6AS. Erection of Rural Outbuilding/Implement Store. **Granted. Noted.**

**9. Update from Dorset Council**

- a) The number of covid cases had significantly dropped but are now rising again although this is still below the national average. People are still strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted.
- b) There have been complaints about Dorset Council Customer Services. This is in the process of being improved with a new user friendly customer platform due to be launched soon.
- c) The focus will no longer be solely covid related but will be on the transformation programme on how Dorset Council delivers its services. In this year's budget proposals more money will be allocated to adult social care and children's services.
- d) Cllr Spencer Flower, the leader of Dorset Council has been in discussions with Michael Gove MP on an alternative way to develop Dorset's Local Plan. A campaign group called Dorset Deserves Better has started with their aim being for Dorset to be more sustainable. It was noted that many of their ideas have already been put forward by the Council.
- e) South Walks House has been let out and is currently used by the NHS. County Hall is being updated and a high percentage of staff are now hot desking. With more staff working from home the carbon footprint has improved due to less commuting and travelling to meetings.
- f) A resident has thanked the Highway Team for their work in repairing the bridges along Church Lane.

**10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported**

Two deer carcasses were reported to Highways. They were duly moved but unfortunately, one was placed accidentally on the footpath. This has now been removed. The policy is for carcasses to be placed in hedges as sometimes it is very difficult to put them on a vehicle without needing a traffic management plan.

**11. Possible purchase of a defibrillator**

A resident has been in contact asking if the Parish has any defibrillators and if there isn't could some be purchased. Currently, there are not any but it was agreed that it would be a good idea to buy one. Holme Nurseries have said that they will be installing one

and have offered to put it in the layby near the noticeboard to make it more accessible. Due to how disperse the population is more is needed as they need to be within 400 metres of the incident. It was discussed that another should be installed in a central location that has access to electricity. A suggestion was to have it on the wall next to the Post Box opposite the Church. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the owner and gather quotes.

**12. Finalise the grounds maintenance contract**

The tender document was agreed upon via email. It will be advertised via social media with a closing date of 25th February. The sealed bids will be opened and agreed upon at the next Parish Council meeting.

**13. Community Fund update**

- a) Cllr Quinn and Joy Allen from the Village Hall Committee had a meeting with Will Bond to discuss a possible donation from the proposed solar farm installation. The village hall site was on Mr Bond's land but it had a short 30 year lease which would make it difficult to obtain grant funding. He has agreed to contact his legal team to see if the lease can be extended. The Village Hall Committee will send formal correspondence requesting a donation.
- b) The SANG for the Farrer Estate is almost ready. The application included plans to build a village hall. If the site were to be sold to another developer then the agreement will be transferred over. It was agreed that a comparison list should be drawn up to compare the size of the sites, parking, location and access points. The hall will not be overly big but will be the approximate size of the Orchard Tea Rooms. A survey will be included in the next newsletter to ask residents about usage and facilities as the last questionnaire, which was part of the Local Plan was conducted over ten years ago. **Action:** Cllr Quinn will circulate the original plans for the hall via email to the Parish Council.
- c) Unitary Cllr Brooks has written to Infinergy regarding the wind farm donation to Dorset Scouts. Within it she has asked if Buddens is now owned by a profit making organisation and whether they are members of RenewabeUK who have signed up to the Community Benefits Protocol whereby developers in England with qualifying projects commit to providing community benefits of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity, or equivalent benefits-in-kind, directly to host communities. It was asked if they could allocate additional grants to locals or discounted electricity rates. A response has not yet been received.
- d) The Tout Hill solar installation has been sold by Good Energy to Bluefield Solar Income Fund. Matt Young from Grantscape is currently checking to confirm that the community chest money will still be donated.

**14. Churchyard update**

George Barnes has now finished the fencing. There is a problem with molehills. **Action:** The Clerk will obtain quotes from Mole Catchers

**15. Highways Issues**

**a) Update on issues reported**

Nothing to report

**b) Community Speed Indicator Device Programme**

Wool Parish Council has two SIDs but unfortunately, they are unable to share them as they use them continually on a rotational basis of their four sites. The option is to either buy one and store it for half the time or wait until another Parish would like to share one. Cllr Quinn and Cllr Langley offered to undertake the training to become the volunteers who moved them. It was noted that more volunteers are welcome. A vote was taken to agree to purchase a S.I.D 4 were in favour, 1 uncertain and 1 abstained. Cllr Cady proposed the purchase and Cllr Langley seconded

**c) Other Issues**

The Middlefield road has numerous potholes. Unitary Cllr Brooks will find out if it is owned by Highways or Aster and will request for work to be carried out. It was also noted that the garages have been dilapidated.

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

- a) Dorset Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme. Would like participants to read through and comment on the draft version of the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Closes 20th February.  
This will be advertised on our Facebook page.
- b) Proposed Blue Badge Car Park Charging Policy. Comments need to be submitted by 2nd February. **Noted.**

**17. Correspondence Received**

- a) Decision Making - Joint Update from DAPTC and Dorset Council for Parish and Town Council Meetings in January '22. Councils will need to meet face to face to set their precept before the 31st January 2022 deadline for submission to Dorset Council. **Noted.**
- b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporary road closure, Church Lane. It will come into operation on 10 January 2022 and remain in force for 18 months however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 11 February 2022. This Order will enable Dorset Council to carry out maintenance works to bridges along the highway. **Noted.**
- c) Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 7 January. The amount of waste that Dorset Council sends for recycling, reuse or composting has risen from 58.9% to 60.1%. **Noted.**
- d) Dorset Deserves Better Campaign for Dorset Council to Re-think the Local Plan. Email from Dorset Climate Action Network. **Noted.**
- e) Purbeck Transport Plan. Draft response from the Purbeck Transport Action Group including a recommendation for a footpath/cycleway from Wool to Monkey World.  
There have been various meetings in the past regarding this project however it could not progress due to Monkey World being unwilling to contribute to the costs.
- f) Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 14 January. Dorset Council has launched the Capital Leverage Fund which can help fund a range of projects, including village hall or community building enhancements. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 14th January 2022. The March event at Kingston Maurward for councillors has been cancelled. **Noted.**
- h) Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting on 2 June 2022. Information on the DC Beacon Lighting on 2nd June and asking wards/towns/villages to join in.  
It was asked if the village would like to hold an event. It was noted that Longthorns will be organising a "Street Party" on 5th June and it was discussed if it could be linked together. Other venues were discussed but there maybe an issue with booking portals. The item will be included in next month's agenda.
- i) The Jurassic Classic 2022 Event Plan. This will take place on Saturday 21st May and part of the route will include the Woolbridge roundabout. **Noted.**
- j) Complaint about the rubbish along the Puddletown Rd near to the Waste Group. The rubbish was reported and the Monitoring & Enforcement Officer has asked the business about the rubbish on the verges.
- k) Complaint from a resident about littering and human waste around the unofficial layby on the A352.  
There is uncertainty as to whether this is owned by Highways and if it is then a litter bin could be installed.
- l) DAPTC E-News 21st January 2022. Information on DAPTC training. **Noted.**
- j) Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 21 January. Dorset Council has been awarded £20,000 for their new Digital Doorway scheme. **Noted.**

- k) Defibrillator Grant Available for Councils in England. They are currently able to offer an increased grant of £300 towards the cost of every Defibrillator. **Noted.**
- l) 20220124-Military\_Aviation\_Exercise-O. Bovington Garrison will host a Military Aviation Exercise from 7-11 Feb 22 in support of National Security Taskings. In order to meet all Training Objectives up to 8 helicopters will operate daily between approximately 0900-0200. **Noted.**

**18. Finance**

**The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Quinn and Cllr Cady to approve the payments.**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£226.91
Dorset County Pension Fund	£65.88
George Barnes Fencing and Paddock Maintenance Ltd	£300.00

**20. Items for information or next agenda**

The Bovington Garrison Commander's Local Authorities Meeting will take place on Thursday 24th February from 10am. Cllr Cady is unable to attend and it was asked if Cllr Quinn or Cllr Langley could take her place.

**21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Longthorns Campsite on 3rd March 2022. Cllr Langley sends his apologies.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00

Chairman:

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