

# **EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**PRESENT** Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman  
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman  
Cllr Tib Axon  
Cllr Neill Child  
Cllr Damian Cullinane

**APOLOGIES** Cllr Barry Quinn (District Cllr)

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Mike Lovell  
6 Members of the Public  
Mrs Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

### **1 Public Participation Time**

Mr Pete Burden wished to thank Cllr Barry Quinn and Cllr Neill Child for speaking at the Planning Board last Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September about the Keystone Project planning applications it was helpful and considerate. Mrs Gillian Topp seconded this thanks. Mr Burden reported that the South Bridge culvert (part of the Keystone Project area) is completely blocked. Mr Will Bond has been informed about the blocked ditch. The clerk will write to Bridget Downton about the blocked ditch.

Mrs Topp had received a letter as the Rights of Way Liaison Officer from Amanda Prior on 8<sup>th</sup> September asking if there were any fingerpost and signs that aren't correct or any that need repairing. The Clerk will reply acknowledging this letter.

The ditch at Wood Street corner needs digging out as the road was flooded when there was heavy rain last week. This will be reported on-line and to Mrs Johnson (Wool Parish Clerk).

### **2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Damian Cullinane and PCSO Stuart Hann.

### **3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda**

Cllr Karen Barnes declared a personal interest in item 23d) email regarding the mobile storage facility as the email was addressed 'Dear Karen'. Cllr Barnes had not responded as an individual to this email.

### **4 Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2010/0595** - (Listed Building Consent) - Reed Cottage, East Stoke, BH20 6AN.  
Replacement doors and windows (retrospective).  
The door was replaced in the 1980's with a hardwood door. The windows were previously painted.

The parish council requests that the window frames and doors are painted if the other windows in the rest of the house are not going to be replaced.

## 5 Previous Planning Application Updates

- a) **6/2010/0411** – Longthorns (Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre), East Stoke. Erect primate building and enclosure. **Approved.**
- b) **6/2010/0440** - Binnegar Lane (Hines Landfill), East Stoke. Extension to time limit for implementing existing planning permission (ref 6/2005/0463) "A construction and demolition waste recycling facility". **Approved.**
- c) **6/2010/0494** - Holme Lane (Luckford Cottage), East Stoke. Demolish existing detached garage and outbuildings and erect attached garage, pool plant room and agricultural implement store. **Refused.**

## 6 Reports from County and District Councillors

### a) **County Cllr Lovell**

County will be making cuts of £48M over the next three years. County Cllr Lovell has been involved in Chalk and Cheese and discussing how more could be got out of it. This is funded by the EU and by government funding through DEFRA. This funding is designed to help local businesses with new projects. It covers West Dorset and Purbeck. The local action group (LAG) considers projects which support land and marine projects, if the LAG supports a project then it is considered by the executive. County Cllr Lovell is a financial executive. The projects must involve the community.

### b) **District Cllr Quinn**

#### i) **Core Strategy**

On Tuesday a special Purbeck District Council (PDC) meeting was held to discuss the Draft Core Strategy. The meeting was adjourned and will be reconvened on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. It was agreed not to include a supermarket at Wareham in Core Strategy. This does not mean that there will not be a supermarket built in Wareham.

#### ii) **Workshops on saving money**

Workshops have been held to see how PDC might money due to the Government cuts. From the workshops some good and innovative ideas came forward. An example is of spend to save measures e.g all District councillors would receive a net book and this would save on printing costs.

#### iii) **Keystone Project**

All three applications (6/2006/0666, 6/2010/0534, 6/2010/0535) have been deferred pending a site visit. These plans will be considered at the next meeting of the planning board later this month. There is no data and the scientific argument is questionable. The minutes from the public drainage meeting for East Stoke residents held on 28<sup>th</sup> September are not available.

Evidence is needed before the applications go back to the planning board. Jo Bowry has left the Keystone Project and Judith Baker leaves in March 2011. The bird survey has not been fully analysed, is there evidence that the bird numbers have increased? The Environment Agency has said that it will not flood but the models gives strong evidence that it will flood this needs to be resolved.

Panel desktop review will look at the issues raised from the public meeting and from the planning board, the cumulative effect of the sluices, lack of river

management, ditches and culverts. This review panel will then put recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny group.

The project has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (who want to see the results of the projects outcome) and by public funds.

The long term management could be that the community becomes involved in the management of the Keystone Project. A committee could be formed with residents and landowners. The river management group could be part of the review of the Parish Plan next year.

The Environment Agency has been informed of river works – the narrowing works to the river and works on the banks but they have not taken note of what has gone on.

Next Thursday there is a Heritage Committee meeting at 2pm and there is a public participation period at the beginning. A subgroup could be formed from the Heritage Committee that takes on the Keystone Project and looks at the whole river management taking into account all of the schemes that are going on and their effects.

Mr Pete Burden had put forward plans that did not involve sluices but used scrapes and grips.

6/2006/0666 – the outcome at the planning board could be:

It is refused and all sluices and engineering works would have to be removed or  
It is approved or it is approved with conditions that the sluices remain open until there is evidence that it show that there is no problem with flooding.

Judith Baker has said that there should not be the onus on the farmer to open the sluices. There is no short term management of this project.

The DEFRA Higher Level Stewardship Scheme should have rules and regulations?

Does the community want to be involved - there could be river management in the Parish Plan. There was concern from the public present that if the community want to be involved then they are in effect approving of the planning applications.

## **7 Police Update**

The police were not present at this meeting.

## **8 Highways Issues**

### **a) Parish Maintenance Unit (PMU)**

The ditch at Wood Street is blocked.

French drain at Binnegar Lane is blocked.

Weeds are encroaching on the footpath A352.

**Action:** The Clerk will report these issues.

### **b) Other Highways Issues**

Moorcroft Cottage hedge (A352) needs cutting back.

**Action:** The clerk will write a letter asking for the hedge to be cut back.

## **9 East Stoke Crossing Update**

The project manager has said that it is about to go out to public consultation. Electric gates at Wareham and East Stoke would need an extra man at Bournemouth to monitor CCTV. Need to have a workshop to establish a right of way over the crossing and the rights of way officer would be invited.

There have been reports that one of the workers is leaving the crossing gates open. This was reported to Cllr Cady who has witnessed the worker leaving the gate open on the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action:** The Clerk will report these incidents to Sam Pead.

## **10 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing**

**Action:** To keep on future agendas until the fingerpost has been replaced.

## **11 The minutes of the meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> September (an extraordinary meeting to discuss planning) were approved and signed.

## **12 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

None.

## **13 Standing Orders**

Cllr Barnes and the Clerk have drafted the new Standing Orders. The part about the meeting procedures was tabled.

**Action:** The Clerk will circulate the full draft standing Orders to all Cllrs. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

## **14 Septic tanks and the Environment Agencies consent for discharge**

The rising ground water level is causing problems with septic tanks in the parish. The legislation is changing and septic tanks must be registered with the Environment Agency by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. There is an article 'Is your septic tank registered' in issue 15 of the 'About Purbeck' magazine.

## **15 Dog bins – position and signage**

The dog bin has been painted and will be put at Highwood crossroads. The other bin will be moved (near the bus shelter) to be by the Church.

Thanks were given to Cllr Quinn from the Chairman for his work in securing and painting a second bin.

**Action:** The Clerk will purchase one dog waste/general waste sticker.

## **16 Application(s) for Parish Council vacancy**

Mrs Christine Evans is interested in becoming a councillor. This will be the first item at the next meeting. The Chairman explained what is involved in being a councillor.

**Action:** The Clerk will send Mrs Evans the forms that she needs to complete.

## **17 Reports from Councillors on Meetings and Training attended**

a) Cllr Barnes attended the Councillors Update on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

The update covered the new government's Decentralisation and Localism Bill, the Right to Build – this would require support of 75% of local people.

Standards Board will no longer exist and misconduct of conduct of councillors will be dealt with as a criminal act.

The DAPTC AGM will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

DAPTC subscriptions will increase by 1% this year.

- b) Chairman's Networking meeting at PDC on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The Clerk attended with Cllr Cady. This covered the Licensing panel review, building of affordable homes where there is no village boundary – a covenant placed on houses that they would be for local people and could only be sold for 65% of their market value. The review of election cycles. Budget Referendums to stop huge budget increases. Volunteer of the year to be added to the autumn newsletter

#### **18 Autumn newsletter**

Items to include septic tanks, update on historical project, volunteer of the year, internal auditor, a historical fact – 'Did you know?' A leaflet about Surestart to be enclosed with the newsletter and a paper and light card recycling bag.

#### **19 Planter for War Memorial**

The planter would need to be square.

**Action:** The Clerk will add this to next agenda.

#### **20 Fisherman's Stone bench in Water meadow**

Mr John Davy-Bowker from the River Laboratory suggested that the bench was moved upstream by 25M. Cllrs Cady and Quinn will look at the bench and look at the base it sits on.

**Action:** The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

#### **21 Binnegar Lane - use by vehicles over present weight limit**

Cllr Child had seen a large Hanson lorry using Binnegar lane, he did not get the registration number. There is a 7.5T limit on this lane. The police have to see driver of the lorry committing an offence.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to highways to inform them that lorries have been witnessed using the very narrow Binnegar Lane. The parish council have previously raised concerns on this issue and would like to see a reduction in the weight limit using this road to 3.5T.

#### **22 Parish Land Hedge**

A request was received from the owners of the Stokeford Inn that the hedge on the parish land is cut back as it is obscuring their signs.

It was reported that the fence around the parish land will need replacing. Quotes will be obtained for this work.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to the tenants of the parish land asking for them to cut the hedge back and informing them that there has been an offer from the owners of the Stokeford Inn that they would cut back this hedge and for the tenants to liaise with the pub's owners to have the hedge cut back.

**Action:** The clerk will add the consideration of the cost to replace the parish land fence on the next agenda.

#### **23 Correspondence Received**

- a) Power loan monitor scheme from Purbeck Community Partnership

There are two types of monitor one measures the overall electricity consumption and the other the monitors the consumption by an individual appliance.

The monitor that would make more sense was the one that measured overall consumption.

- b) New leaflet Hedges, Trees and the Highway from DCC.  
These leaflets will be included with the autumn newsletter for those properties that border onto a highway.
- c) DCC Structural Maintenance Draft List of Schemes 2011-12.  
No works are scheduled for East Stoke.
- d) Email from Mr J Barnes regarding mobile facility in the paddock near the garden of Stoke Mill (River Laboratory).  
The Chairman read out Mr Barnes' email.  
There is a mobile blue storage facility in the paddock near the garden of Stoke Mill (River Laboratory), East Stoke.

It would appear that it is no longer permitted development within the AONB as this structure remains after the 28 days camping on this site. This structure is removable and does it have to be removed?

**Action:** The clerk will write to Mr Frampton (Enforcement Officer at PDC) and Mr Whitmarsh. A letter will be sent to Mr Barnes stating that this issue was raised at the parish council meeting and it has been discussed and what action is being taken.

- e) Dorset Community Action Autumn Training Programme  
This has been passed on to the village hall committee.
- f) Church of Holy Rood Christmas tree Festival.  
It was felt that this Christmas tree festival was for voluntary groups and not for parish councils to take part in.

## 24 Finance

- a) Payments Received  
**It was noted** that the second half of Precept from Purbeck District Council of £2,750.00 had been received.
- b) Invoices and payments for Consideration  
**It was resolved** that the clerk's salary was paid.  
Mrs J Wright (Aug/Sept salary), Cheque 000299      £333.11
- c) **Second Budget Report September 2010**  
The second quarter budget report was circulated prior to the meeting. After six months approximately 50% of the budget has been spent.

## 25 Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

Cllr Quinn gave a brief update on the historical project. The Dorset Rangers have cleared the St. Mary's ruins site. English Heritage has approved the installation of the boards which will be erected later this month. Boards will be erected at Holme Bridge and by the War memorial. Cllr Quinn has leaflets to distribute to local campsites etc. A leaflet will be included to all household with the next parish newsletter.

**Items for next agenda** are grit bins, double white lines on A352 (Worgret hill) these would require police support, Keystone project update, Historical project update and Fyler and Butler graves.

**Exempt Business**

*That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the public and accredited representative of the newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item*

**26 See confidential minute 156a. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. No new business.**

**27 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7pm.

**Chairman:** ..... **Date:** .....