

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2007 AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT Cllr Barry Quinn – Chairman
Cllr Simon Cross – Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Rebecca Cady
Cllr Neill Child
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

APOLOGIES Cllr Adrian Cullinane

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were none for this meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Elliott attended the meeting but did not raise any issues. There were no other members of the Parish present.

Chairman Barry Quinn expressed a Happy New Year to all Councillors

MINUTES of the last meeting held on 7th December were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. As PCSO Lindy Christopher was unable to attend the Council meeting in December, the Chairman asked the Clerk to make contact and set up a meeting on either the February or March Parish Council meeting. If she was unable to make these dates a separate meeting could be set up.
2. War Memorial – Simon Cross to prepare letter to Church Trustees informing them that the wall behind the war memorial needed to be repaired for an area of approx. two metres to the right of the memorial. The Holly tree and other trees also needed to be cut back so they were not overhanging. When this work was done it would need to be maintained either annually or more often if growth was prolific. The work could either be carried out on behalf of the Parish Council and then invoiced to the Trustees or they could get the work done directly themselves. Simon Cross would email copy of this letter to Chairman. Paul Whitmarsh advised there was no indication from DCC when the kerbstones would be placed. This was being done under a small schemes project and it should be soon.
3. Parish Council Land – Simon Cross advised he was pursuing with the registration of this land. He was waiting to speak to a solicitor who had just recently taken up office at DCC.
4. Heritage and Historical Project – No further movement.
5. Village Hall – Awaiting letter of support from William Bond. Maureen Quinn to contact Electric and Water Boards re disconnection of power and water.
6. Parish Boundaries – The Chairman asked the Clerk to get in touch with Peter Aston with reference to Puddletown Road and query the proposal was for this area. The detail in his last letter in September 2006 did not align with our previous request.

- 7 River Frome Project – The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Judith Baker, Biodiversity Officer at PDC and invite her to our Council meeting to talk on this subject.
- 8 Enforcement at Middlefield – The Parish Council have requested that a planning application for the wooden fence be lodged by the occupant of the corner property.
- 9 SCI Submission Draft – Chairman confirmed he had read but could not get copy to Peter Sills before he closed for Christmas holidays. However, he had emailed back to ask that as Peter had been consulted in the past he be placed on their database.
- 10 Signs – Paul Whitmarsh advised he had been in touch with District Council but they advised that they did not want to get involved. Another enforcement officer was needed by the Council to deal with all the complaints in the area. He was told this would be happening soon.
- 11 AONB – Linked to the previous item, it was felt there were many irregularities in the East Stoke area with regard to what was allowable within the AONB. Simon Cross and Paul Whitmarsh would put together a list for the next meeting of things they consider are impacting on the AONB

PLANNING APPLICATION

6/2006/1016 – DCC re P. Andrews, Spratley Wood, Hyde.

Modify Condition 2 of existing planning permission 6/2004/1116 to allow continuation of restoration of disturbed ground at Spratley Wood with its associated operation to recover Aggregate and Soil from imported inert waste.

No objections from the Parish Council. Clerk to advise Case Officer, John Hartigan.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. There were no Councillors' Reports
2. Highway Matters – It was advised that at the junction of Bindon Lane and Wood Street there was a lot of water laying on the road and there had been an accident at this point last week when a car overturned. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Nikki Johnson of Wool Parish Council to advise her and if the PMU's visited Wool in January, this work may be able to be carried out by them whilst they were here.
3. DAPTC – List of Courses received. Barry Quinn to attend Chairman's Seminar, Sue Barrett to attend Clerk's Seminar in March, Paul Whitmarsh to attend New Councillors Course in June. A list of other courses to be arranged included Managing Burial Grounds and Chairman asked the Clerk to advise DAPTC of our interest and for them to advise us when the date is known. Also to enquire the dates for area meetings in February.
4. Wool PCC – The Chairman asked Simon Cross if he knew in what way the Parochial Council were managing the East Stoke burial ground. Was there a Burial Board or is it just managed by the vicar or acting vicar at the time? As owners of the Churchyard he felt the Parish Council should have a representative on the Parochial Council.
5. Environment Agency – Newsletter and calendar received.
6. CAB – Request for donation. Simon Cross proposed a donation of £50 be sent. All agreed.
7. Parish Precept – Prepared budget was discussed. Balance in bank at end of December included LHI Grant. This to be transferred to Savings Account. It was proposed the

Precept be set at £5000 for the coming year. All agreed. Clerk to complete official forms.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Email received from Lida Mutton of PDC re site for mini recycling site at Middlefield. Chairman confirmed this need had been identified when preparing the Parish Plan but now there was a kerbside collection for paper and bottles, there only remained a need for a plastic bottle bank. He suggested the clerk get back to Jan Dutton for her to look into.
2. Letter and list from PDC re future dates of planning meetings for the year and clearance dates. Chairman to copy for all parish councillors.
3. Email received from Peter Aston re Ethical Governance Review to be held on 31st January. No-one able to attend. Clerk to tender apologies.
4. The Chairman noted in the Council Information Bulletin for November that there was to be a Review of the Electoral Cycle. The recommendation of the Council's recent Leadership Review was to seek to change the electoral cycle so all councillors would retire every 4 years rather than the present arrangement where a third of councillors retire. This cycle would result in all parish councillors being elected every 4 years. Parish Councils would be consulted on any changes. This could not be achieved in time for 2007 so any changes could not be implemented before 2011. The Chairman expressed concern over this issue as there would be loss of continuity at District level and if insufficient people stood for election it might not be possible to form a council.
5. The Chairman also noted that in the PDC December Bulletin there was an article on public consultation over the Council Tax. However, not enough time had been given for Parish Councils to respond or make the public aware of this consultation. Our meeting in December was held on the 7th and the deadline for response was the 8th December. There was no evidence where this consultation was advertised. He considered this was another example of the Council "going through the motions" rather than seriously seeking community input. He suggested a letter be written to the Chief Executive with copies of District and County Councillors asking why there was such a short response time and whether this was a deliberate measure and if not where else had it been publicised.

FINANCE

1. DAPTC – Chairman's Seminar £10.00
 2. CAB – Donation £50.00
- These Amounts were approved for payment

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1st February Planning Meeting
8th February Usual Parish Council meeting

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Chairman

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Date

Chairman's Inits.