

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2013

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman,
 Cllr Tib Axon
 Cllr Neill Child
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor) (late as attending another meeting)

APOLOGIES

Cllr Adrian Naylor
PCSO Stuart Hann
County Cllr Lovell

IN ATTENDANCE 6 Members of the Public
Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

a) Mrs Ham asked what the Parish Council has in mind for the Parish Land. There are various grants available for sports facilities etc. The Chairman responded that nothing will be done at present as the Parish Council is waiting for the registration of the land to be finalised.

b) Mrs Ham enquired about how many people were on the emergency email contact list. The response was about thirty households. The request for people to add their address to this contact list will be added to the newsletter.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Naylor (flu).

3 Grant of Dispensations and Declarations of Interest

a) Grant of Dispensations

No applications had been received.

b) Declarations of interest

None.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th February were approved as a true account of the meeting and were duly signed.

5 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

6 Register of Members Interest form

A completed form has not been received from Cllr Naylor.

Cllr Quinn had spoken with Mr Fairbairn, PDC Solicitor, about what happens if a councillor does not complete a Register of interest form. The advice was that failure to complete does not disqualify a Cllr.

7 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell
No report.

b) District Cllr Quinn

- i) **Council Tax** – This has been set at 1.94% for the District which equates to about 6p/week on Band D property this is because we have a shortfall in 2014/15 and it is not known what future funding from the Government will be. County has frozen theirs but there are small increases for Police and Fire services.
- ii) **Gypsies and Travellers** – DCC have moved on the small group of travellers from Trev's lay-by at Winfrith having reopened the Coombe Keynes site without reference to PDC or County Cllr Mike Lovell. Cllr Quinn is working with County Cllr Lovell and Officers at DCC and PDC to try and sort something out in advance of the County wide Gypsies and Travellers Development Policy Document being produced.

iii) **Chairmans' Networking Evening 25th March at Westport House**

8 Police Update

The public reported that Bindon Lane was used as a rat run during the renewal works at the Wool level crossing.

9 River Frome Issues and update on any flooding issues

- a) Cllr Quinn has been trying to chase up the Network Rail contact, it appears some work has been done.
- b) Middlefield problems – Cllr Quinn tried to get copies of drawings from 1947-74 to see if they show the land drain behind Middlefield. This has been unsuccessful and post 1974 drawings only relate to individual properties, there is nothing in the PDC archive so another site meeting needs to be arranged with Synergy.

10 Footpaths/ Bridleways

Mrs Topp had enquired if there had been any feedback about the footpath from Ms Whitney. There had been none.

11 Highways Issues

- a) Binnegar Lane – Large lorries are still trying to use Binnegar Lane. Cllr Quinn had circulated correspondence about Maritime Transport, Wincanton Transport (had a phone call this morning from Dave Ellis). Cllr Quinn raised this issue with a meeting he attended with SITA. and Police and we are getting somewhere.
- b) Wood Street has been done but there is still some pooling on the corner in Bindon Lane.
- c) Trimming back of vegetation has occurred in Bindon Lane, A352 and elsewhere.
- d) Ditch (just before farm track) on A352 needs clearing as it is causing flooding on the road.
Action: Cllr Cady will speak with Mr L Haskell about clearing this ditch.
- e) Mr Whitmarsh complained about vehicles using Church Lane and that his grass verge has been damaged. The Chairman asked Mr Whitmarsh to forward photographs to the Clerk.
Action: The Clerk will send the photos to Highways with a request to reinstate the verge.

f) The drain leaking water seems to have been fixed.

g) There were no further issues to report.

h) Dorset Highways Capital Maintenance Programme for financial Year 2013/14.

A352 will be resurfaced from Stokeford to Woolbridge roundabout in January 2014.

Action: The Clerk will write requesting that this resurfacing takes place immediately as the road is in a poor condition with lots of potholes.

12 Individual area of responsibilities of Flood Warden, Rights of Way Officer and for the person maintaining the War Memorial Planter

Terms of Reference had been circulated for comment to the Flood Warden, Rights of Way Officer and for the person maintaining the War Memorial Planter.

The terms of reference for the War Memorial planter were amended at the sixth bullet point by replacing 'Liaison with residents' to read Inform the Parish Council.

Due to these terms of reference Mrs Ham asked that the position for a person to maintain the War Memorial is re-advertised. This will be added to the Spring newsletter.

Mrs Topp had responded by saying that she does some but not all of the items in the terms of reference.

The Flood Warden was happy with their terms of reference.

13 Housing Needs Survey.

The report had been circulated. The actual need from the survey had gone down to 4 as one of the applicants does require housing but did not want to live in East Stoke. Also included are the 9 households that are on the Housing Register that have a connection to East Stoke.

14 Parish Land

The submission is ready to go. There has been a slight delay as John Hart at PDC is off sick. Cllr Quinn had to have a Statutory Declaration drawn up to support the certified copies of the Inclosure Document and the Council's solicitor has been helping with this.

15 Consultations or items for consideration

a) Parish Council Easter Newsletter

There were two additional items for the newsletter – email distribution list and person to maintain War Memorial. The Village Hall newsletter will be printed on the reverse.

b) Newsletter distribution lists

Cllr Cady - Middlefields

Cllr Child – Church Lane, Bindon Lane, Holme Lane and Highwood.

Cllr Evans – Holmebridge, Main A352 (part), Manor Lane and West Holme

Cllr Quinn – A352, Binnegar Farm and Riverbank Cottage

Cllr Axon – all remaining properties.

c) Dorset Heathland Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) - Preferred Options.

Closing Date 28th March.

Action: Cllr Cady will respond to this consultation.

d) **Community Governance Review closing date 30th April 2013.**

The boundary at Gallows Hill should be considered currently it straddles three parishes. It would be better for one parish council to deal with and the Councillors thought this should be part of Bere Regis.

e) **Synergy Estate walkabout** at Middlefield Cottages will take place on 13th May in the late morning.

Action: Cllr Quinn will attend (tbc).

f) **Bus Service consultation survey**

g) **Community and Volunteer transport in Dorset consultation survey**

h) **Navitus Bay Wind Park** Phase 3 consultation. Application for a met mast 6/2013/0119

16 Correspondence Received.

- a) The Boundary Commission for England confirms that the next Parliamentary constituency boundary review has been postponed until 2018.
- b) The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Core Strategy has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The submitted document is unchanged from the Pre-Submission Draft Minerals Core Strategy July 2012 version.
- c) South Western Ambulance Service Trust Right Care Initiative. Poster on notice board.
- d) The first Purbeck Heritage Network meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd March.
- e) Poster advertising the public consultation for Good Energy's plans for a solar development on land near Woolbridge, East Stoke this will be held on 28th February at the D'Urberville Hall. The poster was placed on the notice boards.
- f) Invitation to attend the Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) who are holding a Locality Profiling event on Tuesday, 19th March 2013, 9.30am – 12.30pm at Durweston Village Hall.
- g) Letter and the quarterly newsletter from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill.
- h) Budget Speech 2013 by Angus Campbell, Leader of Dorset County council.
- i) Press release for the details about Purbeck District Council increasing its council tax (1.94%) for 2013/14.
- j) National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Chief Executive is retiring next year.
- k) Purbeck Healthcare Update. Councillors invitation to the Purbeck Healthcare briefing on Wednesday 27th March, 3.30pm – 5.00pm in the meeting room at Wareham Hospital.
- l) Spring Newsletter from Came and Company
- m) Temporary road closure at East Stoke Crossing. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Church Lane, East Stoke at East Stoke Level Crossing for a distance of approximately 150 metres each side of the level crossing. It will come into operation at 00.01hrs on the 16th March 2013 to 06.00hrs on the 25th March 2013, a period of 9 days, 5 hours and 59 minutes.

Action: The Clerk will write to Network Rail to request an urgent leaflet drop in Church Lane about the closure of the crossing as none of these residents had received the letter delivered to some properties along the A352.

17 Finance

a) Payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Garden Services (Purbeck) Ltd	£757.20	000375
Mr B Quinn (Certified copy of Inclosure Deed)	£21.00	000376

Mrs J Wright (Feb/Mar salary)	£333.11	000377
Wessex Water bill	£8.12	000378

It was **resolved** that the above payment schedule was paid.

b) **Donation request from British Red Cross, Purbeck Citizen's Advice Bureau and Victim Support**

These requests were considered and it was resolved to donate £50 to each organisation Victim Support (cheque number 000379) Purbeck Citizen's Advice Bureau (cheque number 000380) and British Red Cross (cheque number 000381) as they all benefit the parish.

c) **Internal Audit**

Mrs Paula Harding will carry out the Internal Audit.

18 Items for information or next agenda

The site of the old village hall has been cleared and a digger is on site. It was thought this is in connection with the upgrade of the East Stoke Crossing.

19 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 4th April 2013 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18pm.

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