

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2008.

PRESENT

Cllr Neill Child – Chairman
Cllr Rebecca Cady – Vice Chairman
Cllr Barry Quinn – District Councillor
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Karen Barnes
Cllr Damian Cullinane
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr and Mrs Ham

TALK BY PCSO HANN

PCSO Stuart Hann attended the meeting to talk about the Safer Neighbourhood Team work in the area and especially in East Stoke. He asked the meeting if there were any particular concerns anyone had or whether they had any feed back on the Contact Team. The Council had not met with the Neighbourhood Team for a year and he asked about the frequency of future meetings with the Parish Council. He explained that the area he covered had now increased in size but this did not alter the quality of service the Team gave.

There are three PCSOs working in the Wareham West Team. The area included Bovington, Lulworth, Stoborough, Affpuddle and surrounding area. This was the largest geographical area to cover, but the population density was small and so the challenge was different. 95% of the officers' time was spent out in the community dealing with peoples' concerns. In response to a comment by Cllr Quinn that the visible police presence in East Stoke seems to be limited to police cars speeding through and the helicopter flying over, PCSO Hann advised that when travelling through the area he nearly always used the Bindon Lane route instead of travelling on the main road to enable him to 'keep an eye' on the area.

A good way of contacting the team was by email and leaflets were given out detailing telephone numbers and email addresses. He said the Parish Councils provided a valuable network for contact with the Team.

Mrs Ham of Binnegar advised she was a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and asked if there was another co-ordinator in the District (it is understood that there is one in Middlefield). PCSO Hann said it did not matter how many co-ordinators there were in the parish. Mrs Hamm advised that she had deregistered from the Ringmaster telephone system as it was easier to be contacted by email. Contact was important and Cllr Quinn suggested a database could be set up of email addresses in the parish through which people could be quickly advised of any burglaries, disturbances, etc. in the area by the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. Details to be printed in next parish newsletter asking people to register, SNT to have a list of the main contacts, Mr/Mrs Ham to email list. Mrs Ham asked PCSO Hann if he could also send her PCSO newsletters which she had previously found to be worthy of reading and could be promoted on Parish Notice boards.

Gillian Topp asked PCSO Hann about 'Campsite Watch'. So far this year she had heard nothing from Ringmaster at Ferndown. PCSO Hann to investigate.

Barry Quinn advised that the River Laboratory had a record of thefts and PCSO Hann would visit Brian Godfrey to discuss. Mrs Topp stated that the police used to make "Coffee calls" at the campsite.

Paul Whitmarsh reported that traffic had been seen to speed up over the limit after passing the speed camera. He stated that Tuesdays were particularly bad for motorbike speeding. He had reported this to Wareham Police Station but nothing appeared to have been done. PCSO Hann said he had access to a portable speed laser which could be taken out and used in areas of public concern. He would work on this. He could also request the Camera Safety Partnership take action. He stated that the Camera Partnership responded well to requests from the public. He recommended that anyone with concerns write to the Camera Partnership. PCSO Hann was asked if he would be able to provide a Speed Indication Device (SID) at some point along the 40mph area. He advised that before this could be installed the area would have to be surveyed first. These devices provided good data.

Paul Whitmarsh stated that he had concerns with the speeding lorries using Puddletown Road. They had been seen to be travelling too fast. There was likely to be more lorries using this road with the approval of the new Environmental Park.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Hann for attending and recommended a 2-3 month visit by a member of the Team would be appropriate for East Stoke Parish but that the SNT were welcome to meetings at any time.

PLANNING

Letter received from DCC re Application No. 6/2007/892 (Masters Pit) advising this was to be considered at Planning Committee on 4th July. Decision available on web site.

PAST PLANNING

6/2008/285, Grapevine Cottage. Approved 5th June. Consent notice filed.

MINUTES of the last meeting held on 9th June were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. M. Wright – Planning Permission granted for one year only to allow time to finish building the house. At the end of this time Mr Wright will have three months to remove the caravan.
2. C.J. Barnes – Barry Quinn reported that the Enforcement Officer had visited the site. A number of issues were raised and he would be preparing a report for the Planning Board meeting in July.
3. Wind Turbines – Barry Quinn reported that he understood the number of proposed wind turbines had gone down to three. A re-submission of planning application would be required. Await advice.
4. Moorcroft Cottage – Barry Quinn advised that not all maintenance work has been completed. He would email bullet points for Clerk to write letter to Goadsby Harding. Monitor situation.

5. War Memorial – Rebecca Cady advised that flowers had been planted in trough by Jill Hart.
6. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised next meeting would be held on 17th July. People from university to talk about publications and how laser scanning had gone.
7. Village Hall Site – Ongoing. Barry Quinn to get together with Simon Cross to move matter on.
8. Notice Boards – Paul Whitmarsh advised that the posts were back from being galvanised. Barry Quinn asked Paul what the cost was. Paul advised he would work out and bring to next meeting.
9. Parish Land – Tib Axon advised she had been to Neville Jones to sign statutory declaration. This had now been sent back to Simon Cross. Cost of issuing this declaration was £13. Clerk to write cheque for this amount.
10. Naming of Lanes – Barry Quinn to see Rob Roriston.
11. New Planning Regime – Barry Quinn to chase with Alan Davies.
12. Network Rail – The Parish Council had heard rumours that the gate crossing would be closing in 2012. Apparently the attendants had been told about the closure. The Clerk was asked to look back through past correspondence on this subject to obtain history and evidence for possible protest by the Parish Council. Barry Quinn to have a word with Malcolm Shakesby.
13. Cemetery Gates – Paul Whitmarsh advised that the bottoms of the gates were bad and at some stage when he was not so busy he would renew.
14. Fyler and Butler Graves – The clearance work on Fyler grave had now been done by Colin Baker. The Butler grave needed to be steam cleaned. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from Albert Marsh, Wareham and Stones Monumental Masons at Dorchester.
15. SITA – Damian Cullinane advised he would be meeting with District Council next Friday. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of objection from the Parish Council saying that we could not understand why SITA intend to grant access across land they don't appear to own. The Parish Council recommend that this matter should not proceed until the anomalies were resolved.
16. Frome and Piddle Catchment Flood Management – Email received from Pete and Sue Burden re copy of his comments on the plan following the consultation meeting. Clerk was asked to forward to all councillors.
17. BT – Closure of Telephone Boxes – Rebecca Cady advised she had not yet written response.
18. C.J. Barnes – Unauthorised use of garage. Barry Quinn had spoken to Alan Davies and would discuss with Chairman of the Planning Board.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. County Councillor Report – County Councillor not present
2. District Councillor Report – Barry Quinn advised he had nothing of significance to report.
3. Highways – Nothing further to report. Awaiting PMU visit. Blue Hospital signs had been removed.
4. Parish Plan – Network meeting 11th July. Pete and Sue Burden to attend.
5. Internal Audit Report – Clerk advised she had met with Peter Sills on 26th June. Accounts were in order and Section 3 of Annual Return completed. Regarding the balance of £9599 held in current and savings accounts at 31st March, Mr Sills wanted to know how much of this money was earmarked for

particular purposes and when these monies were due to be spent. Also he asked the Clerk to find out what amount was being kept for reserves. He was unable to comment on the balance held until he had answers to these questions. He was concerned that the balance of money held amounted to nearly two year's precept and appeared to be held without purpose. Barry Quinn asked the Chairman if he could comment. He said that over past years the Parish Council held operated by having minimal reserves in the bank. Since then the Parish Council have tried to build up reserves for such things as:-

- Annual maintenance of war memorial and cemetery gates
- Stone wall is in need of repair, some stones now loose
- The Parish Council are for the time being able to meet at the River Laboratory but this arrangement was only temporary. In the future the Council would need a meeting facility and would be expected to fund some of the cost towards a small community hall on the site of the old village hall.
- Furniture would be needed for this hall together with decoration of the hall.

Clerk to have further meeting with Mr Sills to clarify these points.

6. Letter from Parish Clerk – Clerk handed letter of resignation to Chairman to read. She would be leaving at the end of September. Chairman asked her to put vacancy of job notice in Swanage and Wareham Advertiser and Wool Parish News. Email to be sent to Jenny Hunt to find out deadline date for Parish magazine. Notice also to be sent to DAPTC to put in their next circular and on their web site.
7. Email from Karen Barnes – Clerk handed to Chairman and he read out the points that she raised for the meeting to discuss. Karen advised that after attending the New Councillors Seminar she had the following to report:-
 - Councillors should be informed of the monthly meeting and agenda by Clerk advising that they are “summonsed” to the meeting. Clerk to use this wording in future.
 - The wording “Any Other Business” should not be used and decisions are not to be made at this point of the meeting although actions are acceptable. Chairman suggested that wording of this item in the future to be “Other Matters for Discussion which the Chairman decides are urgent”
 - The wording of “prejudicial” and “personal” interests was clarified. Barry Quinn to obtain info from PDC.
 - Councillors should not be employed by the Council to carry out any paid work for them. Barry Quinn stated that with specific regard to the demolition of the old Village Hall it was important to note that this was a health and safety issue which had to be dealt with expediently as the site was unsafe and in compliance with the conditions of the former lease. A small grant was obtained from the Purbeck Community Partnership to carry out this work in FY/06/07. The grant was applied for by the Village Hall Caretaking Committee as part of an action arising from the Parish Plan after the committee had made unsuccessful attempts to sell the building. The funding which was based on a costed estimate for conducting the task included consumables such as petrol, skip hire and casual labour to operate the

plant equipment. The funding like that for the Heritage and Historical project was administered by the Parish Council through it's accounts but actually managed and accounted for by the Parish Plan Sub Groups. Parish Councillors were not actually employed by the Council but reimbursed with expenses actually incurred including the procurement of materials and bought in labour. Parish Councillors managing such tasks were certainly not rewarded or even wholly compensated for the considerable time and effort that they put in to complete projects for the benefit of the community. However Council recognises that any future work to be done to be looked at carefully and if necessary direction to be taken from DAPTC.

- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – copy handed to Karen Barnes and Damian Cullinane. Update of both needed to be done shortly. E-template from DAPTC held on file.
- 8. Bus Stop – Email received from Sue Burden re possibility of Request Bus Stop at Holmebridge. She considered there were suitable stopping places and knew of people in Holmebridge who use the X53 bus service. The Council felt there could be a problem identifying a safe stop on the Wareham side. The Council supports the idea if a suitable stopping location could be found on both sides of the road. Clerk to write to Michelle Boone at DCC.
- 9. Purbeck Community Partnership – Review of Purbeck Community Plan. Comments by 31st July. Chairman to complete.
- 10. DAPTC – Training course for Councillors 17th July. No-one to attend.
- 11. Draft Countrywide Homelessness Strategy – Consultation ends 25th July. Chairman to look at.

ANY OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

1. Rebecca Cady advised that Jill Hart suggested a stone planter be put on the left side of the memorial. It was suggested Holme Nurseries or Rogers Concrete might like to donate planter.

FINANCE

1. Baker Property Services £ 413.00(Quarterly account £349.00 and bill for clearing Fyler Grave £64.00).
2. DAPTC £75.00 –(New Chairman's Seminar £25 and New Councillors Course £50)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th August.

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Chairman

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Date

