

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st MARCH 2012

PRESENT

Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Christine Evans
Cllr Adrian Naylor
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES

Cllr Neill Child

IN ATTENDANCE

County Cllr Mike Lovell
PCSO Stuart Hann
Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

1 Public Participation Time

There were no issues raised at this point.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Neill Child.

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

None.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2012

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd February were approved as a true account of the meeting and were signed.

5 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

173/1 a) The hedge on the corner near the junction of the B3070/A352 has been cut back.

6 Planning Information received

a) Draft Documents on A guide to Neighbourhood Planning and statement of Community Involvement from Purbeck District Council (PDC).

No comments were made on the draft documents.

Cllr Barnes will attend the meeting on Monday 12th March at PDC to find out about Neighbourhood Planning and will feedback at the next meeting.

7 Previous Planning Application Updates

a) **6/2011/0730** - Longthorns Farm, Longthorns, Wool, BH20 6HH. Proposed use will be camping activity. Approved Certificate of Lawful Use.

The Chairman read out some conditions for approval of this application. These conditions can be viewed on the PDC website.

Action: Cllr Quinn will find out why there had been no response to the Parish Council queries regarding this application and if the Parish Council can have a meeting with the planning officer. The ten year camping activity applies to the premises and not to the individual.

8 Hawkins Trust

Mr John McConnell has resigned as a Trustee of the Hawkin's Trust.

Action: The advert for a new trustee will be placed in the Easter newsletter.

9 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

Cllr Lovell stated that the County's budget will face further cuts of £31 million over the next two years.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) The Council Tax for the coming year has been frozen.

ii) The grant PDC will receive for freezing the level of Council Tax will be put in to reserves to counteract future budget cuts.

iii) Boundary Review. A Special Council meeting was held to consider moving to all out elections in 2015. This has been approved.

The final workshop has taken place to consider the number of District Councillors required. 25 District Cllrs are needed this will give Swanage an extra District Councillor.

Changes to Wards – Wareham St. Martin will include Bloxworth and Morden, Bovington will be warded. This means that the wards will have the required +/-10% electoral variance with the exceptions of the Wool and Wareham St. Martin wards. The report on these changes will be going to full Council.

Next year there will be a Community Governance review to look at anomalies in the Ward boundaries e.g. Copseside is in Wool Parish but it is closer to East Stoke parish.

10 Police Update

Crime is decreasing in this area. There have been no issues of anti-social behaviour.

11 River Frome Issues

The Clerk will enquire if Brian Richards can attend the Annual Parish Meeting. If he is attending a Parish councillor will show him the sites and photographs of the flooding prior to the meeting.

12 Highways Issues

a) Community Response Teams

There were no issues to report.

b) Other Highways/Footpath Issues

The item for volunteers to clear the footpaths will be added to the next newsletter.

The Clerk will report the side verging required on the A352 footpath opposite Kintray.

13 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

The Clerk will check if the finger post has been installed and report back at the next meeting.

14 Feedback from Meetings

a) DAPTC Area meeting

The main item discussed affecting this parish was the Gypsy and Traveller consultation. County Cllr Alex Brenton stated that DCC were recommending three sites for further investigation – Gallows Hill, Hethfelton woods and Woolbridge. Cllr Brenton said that that Natural England had had objections at the Gallows Hill site but the Forestry Commission did not have the same for the site at Hethfelton Woods.

Action: The clerk will contact the Forestry Commission to find out their view on the suggestion of a traveller site in Hethfelton Woods.

- b) PDC Planning Board Policy Development Panel – the report went to Policy Group 29th February
The report of the eight recommended changes was circulated to all Councillors. A further meeting of the Policy Development Panel will take place on 13th March to consider again the public participation at site visits. The report will go to the full Council meeting in April.
- c) Frome and Piddle Catchment Initiative – Launch on Wednesday 22nd February.
This meeting was to launch the Frome and Piddle Catchment Initiative. A query was raised as to who was coordinating it all.

15 **Village Hall Update**

Both the Parish Land and Old Village Hall site are being looked at to build a new village hall. The plans for the village hall are based on Holme for Gardens tea rooms with a smaller kitchen and an office. These plans will be drawn up in a block/brick construction so the building will match adjacent properties which are rendered.

Synergy may be able to provide a grant for the fees to have the plans drawn up. East Stoke will not have a representative on Synergy's neighbourhood panel until July.

Registration of the Parish Land; a lady from the Land Registry Customer Services rang but was not very helpful. The Title Deed is at the County Records Office and confirms ownership. Barry Quinn will need to take a photograph of this document.

Barry Quinn is putting together a dossier to support the registration application. John Hart at PDC may be able to give some help when he can.

A valuation of the Parish Land is required as the fee to register the land depends on its value.

Action: Cllr Barnes will see if she can get the land valued at no cost to the Parish Council. Alternatively the District Valuer at PDC will be asked to value the land.

16 **Churchyard water butt**

This item is on-going and will be added to next month's agenda.

17 **Consultation**

- a) Draft Dorset Heathland Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document 2012-14.

No comments were made on this consultation.

18 **Invitation**

- a) Public exhibition on the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park on 21st February 1pm – 2pm, Swanage

Cllr Quinn attended this exhibition. The same issues as the Alaska Wind Farm were raised namely the visual impact and the potential effect on tourism. There would be a 50 metre exclusion zone around each turbine but there are no measures in place to police it. There was a map where you could place a marker to show where you would like a photo montage from.

19 **Items for Easter newsletter**

Items were added during the meeting. Advert for the Hawkin's Trust Trustee, clearing footpaths, Dorset for You deer collisions webpage link and Annual Parish Meeting.

20 Correspondence Received

All of the following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

- a) Came and Company Insurance – advice for clearing snow and ice.
- b) Notice that the Core Strategy 2006 – 2027 has been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. Posters have been displayed on the notice board.
- c) Dorset Community Action – Best Kept Village Competition 2012.
The Parish Council would not be entering this competition.
- d) DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 02/12 and Winter Newsletter.
The link to the deer collisions webpage on Dorset for You will be put in the Easter Newsletter.
Cllr Barnes has asked for a tree to plant for the Diamond Jubilee from Trees for Dorset. They may have one tree left.
- e) Letter from Will Bond regarding one wind turbine (102 metres) at Masters Pit.
- f) Dorset AONB sent details of their Traffic in Villages toolkit and ideas to help communities solve problems with traffic in villages.
- g) Budget Speech from Mr Angus Campbell, Leader of Dorset County Council.

21 DAPTC Training Courses

- a) HMRC Surgery, 17th April, Dorchester DYA, 2pm – 4pm , £20
It was agreed that the Clerk could attend this training course.
- b) Councillors Powers and Duties, Dorchester DYA, 9th May, 2pm – 4pm, £20.
Cllr Barnes will attend this training course.
- c) Localism Act Update, Stoborough Village Hall, 15th May, 2pm -4pm, £20
No one will be attending this training.

22 Finance

- a) The following receipt was **noted**.
Memorial Application - Dorothy Brown £104.00

b) Invoices and payments

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
AVG (2 year anti-virus)	£22.50	000344
Mrs J Wright (Feb and Mar salary)	£333.11	000345
Wessex Water (Churchyard water bill)	£9.52	000346

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

c) Churchyard Tender

No tenders have been received.
This will be added to the Easter newsletter.

d) Quotations for the extra work required for the fencing of the Parish Land

The further quotations for the extra fencing work had not been received.

e) Donation Requests

Three requests for donations had been received from Purbeck Citizen's Advice Bureau, Dorset Victim Support and Dorset Advocacy. The Clerk will find out further information on the work that Dorset Advocacy do in this parish.

It was approved to give a donation of £35.00 to both the Purbeck Citizen's Advice Bureau (Cheque no 000347) and Dorset Victim Support (Cheque no 000348).

23 Speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 21st May at 7pm. The invited speakers are Brian Richards and Alasdair Maxwell – the Clerk will enquire if they will be able to attend. If they cannot attend then Binnegar Hall will be invited.

24 Items for Information or the next agenda

None.

25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th April 2012 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....