

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2007.**

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### **PRESENT**

Cllr Simon Cross (Chairman)  
Cllr Rebecca Cady (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr and District Councillor Barry Quinn  
Cllr Neill Child  
Cllr Paul Whitmarsh  
County Councillor Mike Lovell

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Tib Axon  
Cllr Adrian Cullinane

### **MEMBERS OF PARISH**

Peter and Sue Burden  
Mr and Mrs Tuthill

### **TALK BY PETER ASTON, Monitoring Officer PDC**

Peter Aston talked to Councillors on the new Revised Code which had come into effect from 4<sup>th</sup> May and needed to be adopted by Council before 1<sup>st</sup> October. Each Councillor received a copy of the Revised Code which Mr Aston went through in detail. This handout detailed 10 general purposes of Public Life together with new information on Personal and Prejudicial Interests and Registered Interests. Also given out to each Councillor was a copy of the Model Code of and Guide for Members. The Chairman asked Mr Aston if he could send copies of the Registers of Interest already lodged with him to make sure all forms were up to date. Peter Aston recommended that Councillors resolve to adopt the new code in full including Section 12 with the exception of Section 7 which did not apply to Parish Councils.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATE TIME**

Peter Burden informed the Council that he had read in the Bournemouth Echo that the consultation period for the planning application for Binnegar Quarry ended on 16<sup>th</sup> August. He asked if the Council were aware of this and whether the application had been publicised in the Parish. The Chairman replied that notice of the application to be discussed had been posted on the notice board five days prior to this meeting, i.e. 28<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Burden advised that the Echo stated that this application was almost identical to that applied for in 2001 except that the composting material would now be housed in an enclosed building. Original application number 6/2002/0027 had now been cancelled. He was concerned that it was apparent a new traffic assessment had not been undertaken. The previous assessment was done in 2002 and the roads were now at capacity and would not cope with the extra anticipated lorry loads of waste. A letter would be written to Tony Jefferies, DCC, outlining our following concerns

#### **Transport**

- (a) The original transport is now seriously outdated. Since the original report was prepared there has been a further Transport Report prepared by *Buro Happel* and this concludes that the A351 is now virtually at gridlock. Therefore statements in Paragraphs 5.7 and 5.8 of the Transport Plan in the Environmental Statement are incorrect. The A351 is at capacity and any additional HGV traffic will cause significant transport difficulties in the area.

- (b) We note in Paragraph 5 that the proximity of a school in Bere Regis on the C6 has been ignored when detailing traffic flows through this area.
- (c) We consider that Puddletown Road with the additional HGV movements would be unsafe for cyclists and therefore a cycle path should be constructed.
- (d) Consideration should be given to the large scouting facilities in close proximity to Binnegar Quarry just off Puddletown Road.
- (e) When determining traffic flow along Puddletown Road, extra traffic to and from the Visitors Centre at Binnegar Quarry should be considered.
- (f) As the new Trigon landfill site is having its own haul road connecting to the C3 (Bere Road through to Coldharbour) could the applicant consider extending that road to link into the new development. This would give prompt access to the A35 with no extra loading on the A351 and A352.

### **General Development**

The Council re-affirms its objection to any extraction work to the south of the Puddletown Road. We had understood from representatives of the applicant that it was uneconomic for the applicant to extract from this area because lorries would have to cross the Puddletown Road. In addition the distances from the processing plant the machinery would have to travel with the minerals would cause disproportionate disruption compared to the perceived benefits. If extraction is to take place to the south of Puddletown Road, the applicant will need to provide proposals for traffic lights or method of safe traffic control for the crossing with suitable stopping areas and wheel washes either side and a section of tar macadam for surplus run off. The Puddletown Road is presently an unrestricted 60miles an hour road. There will be traffic dangers by permitting the crossing.

The Blue Area referred to in Paragraph 2.3 of the Planning Statement is now shown to be four times the size of that shown on the original application. The Blue area was limited to a small area running approximately one quarter the length from the Binnegar Lane end, east. The remaining Blue land has self seeded with trees and wildlife after previous quarrying operations. The Council would argue that this area should now be left alone.

Consequently the Council strongly objects to the development of any of this land.

Generally land to the south of the Puddletown Road is designated as Common Land and although the applicant had the rights to mineral extraction, Rights of Common should be restored when development ceases. We would request incorporation of a condition to this effect.

### **General Observation**

The establishment of a permanent recycling facility as opposed to the transitory nature of quarrying remains an unacceptable feature of the whole application. The Council ask whether the granting of temporary permission for the recycling facility be considered.

The Council considers the area reserved for development of the recycling facility seems to be disproportionately large for the building being erected. It seems that the Applicant may be attempting to obtain unnecessary large development for the site. The Council believes that the size of the park should be considered in detail to ascertain that its size is the smallest possible to facilitate the current applicant.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none for this meeting

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July were signed as a correct record.

## MATTERS ARISING

1. Police Matters – Paul Whitmarsh reported he had seen a Peugeot vehicle acting suspiciously and had reported this to the police. They advised that they knew the driver of this vehicle to be Rob Way but said that he did not pose a threat to the community. Paul had since learnt that he was now in prison for kidnap amongst other things. The Chairman suggested the Clerk email PCSO Lindy Christopher to make sure she was aware of this incident.
2. Travellers – The Chairman advised that he had learnt that the travellers would be moving the following day but it was not known where they were going. The Forestry Commission had been unsuccessful with their request for a blanket order to stop them entering any of their land.
3. C.J. Barnes – Barry Quinn confirmed he had spoken with Mike Grime who advised that he considered Mr Barnes was in breach of his licence and he would be looking into the problem. There were Environmental Health and Tourist problems associated with the site being untidy. An enforcement order was likely to be served. A decision on planning application No. 456 had not yet been reached.
4. War Memorial – Barry Quinn had not yet spoken to Mike Grime on this issue. Paul Whitmarsh had a successful meeting with Blair Turner of DCC Highways who agreed that the kerbstones previously laid by DCC at the memorial were not fit for the purpose and would be replaced.
5. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn confirmed a meeting would be held the following Thursday to brief the History Group on the project progress and Sara Grayson would also give a talk on the Browns and Bartlett families. Barry Quinn would meet with Ian Hewitt and Sara as members of the Steering Group about the next phase of the project.
6. Village Hall – Simon Cross advised he had tried to contact Andy Robinson from Symonds and Sampson but he was on holiday. Barry Quinn advised that he had received an information pack from Lois Rose re funding which had been copied to Simon Cross. Mike Grime confirmed that an outline planning application was not needed but suggested the Village Hall Caretaking Committee write a letter to him registering their intent to establish a building on the land and once this was done it could be demolished. A meeting was needed with PDC to discuss the inclusion of affordable housing in this project. Discussion took place as to whether the hall, being a historic World War 1 building, could be offered for sale on e-bay. Rebecca Cady offered to take photos. It was decided to think about this further and discuss at next meeting.
7. Middlefield Fence – Occupancy of house had now changed and it was noted the west fence had now come down as this was too close to the highway. The south fence was considered to be alright and that there were no issues with any change of tenancy. It was noted that if there had been then this should be dealt with through Purbeck Housing Trust. File now closed.
8. C6 Sightlines – Vegetation had not yet been cut back. Mike Lovell had not had any luck with Highways. Paul Whitmarsh advised he had mentioned this problem when meeting with Blair Turner.
9. Notice Boards – Mike Lovell had not yet found out price of board paid for by Langton Parish Council. A second quote had been requested from Andrew Tuck. East Holme Parish Council were also hoping to get a grant for a new notice board and had asked if this could be procured through East Stoke PC as they were unable to reclaim VAT. The Council agreed that this could be done.
10. Council Tax Consultation – Clerk to post forms to PDC.

11. Connecting Dorset – Chairman signed agreement form. Clerk to send to DAPTC.
12. Parish Land – Mike Lovell was not aware that this matter was still unresolved. He would get in touch with Elaine Cheeseman who would contact Simon Cross.
13. Annual Return – This was now complete and would be sent off before deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> August.
14. DAPTC Area Meeting – Simon Cross confirmed he had attended. He was advised that DAPTC had learnt about a group of consultants that had been set up to run the finances of village halls. These people were not aligned with Parish Councils and could stop them from holding their meetings in the hall. DAPTC warned Councils to be aware of this situation.

### **PAST PLANNING**

1. 6/2007/422 – Monkey World – Approved 17<sup>th</sup> July
2. 6/2007/369 – 1 New Cottages, Binnegar – Approved 16<sup>th</sup> July with 3 conditions:-
  - (a) Extension had to be started within 3 years
  - (b) Extension is in keeping with rest of property
  - (c) Extension not to be started until discharge certificate regarding landfill gas migrations obtained. Certificate should state that property is over 250m from previous nearby landfill site. It was thought the property was 10m outside this limit.

### **BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. County Council – Nothing to report.
2. District Council – Barry Quinn reported that committee of the Overview and Scrutiny Group were looking into resolving the problem of overload on the Planning Enforcement Officer and consequently Mike Grime had advised that they were only able to deal with urgent issues at the moment.
3. Highways – Paul Whitmarsh advised that when he met with Blair Turner they had discussed several issues and made a list of things to be done which Mr Turner would put into action as soon as possible.
4. Parish Plan – Nothing further to report.
5. Footpath – Barry Quinn had reported to the Clerk that the footpath which runs from the River Laboratory across to the ruins of St. Marys was overgrown. She had reported this to DCC who put the matter on their work schedule and should be done in approximately two weeks. She also rang the Footpath Liaison Officer, Ian Howlett, who advised he had cut back brambles etc. in the middle of June but due to the current fast growth he would look into it the following day (i.e. 26<sup>th</sup> July).
6. Purbeck Keystone Project – Barry Quinn advised that a meeting had been held on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Heritage Lottery Project manager, Jo Bowry, had been speaking with Richard Caldrow about improving communications with East Stoke. A monthly update beginning at the end of August would be sent. In the future another presentation would be given to the Parish Council. Regarding the blocked culverts under the bypass at Wareham it was suggested that Debbie Weller raise with DCC Highways. Peter Burden advised he had met with English Nature at the river bed. They walked for ¾ mile looking at the bad bank erosions, lack of wildlife, lack of weed and silting up of the river. Mr Burden considered the Environment Management Plan was of no use to the River. Chairman Simon Cross suggested Mr Burden draft a letter stating his concerns which would be sent

by the Parish Council to the Environment Agency with copies to the local MP and Richard Drax.

7. Dorset Police – Email from Inspector Adams at Wareham Police Station introducing himself and asking that members of the Parish remain vigilant and report any concerns to our local Safer Neighbourhood Team.
8. Temporary Road Closure – Notice received re closure of Stoke Crossing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August.
9. Clean Neighbourhood Officer – Notice received re new officer, Magnus Tulloch appointed to this job.
10. Middlefield Cottages – Barry Quinn reported that the sign had been broken off. BQ to report to PDC.
11. Community Event Insurance – Barry Quinn advised that if the Parish Council were to hold a public event at some time in the future, this would be covered under the public liability section of our insurance.
12. Binnegar Lodge – Barry Quinn advised that this house had been demolished and two caravans were on site. Monitor situation.
13. PDC Performance Plan 2007/08 received. Filed.
14. DAPTC – Email on UKAEA regarding authority to dispose of radio active waste from Winfrith Site. Consultation by Environment Agency to public and local authorities. No comment from Parish Council.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Chairman reported that he had received comments about two loads of builders rubble deposited on the Parish Land. The Clerk had contacted Mrs Tubbs to ask if she knew about this. On talking to her husband it appeared this rubble was to fill in holes on the Parish Land. Chairman asked the Clerk to write a letter to Mrs Tubbs asking her to remove the rubble and if she wanted to fill in the holes this must be done with soil only otherwise there would be a breach of her Tenancy Agreement.

#### **FINANCE**

1. S. Barrett – Two months salary and expenses - £306.21

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> September.

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