

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 2nd July 2015

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Cherry Brooks (District Councillor)
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire

APOLOGIES Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Julie Wright

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) i) Mr Bond explained to the meeting that he will submit a new revised planning application for a solar installation. His previous application last September was withdrawn as English Heritage objected due to concerns of possible unknown archaeological remains. Investigations were carried out over the winter, but nothing was found. Mr Bond has been advised by Purbeck District Council that he should consult the Parish Council about the new application. The only major difference between the two plans is that the solar panels will be taken back from the hedges.
- ii) There has recently been a report published called “Options for selling your electricity locally”. Mr Bond will research this to see whether the scheme could run here.
- iii) It was agreed that Mr Bond should be allocated a 20 minute slot during the September meeting to be held on 3rd September. This will include a Question and Answer session, however, if there is a long Agenda then it would be required to arrange an additional meeting.
- Action:** The Clerk to add item to September’s Agenda.
- b) Cllr Cady asked Mr Bond when the tree will be removed from the River. Mr Bond responded that the hay was cut on 29th June and they will check for any nests. If it is all clear, then they plan to take it out by the end of the week commencing 6th July.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved for Cllr Quinn and Cllr Wright.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Brooks stated that due to sitting on the Purbeck District Planning Board she would not partake in Item 7 of the Agenda.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th May 2015 were approved as a true account with the corrections to 18bii & iii to be made after seeking advice from DAPTC. The minutes were duly signed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Brooks confirmed that there has been a delay in moving the abandoned car due to the registered owner being deceased. However, the Police have now obtained the authority to move it and it will be moved within 7 days.
- b) The inspection cover has now been done.
- c) The Clerk reported that the footpath closed sign was erected by the Ranger, John Williamson.
- d) Cllr Brooks contacted Gill Jackson, who verified that SITA used to empty the Churchyard bin, but it will now be carried out by the DWP. It was noted that the bin at Highwood is quite full and it was questioned whether people at an unofficial campsite and partygoers from a rave at Holton Heath might have been using it.
- e) The potholes completion notice has been posted.
- f) Cllr Evans confirmed that there has been a camera at the Holmebridge crossing, but it has now been taken down. It was organised by County Cllr Lovell but the Parish Council have not yet obtained any feedback.
- g) Cllr Cady declared that the Elm Tree problem along the A352 has now been resolved.
- h) Cllr Wright emailed amendments to 18bii&iii they were duly noted and advice is currently being sought from DAPTC. Cllr Wright also wanted to clarify that on 7a) the minutes should have stated "Cllr Wright was asked about the dog sticker".
- i) Cllr Cady suggested that strimming around the noticeboards should be added to the next maintenance tender.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

COM 617 - Proposed de-registration of land - Ford Heath

- a) It was noted that the new drawn out plans include both a noticeboard and a car park which the Parish Council have previously raised concerns to SITA that it would be inappropriate. It is the intention of the Parish Council that the land should be used by local residents rather than encouraging people to visit from further afield. The road leading to the potential car park is not wide enough to take any additional vehicles. If there were a car park it should not be gravelled or tarmacked. There were also reservations that a bridleway could be a potential hazard to vehicles in the area.
- b) In the SITA response they do not foresee any problems in utilising the relevant parcels for grazing or equestrian use therefore they felt that a management plan would not be needed. It was noted by Cllr Cady that any new farmer would want to utilise the land as they would need to

make an income from it. Cllr Wiltshire said it would be worthwhile putting in a condition for the field to have a management plan. Cllr Brooks confirmed that enforcement of these regulations is now high on the agenda.

Action: The Clerk to form a response to the Planning Inspectorate

8. Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information

APN/2015/0180 Manor Farm, East Stoke, BH20 6AW. Erect replacement agricultural building. **APN. No intervention required**

- a) Cllr Brooks stated that the planning laws have recently changed which now allows farmers to erect buildings and engineering works without planning permission. However, they are required to apply to the Council before the work starts and the Council then has 28 days to respond. Due to this short notice period these plans will not go through Parish Councils.
- b) A member of the Public asked if they would be allowed to comment on this application due to its size, potential problems over drainage and other issues. Cllr Brooks confirmed that due to these new regulations, residents will not be able to send in responses. If there are issues with this or previous applications, then people should contact the Building Controller. Cllr Brooks said that she will speak to Planning about this application. It was agreed that there could be potential problems with this new regulation and it seems apparent that the legislation was not researched adequately enough to highlight possible complications.

Action: Cllr Brooks to contact the Planning Department.

9. Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

No report

b) District Cllr Brooks

- i) The Partial Review observations concluded that instead of having a mass of new buildings the preference would be to have a set percentage of houses in villages. Studies are being carried out to see whether it would be possible to build on greenbelt. Nationally, there is a 400 meter buffer zone on SSSIs but it is felt that Dorset is a unique case. People tend to walk in different areas rather than on heathland so it maybe possible to have an exemption.
- ii) Network Rail currently hold separate meetings for issues relating to Wareham, Wool, Swanage and East Stoke. In future there will be one monthly meeting which will consolidate all of these. The first one being on 17th July at the Ship Inn, Wool. It is also hoped that one representative from Network Rail will be responsible for all these locations rather than have lots of individuals dealing with the separate areas. The Holmebridge Crossing will not be resolved until 2/3 months time. Over the four day period that Bestival runs they will have someone manning the Crossing who will have the authority to lift the barriers. However, this can only be done by them telephoning Basingstoke. A two lane system will also be in operation over

that weekend. At the control room in Basingstoke it is only manned by two people and if they get called away, then it would cause delays in lifting the barriers.

10. Any issues to be reported to the Police or, update on issues reported

There was an accident at the crossroads. A woman turned right to quickly and it resulted in four cars colliding. Slow signs need to be marked on the road and it was felt that it would be advisable if County Cllr Lovell could look into this.

Action: The Clerk to email County Cllr Lovell.

11. Feedback on the New Councillors Course

- a) Both Cllr Wiltshire and Cllr Wright attended the course of 16th June. One of the key points was that only items on the Agenda should be discussed at Parish Meetings and it was advised that "Matters Arising" should not be included.
- b) Another matter that arouse is the importance of confidentiality, for example when opening and awarding tenders. It is forbidden to disclose tenders prior to the meeting to other contractors.
- c) It is advised that Councillors should not reply to members of the public during the Public Participation.

12. River Frome Issues

There were no updates regarding the River Frome.

13. East Stoke and Wool Community Chest

Jacqueline Hughes has stepped down as Secretary of the Community Chest. It has been advised by Good Energy that the post is filled by a Parish Clerk therefore Liz Maidment will now take on this position. However, Jacqueline Hughes is still happy to help organisations fill in the application form. The next round of applications need to be submitted by the 4th October.

14. Railway Crossing Issues

- a) Incident log and photographs of Holmebridge Crossing
The Clerk is collating an incident log and photographs with notifications coming mainly from Brian Willgress of any tailbacks or other information regarding the crossing. A camera was temporarily erected there and it was thought that County Cllr Lovell might be able to find out what information was gathered.
Action: The Clerk to email County Cllr Lovell.

15. Highways Issues

- a) Update on issues reported
The inspection cover in Church Lane has been repaired and Cllr Brooks has chased up the pothole in Church Lane and will also investigate Bindon Lane.
 - i) Camp Bestival Travel Plan
Traffic will be directed down Holme Lane as it appears to be the most effective way. The problems occur when drivers follow their satnavs instead of following the signage.

- b) Other Issues
 - i) The verge next to Holme Nursery has been damaged by a track vehicle.
 - ii) The grass at the junction near West Holme Cottage is very overgrown and hinders visibility while turning. This will need to be cut back in time for Festival.

Action: The Clerk to report items on Dorsetforyou.

16. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

- a) Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Planning Consultations - Coming Soon
Cllr Wiltshire enunciated the importance of publicising the Consultation to the Public as both the SITA Site and Hethfelton Woods (Great Plantation) are listed. Hethfelton Woods are now being visited less due to the storm damage that occurred last year and work that has been carried out. There is currently a 30 year plan and it includes replanting certain areas. Cllr Wiltshire has sent an email to the Mineral and Waste Planning Policy but has not responded as to whether signs will be put up or how it will be advertised. It has been stated that there will be no loss of amenity but Cllr Wiltshire disagrees with this statement. It is vital that the Parish Council sends a response before the end of the Consultation which is in September. It would also be beneficial if the MPs were notified of these plans.
Action: Cllr Wiltshire will draft a letter to Richard Drax MP. The Consultation will be added to the next month's agenda.
- b) Planters in East Stoke have now been re-planted with summer bedding plants – Volunteers required to water them.
Rita Haskell has offered to water the plants.

17. Correspondence Received

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

- a) Inspired by 2012 Health & Wellbeing Legacy Fund - Final Round OPEN NOW until 31st July 2015. **Noted.**
- b) Armed Forces Day (27th June) - Fly the Flag Letter. **Noted.**
- c) Purbeck Citizens Advice Energy Best Deal Press Release. They have appointed an Energy Best Deal Co-ordinator to help low income consumers and people at risk of fuel poverty. **Noted.**
- d) Urgent Temporary Road Closure – East Stoke level Crossing Thursday 18th June 2015 at 23:00hrs to 07:00hrs on Friday 19th June 2015. **Noted.**
- e) Members' Allowances - recommendations of Parish Remuneration Panel. It was to review recommendations in relation to any allowances to be paid by parish and town councils to their councillors. **Noted.**
- f) Mutual Exchange Event Tuesday 23 June 2015. The aim is to introduce tenants who are under occupying with tenants over occupying in the hope that they find someone to exchange with. **Noted.**

- g) Temporary Speed Limit Notice for Tankfest” Bovington Lane & Lytchett Lane, Bovington Fri 26th – Mon 29th June. **Noted.**
- h) Open Evening at Magnox Winfrith.
Cllr Brooks and Cllr Quinn will attend this event.
- i) Good Councillors Guides available to purchase from DAPTC. £1.50 per copy, plus postage.
It was agreed that people can view these guides online rather than purchasing hard copies.
Action: The Clerk to send out the link with the next month’s Agenda.
- j) Partial Review Town and Parish Council Workshop 3.
Cllr Brooks will attend and Cllr Child is a possibility.
- k) Minerals and Waste Planning - Newsletter/Website text. **Noted.**
- l) New DAPTC Chief Executive, Hilary Trevorah. **Noted.**

18. Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted
VAT repayment £549.44
- b) To approve the following payments

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment June 15 Salary	£165.73	000465
Barker Fox Associates – Internal Audit	£45.00	000466
FBA East Stoke, Conference Room Hire	£120.00	000468
Miss E Maidment Non-consolidated payment	£11.23	000469
Colin Mutter Joinery Ltd – Noticeboard	£510.00	000470
DAPTC – New Councillors including Code of Conduct Course, Purbeck x2	£60.00	000471
Purbeck District Council – Subscription fee income, Planning Training Programme 15-16	£50.00	000472
DAPTC Annual Subscription 2015-16	£165.95	000473

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

- c) Additional hours for Clerk
The Clerk has been keeping a record of her hours for the past six months. There are peaks and troughs to the amount of work undertaken each month but the average is between 22 and 23 hours. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Evans that the amount of hours should be increased to 23 hours. A letter stating the amended hours should be included with her employment contract.
Action: Cllr Cady to write letter.

19. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Wiltshire found parts of a car on her land that borders the A352. She reported it to Dorset Waste Partnership who sent a generic letter back. The planned litter collection has been done more slowly due to health and safety reasons within the traffic management plan. However, the A352 is on the contractor's list and will be started soon.
- b) Cllr Brooks has spoken to the manager at the Purbeck Sports Centre. There is currently seven people on the waiting list for three year olds. The swimming schedule is more limited due to the Purbeck School taking more of the early evening slots. Cllr Cady said that there is still potentially fifty children still on the waiting list. Cllr Brooks will speak again to the manager.
- c) Cllr Evans has sent her apology.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Chairman:Date.....