

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th April 2016

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr Christine Evans
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Julie Wright
 Cllr Quinn
 Cllr Brooks

APOLOGIES Cllr Miller (District Councillor)
 Cllr Brown (District Councillor)
 County Cllr Lovell
 PC Jepchott

IN ATTENDANCE 5 Members of the Public
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time.

- a) Ms Lewin suggested a Friends of Binnegar should be formed so residents can have a collective voice when liaising with SITA regarding the land swap and dealing with anti-social behaviour. The motorbikes were using the coppice the weekend of 2nd April and as well as creating noise pollution they also damage the actual site itself. It was noted that the coppice does not belong to SITA. The Planning Inspectorate has now closed the hearing and she will determine what will happen in the next two weeks. Cllr Child said that the Friends Group cannot be organised by the Parish Council, however they would support such a group. Cllr Cady suggested the group could communicate via email or set up a Facebook Page. Details of the group could be publicised in the next newsletter.
- b) Mr Goldsack said that there was an accident recently when an elderly couple pulled out of Manor Lane and were hit head on luckily they were unhurt. The visibility at the junction is very poor even when turning left. It was asked if Manor Lane could be made "Access Only". Cllr Quinn had a site meeting recently with Stephen Mephram from Highways and they discussed the option to have one way traffic, but Mr Mephram felt it would be difficult to implement in a rural area. The vegetation needs to be cut back as this would slightly alleviate the problem.
Action: The Clerk to email Stephen Mephram to suggest that an "Access Only" scheme could be operated there.
- c) The Holme Garden Centre is using their overflow car parking a lot. The rubbish in the field will be moved and they will be thickening up the boundary. The junction connection to it maybe planned for next winter.
- d) i) Mr Goldsack has noticed there is a lot of litter around. He himself has picked up 5 bags in just a 200metre section. Cllr

Quinn said it has been discussed at the Leaders meeting. One of the causes of the amount of rubbish is due to HGVs not being covered and items flying out of the recycling lorries. Letters have been sent out to companies advising them that their vehicles should be netted down. DWP has not done many litter picks due to a national shortage of trainers to run training sessions.

- ii) Mr Goldsack said he is willing to sponsor £500 to train people locally. Cllr Brooks will report the ongoing issue to PDC. Cllr Cady suggested to send a round robin email to residents to see if there are any volunteers to do a litter pick. Cllr Child questioned what the liability is for members of the public to undertake this and whether it would be advisable for them to sign a disclaimer. It was agreed that if any hazardous waste is found, then this should be flagged up and not be removed by a volunteer.
- iii) There has been some fly tipping opposite the Grenade Range and also opposite Luckford Lake Farm.

Action: Cllr Brooks to report the fly tipping and the Clerk to send out the round robin email.

- e) Mr Topp asked for an update on the placing of signs in Church Lane stating "Single Track Lane". There was a Tuffnell lorry travelling along the road at about 50 mph. Cllr Cady said there was an incident where a senior citizen stepped out of the way of an oncoming vehicle and fell into a ditch. The driver did not stop and he was finally rescued by a passing recycling lorry. Cllr Quinn had a site meeting with Steve Mephram and it was raised, then whether there should be signage stating to give way to oncoming traffic. The problem has escalated due to people using this route to avoid the delays at the railway crossing. It is also now displayed on the Satnav. It has been noted that staff working at the FBA has been travelling at speed.

Action: The Clerk to email Steve Mapham advising that additional signage or monitoring is needed. The Clerk will also email FBA to recommend their employees to slow down when travelling on this road.

- f) Mrs Burden asked for an update on the damaged verge between the railway line and the River which was caused by a military vehicle.

Action: The Clerk to obtain more information from Highways.

- g) Mr Burden asked if the Parish Council had received the attached map as it was not included in Mr Cornwell's email. Cllr Cady confirmed it was received.

2. Apologies

Apologies were and approved for Cllr Miller and Cllr Brown.

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright had a Declaration of Interest regarding Item 7b) Planning Application 6/2016/0120.

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2016**
It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2016 were approved as a true account and the minutes were duly signed.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 7 **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
a) **6//2016/0113, Masters Pit (Land at), Puddletown Road.** Variation of condition 15 of planning permission 6/2010/0082 (Erection of 4 wind turbines (windfarm) (up to 125m high to the tip of a rotor blade in a vertical position). Provision of crane hardstandings, substation building, underground cabling, temporary construction compound, new site access tracks and permanent 89.5m high anemometer mast. Form new vehicular access) to change the construction of the base of each turbine.
No comments
Cllr Wright left the room at 19:47.
b) **6/2016/0120, Holme Lane (Tumbleholme).** Erect single storey side extension.
No Comments.
Cllr Wright returned to the meeting.
8. **Update on Previous Planning Applications or planning information**
a) **Commons Act 2006; Section 16 Application COM 617 Ford Heath, Dorset**
It was felt that SITA dismissed the Parish Council's concerns on maintaining the land for agricultural use. By not retaining the gate into Parcel 3 the farmer would only be able to access it by driving the tractor along the newly constructed bridleway.
9. **Reports from County and District Councillors**
a) **County Councillor Lovell**
No report. Cllr Quinn attended the DAPTC Annual Conference, where they considered the impact of Unitary Councils on both Parish and Town Councils. The County held a special meeting on 10th March to debate the various potential options for Unitary Councils. The aim was to brief members and to give an indication of the way they are thinking, however no executive decision could be taken. The LGA report on the business case for the options is due shortly. The pan Dorset meeting of the leadership is still to happen.
It was suggested that the role of Parish and Town Councils could change to take on more of the non-statutory duties which are currently undertaken by the District or County Councils. A lot of work needs to be done, including winning public support through consultation. It was also noted that Parish and Town Councils do not have the staff and resources to take on more work. Therefore, it maybe necessary to merge or group together in order to deal with work such as PAYE and payroll. The council taxpayers are not going to be happy if they have to pay more on their parish precept for a service without a corresponding decrease on the Unitary Council Tax bill.

Cllr Cady had to leave the meeting at 20:04 and Cllr Child took over as Chair.

b) District Cllr Brooks

- i) Cllr Brooks asked if the Code of Conduct training has been scheduled in yet. The Clerk confirmed it has not.
Action: The Clerk to contact David Fairbairn.
- ii) The Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Advisory Group will be held on 19th April at the Purbeck School.
- iii) Cllr Brooks attended a meeting with Bovington's Commanding Officer. Two new Strike Brigades will be based there and this will mean an uplift of personnel. The Bovington and Lulworth bases have been nominated as core sites for the new Warrior and Ajax vehicles. They will be using the existing routes, including at night, the army has warned that the vehicles are wide and can be noisy.
- iv) Purbeck District Council has undertaken Peer Challenge, which is a scheme to aid improvement and is similar to an informal inspection. The formal report will be out at the end of the month and it was felt that it went well.

10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported

- a) There has been road traffic accidents this month near Monkey World and Holmebridge. There was also a fatal accident just outside the Parish at Worgret.
- b) HGVs have been seen trying to gain access via Binnegar Lane. The sign at the Puddletown Road junction has been turned round, Cllr Quinn has reported it.

11. River Frome Issues

- a) Mr Burden said some trees have been felled at the copse by the fishing hut which is on Will Bond's land. The chopped timber has been left across the river and he would like to know when it will be removed due to it creating a potential flood risk.
Action: The Clerk to write to Gary Cleaver at County to state it is a flood risk.
- b) It has been observed that the silt build up is increasing and an island is forming by the Church Lane Bridge. A licence needs to be put forward to remove it and it was felt the landowner, Will Bond should apply. The levels are rising and it is getting closer to the ditch. It would be advisable for County to get involved to help rectify the problem.
Action: The Clerk to notify Gary Cleaver.

12. Churchyard Maintenance

Cllr Quinn has contacted Albert Marsh and they have suggested the damaged headstone could be repaired rather than replacing it.

13. Tender for grass cutting update

Nick Strawbridge has been awarded the contract and Cllr Cady had a site meeting with him to discuss what need to be done. Cllr Child suggested that the beech hedge needs to be cut below 6ft in order to maintain it at the

required 6ft and it will need to be cut in two stages. The work, however, cannot be undertaken until the Autumn due to the nesting season

14. Parish Land Legal Opinion

There was a site meeting with the Barrister, Felicity Thomas. Since then Chambers have come back stating the maximum cost will be £2750. It was noted that there is little in the way of case law. Once the opinion from Counsel has been gained that this view is a reasonable interpretation of the legislation, then it will be in a suitable position for it to be leased.

It has been noticed that a heap of branches has been left on the field. Cllr Quinn will investigate it.

16. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

There has been no update on the manhole cover on the A352. It has now been ongoing for two years.

Action: The Clerk to email County Cllr Lovell explaining that it needs to be resolved quickly as it has made the road very treacherous.

b) Other Issues

- i)** Cllr Quinn has reported potholes along the A352 and at the top of Church Lane.
- ii)** Cllr Wiltshire has noticed a sign near the speed camera stating that patching will take place from 4th April.
- iii)** There was a minor accident at the A352/B3070

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

- a)** Dorset Highways Capital Programme 2016/17. Detailed information can be found at:-

<http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/TravelDorset/Drive/Roadworks>

This includes the A352/B3070 junction.

18 Correspondence Received

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

- a)** Training reminder - Dealing with listed buildings, conservation areas and trees - 16 March. **Noted.**
- b)** Neighbourhood Planning Event – Rescheduled for Thursday 14th April starting at 1:30 pm, in Blandford Forum. **Noted.**
- c)** Mobile Libraries. A consultation with communities and library users will take place in April and May. **Noted.**
- d)** EU Referendum - restrictions on publication of material by publicly funded bodies. The Electoral Commission has published the document which places restrictions on the material that publicly funded bodies in the UK can publish about the referendum. **Noted.**
- e)** Citizens Advice Trustee Board Meeting. It will be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 in the Council Chambers in Wareham Town Hall. The meeting starts at 1.45pm. **Noted.**

- f) Community Transport Options within Purbeck. An invitation to attend a meeting that has been organised to explore community transport options for areas within Purbeck. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th March at 10.30 am at Morden Village Hall. **Noted.**
- g) Jurassic Coast Consultation. A consultation will run until 28th April in respect of the future management function for the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. **Noted.**
- h) Section 137 expenditure limit for 2016/17. The amount for this year is £7.42. **Noted.**
- i) Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative Newsletter for Spring / Summer 2016. **Noted.**
- j) An invitation for Dorset's councillors to Coast South West 2016. To be held at Plymouth University on 19th April. **Noted.**
- k) Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group want your views about health and care in your community. Events will be held throughout Dorset with the Wareham one being held on 5th April. **Noted.**
- l) Free Help and Care Workshops for Carers in Dorset - April-June Timetable. The Wareham workshops are on 17th May and 20th June both at 10am. **Noted.**
- m) Youth Centres - Final reminder of deadline for business cases. The deadline for business cases from groups wishing to take over county council youth centre buildings is midnight on 31 March 2016. **Noted.**
- n) Dorset & E Devon National Park Team: website. It is now available at <https://dorsetandeastdevonnationalpark.wordpress.com>. **Noted.**

19. Finance

a) The following receipt was noted:

Burial Fee (Dennis Raymond Wellstead)	£274.00
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b) Payments

	Amount	Cheque No
Miss E Maidment March Salary	£211.76	000497
Re-imburse E Maidment for domain name	£16.78	000498
Re-imburse E Maidment for Wessex Water	£13.52	000499
Re-imburse E Maidment for A4 paper	£3.50	000500
Ms Felicity Thomas (Barrister Site Visit to Village Green)	£600.00	000501
Re-imburse Cllr Quinn for printing newsletters	£17.00	000502

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

c) Insurance for 2016/17

The Clerk is still waiting for the quote from Came and Co. Zurich have quoted £375.55 or for a three year period £360.19 and AON is for £473.96

20. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Wright read in the local newspaper that there was a "Microbeasts" event on 6th April at the River Laboratories. Over 100

species of microbeasts have been found in the East Stoke Fen and it was suggested that it would be worthwhile contacting FBA to see if they could write an article for the newsletter.

b) Cllr Quinn sends his apologies.

21. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 7pm.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45hrs.

Chairman:Date.....