

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2008.**

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### **PRESENT**

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

The Parish Council expressed condolences to Adrian Cullinane's family after Adrian passed away suddenly on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Adrian had been a Cllr on the Parish Council since 1997.

In accordance with the Standing Orders the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting in the absence of a Chairman.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none for this meeting.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

Gillian Topp attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council to clarify why planning permission was needed for a wind farm when the results on performance etc. for the anemometer mast were not yet known. She was concerned about the noise element especially at night. The Chairman advised that some Cllrs were due to take a bus trip to Burton Wold wind farm to experience at first hand the visual aspect of the turbines and to determine what noise they made. There were many kinds of turbine and no particular type of turbine had yet been decided on for Masters Pit.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

6/2008/0066 – D. Green, Roebuck Farm, Highwood – Relief of condition 4 of planning permission 6/2005/096 to extend use of mobile units for a further period. This application had been sent out early February but had not been received by the Clerk. Consequently the Case officer, Philip Payne, had extended the deadline date for comments. District Cllr, Barry Quinn, advised that planning permission for application no. 6/2005/0096 for the mobile units had run out at the end of January. The current application was a request to extend that permission as very little work had yet been done on the site. He had spoken to the Case Officer who advised he was minded to recommend an extension for a further year which would bring the application in line with the permission for the mobile home. If work on the site was still not finished by then, the Parish Council would recommend PDC should seek a full review of the situation as currently it does not conform to the business plan submitted by Mr Green with the original application. Clerk to write to Case Officer.

**MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March as already circulated were signed as a correct record.

## MATTERS ARISING

1. Wind Turbines – Clerk advised planning application had now been received. The deadline date for comments was 15<sup>th</sup> May and the application would go in front of the Planning Board meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May. Cllrs agreed that an informal meeting of Cllrs should be held 16<sup>th</sup> April to go through the application and review all the documentation. It was also decided to hold a council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May to discuss this application alone.
2. Binnegar Lane – Cllr Quinn advised that works on this lane were now complete. He had received an email from Richard Stubbs of DCC to say that the current 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the lane had an automatic exemption for loading and unloading, agricultural use, garaging and the collection of refuse. The 7.5 limit was introduced to stop vehicles over this limit using Binnegar Lane as a short cut. It was the police's responsibility to enforce and they had to follow a vehicle through the restriction to prosecute therefore unless this situation occurred it was virtually unenforceable. He had also emailed Blair Turner with reference to maintenance of the French drain and ditches to stop mud clogging up the drain and then becoming ineffective. There is no planned maintenance so we will monitor the situation.
3. War Memorial – Cllr Cady advised that Darren Haskell had had difficulty in picking up the shingle due to a paper work problem. However, this had now been resolved and the matter was in hand. Labour had been arranged to spread shingle when it arrived and Darren would be picking up shortly.
4. Heritage and Historical Project – Barry Quinn advised that the Old St. Mary's element of the project was moving slowly as the weather had not been good at Easter to clear the grass and brambles. Two more people within the village had shown interest in the overall project and he would be contacting them.
5. Village Hall – Cllr Quinn had talked to Simon Cross and he was willing to carry on helping with this project and would talk to Raglan Housing. Cllr Quinn advised he had attended meeting with Raglan Housing at Corfe Castle the previous evening. Cllr Lovell advised that another company to contact would be Hastow of Dorchester.
6. Notice Boards – Cllr Quinn to see Paul Whitmarsh re sort of posts to use.
7. Parish Land – Nothing further to report.
8. Naming of Lanes – Cllr Quinn advised he had asked Phil Brown at PDC for copy of original letter and map sent out to the parish council. No reply had yet been received. When this was to hand he would advise Mr Brown about the inclusion of lane opposite West Holme Nurseries being known as Manor Lane.
9. Binnegar Environmental Park – Mike Lovell reported that a decision on this application had been deferred until 18<sup>th</sup> April.
10. New Planning Regime – Cllr Quinn reported that the panel for the Overview and Scrutiny Group had met the previous Friday. At this meeting Peter Aston had advised the Chairman of the Panel not to continue with the meeting as the Agenda they did not have all the information at hand that was needed. The Review Panel will meet again this month. Letter received from Chief Executive of PDC to confirm all aspects of changes in ways of dealing with planning applications would be deferred for a couple of months until the Overview and Scrutiny Group had met. Re-consultation with the parish council would take place on the proposed changes sometime during the spring.

11. Regional Spatial Strategy – Cllr Quinn reported there would be a meeting in Upton and Lytchett Matravers on Saturday. Richard Drax to speak. No reply had been received from Hazel Blears.
12. C.J.Barnes – Cllr Quinn to follow up from last meeting.
13. Retiring Chairman – It was suggested that an enlarged old photo of East Stoke be framed and presented to Simon Cross to mark his service on the Parish Council. If this could be done in time for the Annual Parish Meeting he could be send an invitation to attend and receive the presentation.
14. Camp Bestival – It was reported that the Licensing Panel had met but the outcome was unknown as to whether a licence had been granted for this event.
15. Cllr – A reply had been received from Peter Aston about the possibility of increasing our parish Cllrs to 8. He said it would not be possible to effect this until the 2010 elections.

## **PAST PLANNING**

6/2008/0037 – Godreven Bungalow, Primrose Lane, Convert Conservatory.

Approved 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## **BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. County Cllr – Nothing to report
2. District Council – Cllr Quinn reported he had attended a meeting at Corfe Castle on the Raglan Housing part ownership scheme. Cllr Lovell commented that in order to be considered for this scheme and any affordable housing people must be registered on the housing list.
3. Highways – No further issues
4. Parish Plan – Networking Event to be held 24<sup>th</sup> April at Parish Hall on the Quay at Wareham. Cllr Quinn asked Gillian Topp if she would like to attend.
5. Empty Properties in Purbeck – Letter received from PDC re shortage of housing experienced in the Purbeck area. Due to the unique environmental situation in the area, land for building new houses was scarce. The Council were looking to make maximum use of private housing stock bringing as many properties as possible back into use particularly for local people. Owners of empty houses were trying to be contacted and PDC were asking if the Parish Council knew of any such empty properties in our area. Contact at PDC is Laura Hemmings.
6. Raglan Housing – Shared Ownership – Advice by email re scheme to build a number of new homes in Purbeck. To promote the scheme to local people Raglan are producing posters and would like to submit article for the parish Newsletter. Clerk to contact.
7. Purbeck Aware – Poster and leaflet advertising events for forthcoming event in the summer. Clerk to put on notice board.
8. Weldmar Trust – Information pack received a request for donation. As the Council had made two donations recently, Cllr Quinn suggested this be put on file to consider at a later date.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Parish Boundaries – Cllr Quinn advised that two years ago the Council responded to a review of parish boundaries and he had sent email on 29<sup>th</sup> March to Peter Aston to enquire if there had been any update. It had recently come to light that there was an anomaly regarding Oak Tree Farm at Highwood. This was actually in Coombe Keynes Parish but only connected to the centre of Coombe Keynes by about 2km of footpaths. In the pending review it was thought this property should be included in East Stoke Parish. Reply had been received from Peter Aston confirming that PDC was still awaiting Government guidance on detailed procedures over reviewing boundaries. Once these have been issued he would submit a report to Council recommending a review timetable. Possible implementation would be at the elections in May 2011.
2. East Stoke Crossing – The lack of consistency with the employees that operate the crossing was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. It was felt that some people living in the Parish were unhappy that the general level of service and enthusiasm from the male crossing attendants but that the attitude of the female operative lets down the standards set by her colleagues. An incident was reported where she had been very slow to come out to start to open the gates only to immediately close them when she realised a train was coming. A lot of people in the holiday months use this crossing to gain access to the local bed and breakfast houses and camp sites. In an area that relies heavily on tourism it was felt this behaviour was unacceptable. Local farmers use the crossing regularly to move cattle or farm machinery and they often felt this was being looked upon as a nuisance. Clerk to write to Network Rail.
3. Speeding Vehicle – Mrs Axon reported that there had been an accident on the A352. A vehicle had been observed by a motorcyclist travelling at a speed of 90 mph. The vehicle spun out of control and four people were arrested but no injuries were sustained.

## **FINANCE**

1. Cheque for £43 was received from Wool PCC re memorial for Annie Parfitt.
2. S. Barrett – Two months salary and expenses £317.53
3. FBA – Rent of Hall for one year for meetings - £120.00

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> May
2. Planning Meeting to discuss application for Six Wind Turbines – 12<sup>th</sup> May
3. Monthly Parish Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May.

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Chairman

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