

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 7 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady, Chairman
Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Barry Quinn (District Councillor)
Cllr Tib Axon
Cllr Damian Cullinane

APOLOGIES Cllr Neill Child

PRESENT PSCO Stuart Hann, Mr J McConnell, Mr M Lobb, Mrs J Rodd, Mr C Tuthill, Ms L Willis, Mrs J Wright, Mr J Barnes, Mrs L Barnes, Mr D Curtis, Mrs R Ham, Mr D Topp, Mrs G Topp, Mrs M Haskell, Ms N Johnson, Mr M Barnes

1. Village Hall/Community Room.

Cllr Barry Quinn explained the situation regarding replacing the old village hall. He expressed the need to form a 'Steering Committee' to look into the possibility of taking this project further. There were various questions from members of the public. A form was circulated for interested persons present to give their names (and contact details) to stand on a steering committee.

A meeting will be held on 25/26 January 2010, with the Village Hall Coordinator of the Dorset Community Action Group to consider the feasibility of this project. When the date/venue is set all interested people who signed the form, as well as those mailed that did not attend the meeting, will be notified when/where the meeting will be held. A notification of this meeting will also be put up on the village Notice Boards.

2. Parking Restrictions in Church Lane.

The Chairman explained that residents of Church Lane had been invited to the meeting to give their opinion on the DCC suggestion of implementing more white bollards on Church Lane to prevent the parking of vehicles on Church Lane. The following points were made:

1. Concern was expressed that if more bollards were implemented it would restrict the access to many of the residences of larger vehicles such as oil tanker lorries, septic tank emptying vehicles, community ambulances etc. As it is, due to the existing white bollards, all of these types of vehicles close off the road when visiting some of the premises on this stretch of the lane.
2. From a safety aspect more bollards along the road would create a longer stretch of highway with no passing places and only road width for one vehicle at any time, from one bend to another.
3. Church Lane is an access road to 3 caravan/camping sites and 2 farms and any narrowing of the road/verges would have an adverse effect on the safety of the road to any users.
4. A resident explained that he only had parking for one vehicle on his property so the only option for him was to park his other family vehicle on the grass verge opposite his property.
5. Another asked about the legality of imposing no parking restrictions on grass verges. PSCO Hann explained that the Police will adopt a common sense approach. If vehicles are causing an obstruction the police will endeavour to get it removed, but that they do try to be consistent and make the rule apply to all roads

All of those present agreed that having more white bollards on Church Lane is an unreasonable idea.

The residents agreed that the preferred option to bollards was signs/notices stating 'No Parking on the Verges'. The residents also suggested that before the DCC consider that bollards are the only option, that another meeting was held with a DCC Highways officer present to gauge the strength of opinion and consider the reasons against the bollards given by the residents. Any consultation to include a discussion on the existing bollards

3. To receive apologies for absence

As detailed above

4. Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of personal and prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda.

None.

5. New Planning Applications.

6/2009/0721 – Primrose Farm, East Stoke. Erect single storey, timber framed, glazed conservatory. In the absence of plans councillors were not able to consider this application. Deferred until next meeting 14 January 2010.

6/2009/0741 - 1 River Laboratory Cottage, East Stoke. Insert a new window on side elevation. NO OBJECTION

6/2009/0743 - Rose Cottage, Holmebridge, East Stoke. Erect a single storey detached dwelling. Cllrs expressed concerned this is given as a single storey building but plans show two storeys. Cllrs considered this would be over-development in the open countryside. They were also concerned that this would increase the numbers of vehicles accessing and exiting this property onto the A352 within the close proximity of a known accident black spot.

Meeting was closed early due to extreme weather conditions.

6. Date of Next Meeting – 14 January 2010

CHAIRMAN

DATE: 4 February 2010