

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Monday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Jenny Strowbridge
Christopher De Hauteville Bell

In attendance: 4 Member of the Public
Dorset Cllr Laura Beddow
Lousie Wathen
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

23/24/083 To Co-Opt one member on to the Parish Council

Louise Wathen was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council. She duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

23/24/084 Public Participation Time

- i) A resident proposed that more articles should be submitted by East Lulworth to the Parish News. The newsletter covers four churches, but most of the news stories come from Winfrith. Therefore, it was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute by writing about the day and timings of the next meeting as well as the Amish Mell bench. It was mentioned that the timings of the Parish Council meetings have changed to 7:30 and this needs to be publicised more.
- ii) It was suggested that St Andrews should be utilised more for community events. The venue is ideal for presentations with guest speakers as tea and coffee are available, and there is plenty of seating.
- iii) This year Dorset Council launched an initiative to select one place in the Dorset Council wards to become the creative hub of Dorset in 2025, and up to £30,000 will be awarded. It is open to towns through to small hamlets. There is an option for villages to join together to submit a bid. It was agreed that East Lulworth should submit an Expression of Interest. **Action:** The Clerk to investigate.

23/24/085 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld and Cllr Lovelass. Written resignations were received from Jenny Strowbridge and Judith Jesty. Fiona Fryer expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council

23/24/086 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

23/24/087 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024.

It was noted that Cllr Strowbridge was in attendance. It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 were an accurate record of that meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes. It was clarified that the horse signs will be relocated to other parts of the village although these locations have not been finalised. Deer signage also needs to be put up as it is a high impact area. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the Community Highways Officer to arrange a site meeting.

23/24/088 Unitary Councillor Report

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- i) Voters now need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations. If people do not have an accepted form of ID they can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.
- ii) There has been an increase amount of children cycling to schools although this is mainly in more urban areas.
- iii) It has been agreed that more preventative highway maintenance works will now take place. If a stretch of road needs works they will also carry out pothole repairs, litterpicking etc while in the area. Furthermore, waste vehicles now have cameras fitted to the underside of the vehicles to monitor any faults of the roads.
- iv) Dorset Councillors have approved proposals for a council tax premium on second homes. For those properties classified as Long-Term Empty and Unoccupied a 100% premium will, from 1 April 2024, be applied after one year rather than the existing 2 years. The introduction of the 100% council tax premium on second homes will come into effect on 1 April 2025, making a total council tax charge of 200%.
- v) The Dorset Council budget has been approved.
- vi) Cllr Barnes expressed his gratitude for the prompt response of the road sweeper after someone slipped on the pavement.

23/24/089 Planning Applications, Planning Appeals or Tree Works

None received.

23/24/090 Highways and Footpaths

a) **Flooding Issues on 4th January**

There have been numerous incidents of flooding in Dorset. Councillor Beddow explained that the council is working with landowners to address the issues. There was a problem at Cockles, and the ditch has been partially cleared.

b) **Bypass update**

No update. It was proposed that a 20mph speed limit be introduced, similar to what Winfrith has implemented. There is a set process for this scheme, which involves forming a speed watch group and gathering data. If the data shows that people are exceeding the speed limit and it satisfies the criteria, then a consultation with the residents is necessary. In other areas, opinions have been divided. It was noted that the bypass has a speed limit of 60mph, and it drops abruptly at the Castle Gates. The Highways department might suggest a gradual reduction, such as from 60mph to 50/40mph. It was agreed that the Police Community Speed Watch team should be invited to our Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 13th May.

c) **Signage Improvement**

Discussed 23/24/087

23/24/091 Camp Bestival

Cllr Beddow is happy to raise any concerns from residents about last year's Camp Bestival at the next liaison meeting.

23/24/092 Dog Fouling

Cllr Wathen explained that as part of the tenancy agreement, the homeowner signs a pet clause stating that they will be a responsible pet owner. To address the issue of dog fouling, one possible solution is to inform the Property Department about a tenant. It was noted that many residents are under an old tenancy agreement that does not include the pet clause, and one dog owner who was caught fouling lives in a privately owned property. However, it was agreed that this approach could still be a useful tool.

23/24/093 Election Key Dates and Information

The Clerk will hand deliver the nomination forms to Westport House on Wednesday 27th March. The election will take place on Thursday 2nd May. All the Parish

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Councillors will need to sign the Declaration of Acceptance in the presence of the Clerk. It was agreed that this will be done on Friday 10th May between 5-6.30pm. The Annual Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 13th May.

23/24/094 Correspondence

- a) Election 2024 Resources - Dorset Council Area. A series of videos have been made to publicise the elections. DAPTC have suggested that small Parish Councils donate £30. **Noted.**
- b) Proposed temporary closure B3070 , West Holme. Between Manor Lane and Holme Lane (in both directions), a distance of approximately 340 metres. The closure has been requested to provide Wessex Water with safe access to install a new connection. These works are programmed to commence from 25th March 2024 until 27th March 2024, the road will remain closed 24 hours a day until completion. **Noted.**
- c) County of Culture Opportunity. A new initiative has been launched whereby one place in the Dorset Council wards will be selected to become the creative hub of Dorset in 2025, and thanks to Dorset Council, up to £30,000 will be awarded. **Noted.**
- d) CIL Reporting in Dorset. Templates for Community Infrastructure Levy records. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC E-News 23 February 2024. Local (parish and town) councils can now apply for a free portrait of His Majesty The King. The closing date for applications is 28 March 2024. **Noted.**
- f) EVENT NOTIFICATION: Jurassic Coast Challenge 2024 – Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2024. The SW Coastpath will be used. **Noted.**
- g) Proposed temporary closure B3070 Main Road, West Lulworth. These works are programmed to commence between 09:30 and 15:30 on 15th April. **Noted.**
- h) Proposed temporary closure B3070 at Holme Level Crossing. These works are programmed to commence between 00:15 and 05:00 from 20th April 2024 until 22nd April. **Noted.**

23/24/095 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

Notices of Election - Dorset Council and Town and Parish Councils within the Dorset Council area. East Lulworth has seven Parish Council seats. The West Purbeck ward has two seats.
These have been displayed.

23/24/096 Finance

Payment Schedule

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr De Hauteville Bell. The cheque was signed by Cllr Barnes and will be signed by Cllr Lovelass.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>Amount/£</i>	<i>For</i>
Miss E Maidment	000542	£277.86	Feb- Mar 24 Salary

23/24/097 Items for inclusion on the next agenda

None

23/24/098 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 May 2024.

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With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:34hrs.

Chairman: Date: