

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
James Weld
Louise Wathen
Fiona Fryer
Chris de Hauteville Bell

In attendance: 7 Members of the Public
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

24/25/045 Public Participation Period

A discussion was held about a house purchase previously addressed at parish council meetings, as well as on social media and in the local newspaper. The householders presented a formal statement of complaint. The Parish Council would like to sincerely apologise for any distress this situation has caused.

24/25/046 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Lovelass, Cllr Northover and Dorset Cllr Beddow and Dorset Cllr Baker

24/25/047 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

Cllr Weld for Item 8, Housing in East Lulworth.

24/25/048 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2024

This will be duly signed at January's meeting.

24/25/049 Unitary Councillor Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

24/25/050 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

None

24/25/051 Highways and Footpaths

a) Bypass update

No update.

b) Community Speedwatch

The initial sessions have been completed successfully. During the first run, four out of six cars were found to be speeding, leading to four drivers receiving letters. Future sessions will not be held at fixed times; instead, they will occur when visibility is good and not during nighttime. So far, eleven individuals have been trained, which is a commendable number given the size of the village. The invoice for the equipment will be sent to the Parish Council shortly.

c) Speed Indicator Device

The total cost for purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and placing it in two alternate locations is £5,195, while the cost for installing it on a single pole is £4,165. It was agreed to conduct a traffic survey, which remains valid for five years. Additionally, funds will be ringfenced over a three-year period to finance the installation. There will also be an investigation into the possibility of sharing a SID with another village.

d) Other Matters

The horse sign still needs to go up.

24/25/052 Housing in East Lulworth

The Estate and Dorset Council have corresponded regarding the allocation of

housing as a system was in place to make alternate nominations.

24/25/053 Correspondence

- a) Salt bins and Dumpy bags 2024/25 season - Dorset Highways. If there are any damaged or cracked bins, Dorset Council will need to be notified. All bins will be filled for free however if it needs refilling again then Parish Councils will be charged. **Noted.**
- a) Town of Culture 2026 Open for Applications. The deadline for expression of interest is 9am on Monday 18 November 2024.
It was discussed that a group of villages could apply for the 2027 bid.
- b) Wessex Water Community Outreach sessions in Bridport. A community engagement will also take place in Dorchester Library on Tuesday 10th December. **Noted.**
- c) Find out when you will have the opportunity to review the draft of Dorset Council's new Council Plan, the regeneration in Weymouth, and more local news. The Council Plan will go to Cabinet for approval on 19 November and to Full Council on 5 December. **Noted.**
- d) EMAIL ALERT - Budgeting 2025/26 Second Homes. Dorset Council has agreed to charge a 100% second homes premium from April 2025. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC E-News 11 October 2024. Information event on .gov.uk domain names. Monday 11th November at 2pm. **Noted.**
- f) Winfrith SSG Meeting Pack - 12th November 2024 - OFFICIAL. The Site Stakeholder Group which will take place on 12th November 2024 at 14:00hrs. **Noted.**
- g) Proposed Temporary Closure Of B3070, West Lulworth. an application from Openreach to close B3070, West Lulworth between Farm Lane and Vale Road (in both directions), a distance of approximately 490 metres. The closure has been requested to provide Openreach with a safe working area to undertake pole tests. These works are programmed to commence between 09:30 and 15:30 on 13th December 2024. **Noted.**
- h) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary 30mph Speed Limit, B3070, East Lulworth outside Lulworth Camp. come into operation on 6th November it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 2nd December. **Noted.**
- i) Temporary Closure Of The B3070, East Lulworth For A Remembrance Service. On Sunday 10 November 2024 between 08:00 and 09:45 B3070, from its junction with the C48 to its junction with Whiteway. **Noted.**
- j) Dorset Council Town & Parish Precept Requests 2025/26. The deadline for submitting a precept request is 31 January 2025. **Noted.**
- k) Reminder: Upcoming 2024 Training & Events at a Glance. A Basic Introduction to Planning will take place online on 3rd December. **Noted.**

24/25/054 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- a) DAPTC E-News 25 October 2024. Consultation | MHCLG - Enabling remote meeting attendance and proxy voting. The government is consulting on introducing powers for local authority members to apply to the relevant authority for a dispensation to attend formal council meetings remotely and vote by proxy in certain circumstances. Closing Date 19th December.
<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/consultation/subpage.2024-10-22.4587630148/> **Noted.**

- b) Email Alert - Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024-2025. Clerk is on SCP7 rate which is now classed as below substantive range. It was proposed by Cllr Weld and seconded by Cllr Fryer to increase the Clerk's salary to pay band SCP 8 which equates to an increase of 21p an hour.

24/25/055 Finance

a) Payment Schedule.

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr de Hauteville Bell. The cheques were signed by Cllr Barnes and Cllr Weld

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>For</i>
Miss E Maidment	000550	£277.86	Salary & backpay from April

b) To receive the second quarter budget report as of 30th October 2024.

The budget was approved and was duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

c) To receive the second quarter bank reconciliation as of 30th October 2024.

The current balance as of 30th October was £13269.59

d) To discuss the precept for 2025/26

Once the tax base rate information is released in December, the precept amount will then be decided at the January meeting. The Clerk suggested reducing the general reserve, which currently stands at 100% of the precept, to the minimum advised by the NALC, which is 30%. The funds saved from this reduction will be earmarked for the SID project.

e) To discuss future banking options.

A letter has been received from Lloyds informing us that the current Treasurer's Account will be changing to a Community Account. This new account will incur a monthly maintenance fee of £4.25, and there will be a charge of £0.50 for each cheque issued. It was agreed to continue banking with Lloyds, as most of the other options circulated via email also carry charges. The possibility of switching to online banking was discussed, but it was determined that since only approximately 20 cheques are issued annually, it would not be worthwhile.

24/25/056 Items for inclusion on next agenda

There has been another dog related incident and the police have been contacted. It was commented upon that it is stipulated in the tenancy agreements that tenants have to be responsible for their pets. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to the dog owner. A peacock's tail feather has been lost due to a dog chasing it. There are signs up around the Estate saying dogs must be on a lead from White Gate to the Metal Gate. It was questioned if these signs need to be more visible to make people more aware.

24/25/057 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th November 7:30pm.

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10hrs.

Chairman: Date: