

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Monday 20th January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Annie Lovelass
Fiona Fryer
Chris de Hauteville Bell

In attendance: 2 Members of the Public
Dorset Cllr Baker
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

24/25/058 Public Participation Period

- a) A resident noted that some permissive paths have been temporarily closed due to tree work around Home Farm. They requested that this information be publicised more effectively, as it can be difficult to see the alternative routes when it is dark and it is frequently used.
- b) A complaint was made regarding the lack of up-to-date minutes on the website. It was explained that the previous two sets of minutes were to be formally approved at this meeting.
- c) Inquires were made about news on the social housing. It was confirmed that there have been no updates.
- d) It was asked whether the electorate has any say about the proposed Heart of Wessex Council. The Government have published the Devolution White Paper and the option is to have a mayor or not. The aim is for accountable leadership to drive economic growth, improve public services, and invest in infrastructure across the region. This model will see additional powers handed down from central government and redefine local decision-making. The Heart of Wessex would like to be considered in the first tranche of the devolution agreements.

If the devolution proposal is approved, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and BCP councils will continue to exist and are expected to have the same responsibilities as they do now. It is planned that the election of a mayor for the region will be in May 2026.

24/25/059 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld, Cllr Wathen, Cllr Northover and Dorset Cllr Beddow.

24/25/060 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

24/25/061 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 23rd September and 14th November 2024

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September and 14th November 2024 were an accurate record of those meetings and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

24/25/062 Unitary Councillor Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.
The Capital Leverage Fund has two rounds one in September and another in January. Both Coombe Keynes and Winfrith have been successful. The aim of the Fund is to support community and cultural organisations to deliver capital projects which provide

new and improved facilities for communities and residents. 'Not for profit' community organisations who meet the criteria can apply for a capital grant of between £1,000 and £25,000, to fund up to 20% of their total project costs.

24/25/063 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

P/TRD/2025/00044 - Fell dangerous tree 1047 in Peacock Park. These works have been completed.

24/25/064 Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Bypass update**
No update.
- b) **Community Speedwatch**
The sessions have been going well and people have been caught speeding.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device**
Discussed under Finance.
- d) **Signage Improvement**
There has been no update from Highways. Cllr Baker offered to be cc'd into emails.

24/25/065 Articles for Lulworth Parish News

Cllr Barnes wrote an article about the Community Speedwatch initiative and it will be published in this month's edition. For next month it was suggested to have an article about Purbeck Arts Week.

24/25/066 Correspondence

- a) All non .gov.uk email account holders and dorset-aptc.gov.uk email account holders. Webinar from Aubergine 262. **Noted.**
- b) Parish Council Election Recharges for 2 May 2024. Each Parish Council which had no contested elections will be invoiced shortly for £50 for the costs of the administration of the election up to the point of the close of nominations and publication of notices. **Noted.**
- c) Taxbase 2025/26. The taxbase for East Lulworth will be an increase of 2.8% which includes the second home adjustment. Therefore if the precept remains the same there would be a decrease (£0.97) (2.75%) on a Band D property. **Noted.**
- d) The latest on Portland incinerator, Dorset Council plan and much more. The Council Leader requests DEFRA intervention regarding Portland incinerator. **Noted.**
- e) Notes & presentation from the Environment Agency's National on-line Meet the Regulators meeting - 16th September 2024. The next online 'Meet the Regulator' meeting will be in the first quarter of 2025. **Noted.**
- f) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure B3070 At Holme Level Crossing. It will come into operation between 00:01 and 06:00 on 14th January and it is anticipated that it will finish on 17th January. **Noted.**
- g) Temporary Closure Of B3070, West Holme. It will come into operation on 21st January. The road will remain closed between 09:30 until 15:30. **Noted.**
- h) Dorset Community Transport Grant- Community Transport. The deadline for applications has been extended to 24th January. **Noted.**
- i) DAPTC e-News Latest Edition. VE Day 80th Anniversary 8th May 2025. **Noted.**
- j) The latest on our budget, waste collections new rules and much more. Dorset Council has set out proposals for a £416 million budget for 2025/26. This marks a £39 million increase in spending from last year. **Noted.**

24/25/067 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- a) Town and Parish Council Survey - Climate and Nature Support. Dorset Council wants to hear from town and parish councils on how they can better support them to tackle the climate and nature emergencies. The survey closes on 28th February. <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/climate/f78fc56f> **Noted.**
- b) Action Briefing| MHCLG Consultation on Standards and Conduct. This

consultation seeks views on introducing measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime in England and ensure consistency of approach amongst councils investigating serious breaches of their member codes of conduct, including the introduction of the power of suspension. Consultation closes 26th February. **Noted.**

- c) To agree the East Lulworth Safeguarding Policy.
It was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Lovelass to formally adopt the East Lulworth Safeguarding Policy. Cllr Barnes duly signed the document.
- d) To review the Standing Orders
This will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

24/25/068 Finance

a) Payment Schedule.

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr de Hauteville Bell. At the meeting, an invoice for the Remembrance Service wreath was received. It was suggested that the Wool British Legion might purchase one on behalf of the Parish Council for next time. It was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr de Hauteville Bell to add the payment to the proposed schedule. The cheques were signed by Cllr Barnes and Cllr Lovelass.

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	For
Miss E Maidment	000551	£296.34	Salary
Miss E Maidment	000553	£19.61	Sationery
Value Product Ltd	000554	£483.05	Defib Pads & Battery
Dorset Council	000555	£50.00	Election Recharge
Weld A Fund	000556	£27.50	Wreath

b) To receive the third quarter budget report as of 31st December 2024.

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

c) To receive the third quarter bank reconciliation as of 31st December 2024.

The current balance as of 31st December was £12,939.29

d) To agree the Budget for 25/26 and to agree the Precept

It was agreed to ringfence £1,207 for the Speed Indicator Device. It is intended to conduct the first stage of the project this year which will be a traffic survey. The precept has remained at £2,867 since at least 2015, so it was decided to increase it to £3,000. For a Band D property, this will result in an increase of 1.75%, which amounts to £0.62. The proposal to raise the precept to £3,000 was made by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Fryer.

The Precept Form was then duly signed by the Clerk.

24/25/069 Items for inclusion on next agenda

It was discussed that there should be another village social event. It was agreed that it would be added to the next agenda.

24/25/070 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th March 2025

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.22hrs.

Chairman: Date: