

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Thursday 20th November 2014 at 6.45p.m at the Courtyard Meeting Room, Lulworth Castle.

Councillors

Present: Mr James Weld (Chairman)
Mr Matthew Barnes
Mrs Judith Jesty
Mrs Jenny Manuel

In attendance: County Cllr Mike Lovell
District Cllr Barry Quinn
Mrs Julie Wright (Clerk)

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Weld (Vice Chairman), chaired the meeting.

14/15/051 **Public Participation Period**

No matters were raised during the public participation period.

14/15/052 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr Graham Hemsley and Mrs Fay Nuttall.
The Wareham West Safer Neighbourhood Team sent their apologies too.

14/15/053 **Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations**

Mr Weld declared his interest in the 'Camp Bestival' and the planning application for 32 - 33 Mount Pleasant.

No applications had been made for a dispensation.

14/15/054 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd September**

Having been proposed by Mrs Manuel, seconded by Mr Barnes, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd September 2014 were an accurate record of that meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the last minutes - Mr Weld still has to look into the ivy on the tree and the ditch at Canary Close.

14/15/055 **Planning Application**

6/2014/0522 - Listed Building Consent Application. Mount Pleasant (32 - 33), East Lulworth, Wareham. Alterations including removal of walls and insertion of staircase to form one residential dwelling from two residential dwellings.

Mr Weld stated that if the Parish Council wanted to discuss this application then he would leave the room. No-one had any comments to make but they were pleased to see that the work was going to be carried out.

14/15/056 **'Camp Bestival' 2014**

The 'wash-up' meeting was held during October.

Cllr Quinn stated that both the water issues and the traffic management issues were discussed. The traffic management plan did not work as well this year.

Action: Mr Hemsley will report on the 'wash-up' meeting at the January meeting.

14/15/057 **Highways and Footpaths**

a) Feedback on the previous highways issues or any new issues to report.

There were two issues to report:

1. A large pothole at the end of the bypass near the triangle of grass opposite the entrance to Lulworth Castle.

Cllr Lovell reported that Highways are working on repairing potholes quickly.

2. One of the 30mph signs is leaning over.

These two issues will be reported on-line by Cllr Quinn.

3. East – West Lulworth footpath. This is still on the agenda for the PDC/DCC Highway liaison meeting. Not likely to be done in the near future due to budget cuts. It remains on Mr Weld's agenda with the Army.

14/15/058 **Reports**

a) County Cllr Lovell

i) Holmebridge Level Crossing

Maintenance work is being carried out - last night and tonight.

There will be another closure to carry out further work at this crossing.

Delay due to the length of time the barriers are down. There has been a meeting with Network Rail and Highways and the next meeting will be held in early December. The Office of the Rail Regulator (ORR) is involved and they have had a site meeting. Since the new signalling has been installed the times the barriers are down has been extended. The Parish Councillors have been delayed on numerous occasions by several minutes at this crossing whilst the barriers are down whereas prior to the new barriers it was less than a minute. If the barriers fail they remain down. As a result the risk on the road is increased.

Remedial action will take place.

At the Wool Level Crossing there have been two accidents both times the traffic has been turning right onto the A352 from the B3071.

There will be work at this level crossing to re-orientate the lights so they can be seen easily by the traffic turning right at this junction.

The level crossings have been upgraded and the Holmebridge crossing should be safer as it scans the crossing to ensure there is no traffic on the crossing but this means that the barriers remain down for longer. All the local level crossings are controlled from Basingstoke.

At Holmebridge there is a plan to improve the B3070/A352 junction so if you are travelling to Wareham from Wool and you want to turn right at this junction there will be a filter lane. These improvements would help the traffic flow to Wareham. It was stated that this never been a problem but has been caused due to the time the barriers are down at the level crossing. This would help the Army moving their tank transporters as there is not enough room for the convoy when the barriers are down so the traffic is held up on the A352 as they cannot turn right onto the B3070.

Network Rail need to sort out the problems and Highways need to react to the traffic problems due to the length of time that the barriers are down.

Improvements may be made on the Eastern side of the A352/B3070 junction to the slip road.

ii) Electoral Review of Dorset

There is a review to the County Ward boundaries. Then Boundary Commission wants to increase the number of councillors by one. Population numbers for Swanage are higher but those for Purbeck Hills is lower. This would mean that Cllr Lovell would lose East Stoke and gain Chaldon and Winfrith: this would result in Cllr Lovell having fourteen parishes. Cllr Lovell is not sure that he would be able to go to all the meetings that the Parish Councils hold as there will be more councils in his proposed Ward.

Concerns over the size of the division in terms of the area and number of parishes it will have which is lower priority than getting equality of representation in terms of numbers. The electorate need to be able to identify with their councillor.

Action: Mr Weld will draft a letter in response to this consultation.

- iii) The County Cllr is being given £5,000 to spend on projects in their Ward. Cllr Lovell handed the council the grant application form and the council will need to fulfil the criteria on the form.

Part of this money will be given to local primary schools.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) Cycling Events

The 'Challenge Weymouth' event was held last month and there was poor communication by organisers for this cycling event.

A wash-up meeting was held at DCC last month and they are learning from experience and next year it will be better.

Do they need to inform the Police? Only if the event is classed as a race.

Due to cycle races in Corfe Castle, both Corfe Castle and Church Knowle Parish Councils have drafted a twelve point charter that was presented at the DAPTC area meeting. Cllr Quinn will raise this with Richard Drax M.P. The events need to be licensed events. They have a Safety Advisory Group for these events but no one knew about it. The Parish Council also wants an opportunity to object to routes. When this event was held the Purbeck marathon was held as well as a cycling time trail. Challenge Weymouth will happen again next year.

What is actually happening?

There will be a Police meeting looking at the wider cycling events in Purbeck in New Year.

Who can feed into this meeting? The Parish, District and County Councils.

When will the Parish Council know about next years cycling events?

This is one item to be on the agenda – how are these events notified?

Can County do anything about these events? Not under current legislation.

The Police have limited powers too but they realise these events are becoming a problem.

East Lulworth has a concern over the number of cycling events, the lack of notice of events and the council's inability to object to these events.

- ii) Should the Clerks Liaison meeting and Chairman Networking meeting be combined or carry on as separate meetings.

The Clerk thought that this was a good idea and they are useful meetings.

These meetings are briefings with an open forum.

- iii) The Local Plan partial review.

The Action group has been set up to look at this.

The communication strategy will involve Parish and Town councils e.g. where

Report to Policy group about the contaminated land policy and this will include the Winfrith pipeline. The pipeline to Arish Mell will be decommissioned.

- iv) Report to policy group about car parking charges in Wareham
Any views on the charges – they are fair and you get your charges back if you shop in Sainsburys.

Does anyone use the two hour free parking? Not now.

Difficult to park in Wareham in August; the only way to deal with this is to put the charges up.

What about a shoppers car parking ticket like they have in Dorchester - this is more difficult here as the car parks are operated by different councils.

At the moment the charges will stay as they are.

- c) The July DAPTC Purbeck Area meeting minutes
Noted.

14/15/059 Correspondence

The Correspondence report September – November 2014. All items of correspondence that have been circulated to councillors were sent out prior to the meeting in a report. This report is attached to these minutes. No items were raised for discussion.

14/15/060 Consultations

- a) Cost of purchasing a new Computer for the Parish Council.

Mr Weld will check if the charity's computer is performing well and it is meeting their requirements. This laptop costs much less than the £300 computers on the high street.

It was proposed by Mrs Manuel, seconded by Mr Barnes, that if the charity's computer is working well then Mr Weld could purchase the computer. This was unanimously approved.

- b) Contribution to the Parish Magazine.

The clerk will write an article for the magazine including the vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

- c) Projects that could be funded by the County Cllr's grant.
• The criteria for the grant needs to be fulfilled.
Cllr Lovell will be thanked for his kind offer of a grant.

- d) Attendance at the Dorset County Pension Fund's Annual Employers meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at the Springfield Hotel, Wareham.

No-one will be able to attend this meeting.

- e) Electoral Review of Dorset. The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. At present, some county councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the county. The review aims to correct these imbalances. Closing date for first part 1st December 2014.

Action: Mr Weld will respond to this consultation.

- f) Community Infrastructure Levy Priorities for Spending Update (two minor amendments) Consultation.

The minor amendments are the removal of a Suitable Alternative Greenspace (SANGs) to the North of the district and to change the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 to any local plans.

There were no comments made about these amendments.

- g) Consultation on the draft Homelessness Strategy.

- h) Commonwealth war graves plaques Lulworth Roman Catholic burial ground.

It was reported that there are six Canadian airmen buried in this cemetery.

Mr Weld is looking into this as the burial ground is part of the Estate.

- i) Nomination for the Parish Volunteer of the Year 2014.

There were no nominations made at the meeting. If anyone has a suggestion then please let the Clerk know.

- j) Nomination form for the National Association of Local Councils smaller council committee – deadline for completion of the form is 24th November.
There were no nominations made

- k) PDC Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations – closing date 12th December.

The District Council say that the Weld Arms has poor lighting and is not accessible for the disabled. Everyone agreed that this was suitable and it was accessible for disabled people. It is also a central place in the village. Where else would it go? It would probably mean a trip to West Lulworth.

Action: Mr Weld will respond to this consultation.

- l) Nomination of a Jurassic Coast Champion.

The Jurassic Coast Champion could just be someone who raises money by putting pin badges in the pub.

There were no nominations made. Mr Hemsley will be asked at the next meeting if he would be interested.

14/15/061 **Finance**

a) Payment Schedule.

It was proposed by Mrs Manuel and seconded by Mr Barnes that the following payment schedule was paid.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>Amount/£</i>	<i>For</i>
AON UK Ltd	000365	234.28	Annual Insurance Premium
Mrs J Wright	000366	179.42	Salary Oct - Nov 2014
DCC Pension Fund	000367	32.06	November's Pension payment
DCC Pension Fund	000368	32.06	December's Pension payment

It was **resolved** that the above payment schedule was approved.

b) Second Quarter Bank Reconciliation

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were circulated with the papers for this meeting.

The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance of £7,059.88 agreed with the reconciled bank balance at 30th September 2014. These were **noted**.

c) Second Quarter Budget Report

The second quarter budget report was circulated with the papers for this meeting. Forty per cent of the budget has been spent. No comments were made. This was **noted**.

d) Items to add to next year's budget

No items were suggested.

At March's meeting the donation requests received will be considered.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to March's agenda

e) Wooden Bench

Mrs Manuel has seen Mr Levitt who stated that this is in the pipe line.

14/15/062 **Purbeck District Council Planning Training**

a) 'Renewable energy – big and small', 3rd December at 6.30pm.

b) 'Dealing with planning constraints, 20th January at 2.30pm.

No one wanted to attend the planning training seminars.

14/15/063 **Items for information or for inclusion on the next agenda**

a) Mr Barnes said that it would be a good idea to do something to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Mrs Manuel reported that to mark the start of the First World War people lit a candle at War Memorials.

A suggestion was made of ceramic poppies like those at the Tower of London.

This will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.