

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Annie Lovelass
Christopher Hauteville Bell
Louise Wathem
Fiona Fryer

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

24/25/001 Election of Chairman for 2024/25

- a) Cllr Lovelass proposed Cllr Barnes as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Hauteville Bell. Cllr Barnes was the only nomination for Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Barnes was elected Chairman for the coming year.
It was resolved that Cllr Barnes was elected Chairman
- b) Cllr Matthew Barnes accepted the position of Chairman and duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

24/25/002 Election of Vice Chairman for 2024/25

- a) Cllr Lovelass proposed Cllr Wathem as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Barnes. Cllr Wathem was the only nomination for Vice Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Wathem was elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.
It was resolved that Cllr Wathem was elected Vice Chairman.
- b) Cllr Wathem accepted the position of Vice Chairman and duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

24/24/003 Public Participation Period

- a) A member of the public asked if the draft minutes could be published on the website before they are officially agreed and signed off. It was agreed to do this and to update the old items on the Parish Council website.
- b) The Purbeck Plan has been released. It was questioned how old social housing could be sold to second home owners when there is a local covenant (Section 157) on the properties. Cllr Bedlow explained that they were managed by Aster, and after they became vacant, it was not economical to renovate them. Therefore, they were sold on the open market, and the funds raised would be used to provide more housing, but it does not stipulate that it needs to be in this area. A member of the public asked if it is possible to find out if there is a Section 157 on this property. The Dorset Councillors agreed to contact the Housing Department to find out more.
- c) A member of the public raised an issue about a collie dog that is not under control. On one occasion, the dog appeared from nowhere and scared both her young niece and her dogs. In another incident, they were walking their dogs on a lead when the collie attacked one of their dogs.

Other residents have also experienced problems with this dog and many dog walkers now avoid that part of the village. The matter was reported to the Estate Office, but there has been no improvement. **Action:** It was agreed the Clerk would write to the County Dog Warden to explain the problem and to invite them to the next meeting.

24/25/004 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld.

24/25/005 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

24/25/006 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024 were an accurate record of that meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

24/25/007 Unitary Councillor Report

Laura Beddow and Mike Baker have been elected as the Dorset Councillors for the West Purbeck Ward following the 2nd May election. Despite their different party affiliations, they are committed to working together for the benefit of the ward. They will take turns attending the Parish Council meetings.

24/25/008 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

None

24/25/009 Highways and Footpaths

a) **Bypass update**

Cllr Barnes will speak to Highways about the Bypass. It was discussed that there needs to be a stop sign at the bypass junction.

b) **Signage Improvement**

A site meeting was held by Cllr Barnes with the Community Highways Officer on 15th April. It was agreed that the horse sign to the west of the village will be relocated, while the other one will remain in its current location. To address the need for deer signage, the public is encouraged to report accidents, near misses, and carcasses. Currently, there is no data to indicate an issue with deer, as most people only report incidents to the Estate. Once data is collected, the Parish Council will look into signage again.

24/25/010 Camp Bestival

There has been no news on when the SAG - Community and External Partners Meeting will be held, as it is typically scheduled for May. Cllr Bedlow will speak with the Licensing Officer to obtain the date.

24/25/011 Correspondence

It was agreed that since all the Parish Councillors are now using email, there is no need to create a separate Correspondence List.

a) Statement of Persons Nominated - May 2024: Contested and Uncontested Elections. East Lulworth was Uncontested. **Noted.**

b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Overnight Road Closure A352 Wool Level Crossing, Wool. It will come into operation between 23:30 until 06:00 on 8th May 2024 and remain in force for five days, however, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 10th May 2024. **Noted.**

c) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. New warning signs for collision hotspots. **Noted.**

d) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Overnight Closure Of B3070, West Lulworth. It will come into operation on 13th May 2024 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 14th May 2024. It will be from 20:00 to 06:00. **Noted.**

24/25/012 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

None.

24/25/013 Finance

a) Payment Schedule.

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

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	For
Miss E Maidment	000543	£277.86	Salary
DAPTC	000544	£60.45	Subscriptions

b) To receive a copy of the cashbook and the final budget report as of 31st March 2024.

This was proposed by Cllr Fryer and seconded by Cllr Wathem. It was duly signed by the Chair. The cashbook balance as of 31st March 2024 was £11564.87

Items C to F were proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr De Hauteville Bell.

c) To consider and approve the Risk Management Statement, Fixed Asset Register and the Financial Regulations.

The Chair duly signed the documents.

d) To consider and approve the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2024.

The Chair duly signed the document

e) Parish Council Annual Return

To complete, approve and sign Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return.

The Chair duly signed the document

f) Approval of Annual Statement of Accounts

i) To note the restatement of the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2024 and notes to these accounts.

ii) To consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences.

iii) It was confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest with DBO LLP and it was duly signed.

All three items were duly signed by the Chair.

24/25/017 Items for inclusion on next agenda

It was discussed that village events need to be publicised more this includes the Photographic Exhibition in August, the D-Day Memorial and events at the Weld Arms. It was agreed that the Parish Council will put more things in the Parish News and for the Parish Council meetings to be on their calendar.

24/25/018 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th July at 7:30pm.

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.11hrs.

Chairman: Date: