

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Annie Lovelass
Nicky Northover

In attendance: 1 Members of the Public
Dorset Cllr Laura Beddow
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

24/25/071 Public Participation Period

A resident inquired about an update on the bypass, but there hasn't been any recent news. Currently, it serves as a military road from Whiteways Hill, though it was suggested in the meeting that Dorset Council might consider adopting it. Cllr Beddow explained that the road adoption process can be lengthy. One of the main issues is the poor camber at the western end of the village, where there is approximately a one-foot difference in elevation. In the past, there have been discussions between Highways and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) regarding the road's standards, and it has been suggested that the road standard needs to be improved. **Action:** Cllr Beddow will contact Highways to inquire about the possibility of adopting the road and to request collision data as evidence of how dangerous the junction is.

24/25/072 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld, Cllr Wathen, Cllr Fryer and Dorset Cllr Baker

24/25/073 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

24/25/074 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th January 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January were an accurate record of those meetings and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

24/25/075 Unitary Councillor Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) A referendum for the Wool Neighbourhood Plan will take place on Thursday, 20th March. A Neighbourhood Plan allows communities to have a degree of control over future developments in their area, as well as the infrastructure that will be required.
- b) A recruitment process is currently underway to appoint a new Chief Executive for Dorset Council. Interim arrangements will begin on 1st March, with Sam Crowe, the Director of Public Health Dorset, serving in the role until a permanent successor is appointed.
- c) Two new consultations have been launched: the Dorset Open Land (Number 2) Anti-Social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2025, which addresses issues related to fires caused by disposable barbecues and campfires on open land, including heathland; and the Dorset Beaches [Studland] Anti-Social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2025, which aims to make camping on the roadside unlawful, similar to existing regulations at Lulworth Cove and Studland beaches.
- d) Dorset Council approved a balanced budget during the full council meeting on 13th February.

- e) The Chair of the Parish Council received an email from a resident regarding a new road sign that reads "Shaggs Cottages." Unfortunately, these properties are classified as "Shaggs," while Shaggs Cottage is located slightly further away. **Action:** Cllr Beddow will investigate.
- f) There have been issues with Aster Housing, which manages its own sewage treatment plants. Residents historically received water bills that did not account for maintenance costs. To address this, Aster sent out new bills that significantly increased. Complaints have arisen throughout Dorset and Hampshire regarding this, leading Aster to issue corrected bills for a lower amount, though these still do not factor in the maintenance costs.

24/25/076 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

None

24/25/077 Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Bypass update**
Discussed Item 24/25/071
- b) **Community Speedwatch**
The Speedwatch statistics from September to the first week of February will be shared with the Parish Councillors. During the seven hours of monitoring, a total of 21 incidents were recorded out of 176 vehicles. As a result, 14 letters were sent to the drivers. If any sessions are cancelled, the police may deploy a speed camera van. This occurred 4 times, resulting in a driver receiving a speeding fine. The highest speed recorded was 48 mph.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device**
The Parish Council are saving to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) it was discussed whether it would be possible to share one with another parish.
- d) **Signage Improvement**
There has been no update regarding the signage. It is hoped that the work will be completed simultaneously with the surface treatment scheduled for June. The repainting of the white lines should make the corner more noticeable. **Action:** Cllr Beddow will inquire if the signage can be installed during the roadworks.

24/25/078 Articles for Lulworth Parish News

Cllr Lovelass will submit articles for upcoming editions about Purbeck Arts Week and a thank you to the people who attended Art in the Church.

24/25/079 Correspondence

- a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary 30mph Speed Limit, B3070, East Lulworth. The previous works were postponed, however will now take place between 3rd February 2025 until 21st February.
This was for a new fence for Lulworth Camp. It was questioned whether there is now enough space for the footpath.
- b) Leaders reflections on devolution, first homes, junction safety improvements and much more... Wessex not accepted into Devolution Priority Programme. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC e-News Latest Edition - 14 February 2025. The next Purbeck branch meeting will be via zoom on 19th March at 7pm. **Noted.**
- d) Royal Garden Party 2025 Delegate for Dorset. This will be the Town Clerk from Corfe Mullen. **Noted.**
- e) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary 30mph Speed Limit, B3070, East Lulworth. This will be in place until 28th February. **Noted.**
- f) Notes from Climate and Nature Action Support Group and agenda for Tues 4th March 7.30pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March 7.30pm. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC e-News Latest Edition - 21 February 2025. The National Beekeepers' Association would like people to report any sightings of Asian

Hornets. **Noted.**

- h) Join us for our budget special Facebook Live, hear from one of our Ukrainian refugees and much more. Facebook LIVE Q&A – our budget explained Wednesday 5 March, 6pm. **Noted.**
- i) Update: Briefing - Powerfuel Portland. Information from the Environment Agency - Wessex.
The MP and all local stakeholders oppose the proposal, including the Sailing Academy, which has stated they would relocate if it were constructed. Currently, only 2% of waste from Dorset is incinerated, so it is likely that waste from other areas will need to be transported. in.

24/25/080 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- a) To review and agree the Standing Orders
This was agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.
- b) **To review and agree the Code of Conduct.**
This was agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

24/25/081 Finance

- a) **Payment Schedule.**

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Northover

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>For</i>
Miss E Maidment	000557	£296.34	Salary

- b) **To receive and review the Fixed Asset Register**

There are no amendments to last years Fixed Asset Register. It was commented upon that the bench is still in good condition.

24/25/082 Items for inclusion on next agenda

In May, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. It has been proposed that the village commemorate this occasion in some way. Suggestions included purchasing prepared afternoon tea boxes from a supermarket or organising a rounders match.

Action: Cllr Lovelass will contact the pub to see if it can host the event. Other possible venues include the Castle or the football field; however, it was noted that the field tends to become waterlogged.

24/25/083 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th May 2025

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.26hrs.

Chairman: Date: