



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2024 AT
LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Fenella Lewin Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Keith Evans
APOLOGIES	Cllr Graeme Langley Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson
IN ATTENDANCE	1 Member of the Public Community Engagement Manager, Wessex Internet Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public participation period for 15 minutes

None

2. Overview of Project Gigabit by Wessex Internet

Christine O'Grady from Wessex Internet gave a brief presentation. In April 2024, Wessex Internet was awarded a new contract under the UK government's Project Gigabit programme. This initiative aims to provide gigabit-capable broadband to hard-to-reach communities. As part of this contract, 65 properties in the East Stoke area will gain access to gigabit-capable full-fibre broadband, with free installation offered by Wessex Internet.

Additionally, the company has plans to extend full fibre to more properties in the area that are not included in the current contract. Work has already begun on the outer network, with the next step being the connection of individual properties. The current goal is to encourage residents to register their interest, with hopes of connections being established in the Spring.

In early 2024, a residents' meeting will be scheduled, with the venue yet to be decided. Suggested locations include the Entrance Hall at the Farrer Estate Manor House, and Longthorns, before the February meeting of the Parish Council. For those unable to attend the meetings, representatives from Wessex Internet are available to meet with individuals in their homes. Wessex Internet aims to support the local community and will honour to provide internet access to the new village hall. The activation fee will be £49, followed by a monthly subscription of £1 for five years.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Graeme Langley and Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson was unable to attend due to it clashing with the Dorset Council Cabinet meeting.

4. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

5. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th

The minutes from Thursday 7th November 2024 were duly signed by Cllr Cady.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

The campervan has gone from Puddletown Rd.

8. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) P/HOU/2024/06563 - Highwood Ferris, BH20 6AR. Erect a two storey gable extension to west of front elevation, demolition of existing single storey extension and replacement with two storey gabled extension to east of front elevation with balconies on south & east elevations. Associated landscaping to existing garden and construct swimming pool. Conversion of existing garage into annexe ancillary to the main dwelling. Erect of two timber frame car ports.

On the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement there is mention of an important oak (T7). The Parish Council would like to request a TPO on the trees classified as A1 (numbers 7 and 12).

- b) P/HOU/2024/06713. Rowan Lodge, Hethfelton. BH20 6HJ. Erect extension to existing first floor dormer with new dormer roof. New doors to rear elevation and internal alterations.

No comments or objections.

9. Update of Previous Applications or planning information

Application P/FUL/2023/03855- Kemps Country House will be considered by the Eastern Planning Committee on 18 December 2024. The meeting will be held at: The Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS

10. Dorset Council Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) The Sandbanks Ferry Public inquiry has been confirmed to commence from 10am, Tuesday 21st January at Poole Harbour Commissioners North Lounge, New Harbour Road South, Poole. There will also be an evening session held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 commencing at 6.30pm in the Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham.
- b) The A352 lay-by issue has been raised with Highways. They have requested evidence of overnight parking to understand the extent of issues; funding likely to be required from the Parish Council to support signage.
- c) The Dorset Council 'Charging Ahead' initiative confirmed that EV charging should still be available for a future village hall. The Officer recommends that EV charging are incorporated within the village hall plans.
- d) Cllr Wilson has requested a further update on the Farrer Estate. He is waiting on confirmation that the main application will go to the Planning Committee early in 2025. The SANG application deadline is 3rd February 2025; the officer is currently reviewing applicant responses to consultees' comments.
- e) The Info-graphic on Council Services will be published online and will be laminated so that they can be displayed on the noticeboards.

11. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported

None.

12. Hawkins Trust Deliveries

Cllr Quinn is unable to deliver as he will be away. However, most Councillors can and it was agreed that they can be picked up on 21st/22nd December. This year instead of boxes for the hampers, bags will be used.

13. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

None

b) Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator Device has been recharged, and the solar panels have been cleaned, which has improved its performance significantly. Some Parish Councils hire Dorset Council to move Speed Indicator Devices, but the Parish Council has agreed that they are currently happy with moving it by themselves.

c) Flooding

There has been flooding near the cemetery again. A few months ago, the ditch on the north side of A352 was dug out following previous reports, but it wasn't dug deep

enough to expose the culvert, which needs to be cleared. As a result, the ditch is filled with water and isn't draining, leading to flooding. The Highways Officer has raised a job for this work to be carried out.

The culvert by the railway is still blocked, and Network Rail has yet to perform the necessary work, even though they promised it would be completed by mid-November. The farmer has reported that Network Rail has not been in touch to arrange access to the site.

d) Remembrance Sunday

The signs were amended free of charge to state "from 12" rather than "12.30". The traffic cones will be kept by Cllr Quinn.

d) Other Issues

Raymond Brown has inspected the trees along Binnegar Lane. There are two trees overhanging the lane and touching the phone/power lines. These trees have now been marked with a red dot. The responsibility of the trees is an issue as they are on unregistered land.

14. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

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>

It was discussed that Dorset Council needs to be proactive rather than reactive. The item will be kept on the agenda for next month.

15. Correspondence Received

- a) Dorset Council Town & Parish Precept Requests 2025/26. The deadline for submitting a precept request is 31 January 2025. **Noted.**
- b) DAPTC e-News Latest Edition. Two workshops were held for towns and larger parishes. **Noted.**
- c) The latest on borrowing an iPad for free, road closures and much more. iPads can now be booked across more of the Dorset library network. They can be borrowed for up to 6 weeks free of charge. **Noted.**
- d) TODAY Flood Warden Lunch & Learn: MS Teams Meeting Link. Meeting about Online Flood Information and Warnings. **Noted.**
- e) The latest on Portland Incinerator, free parking around the festive period and much more... Various car parks will be free on Saturday 7th December. **Noted.**
- f) Save The Date - Winfrith SSG Meeting - Tuesday 13th May 2025 from 13:45hr. This will be at Winfrith Village Hall. **Noted.**
- g) Storm Bert Flood Warden Update. Please report property flooding as close to the event as possible: <https://www.gov.uk/report-flood-cause> **Noted.**

16. Finance

- a) **The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Cady and Cllr Child to approve the payments**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£292.77
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£17.04
Re-imburse E Maidment for newsletters	£47.00

17. Items for information or next agenda

- a) DAPTC is encouraging Parish Councillors to use email addresses with the .gov.uk prefix. It was discussed that all emails are currently routed through the Parish Clerk. This approach eliminates the need for individual email addresses and simplifies the process of setting up new addresses when Parish Councillors join or leave.
- b) Cllr Lewin attended the DAPTC run planning course.
- c) Cllr Wilson will be asked about a vacant property in East Stoke.

18. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be postponed until the 9th January due to Christmas
With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.53

Chairman: Date.....