



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST  
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2023 AT LONGTHORNS  
CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Graeme Langley Cllr Keith Evans
APOLOGIES	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks
IN ATTENDANCE	2 Members of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **Public participation period for 15 minutes**  
No comments
2. **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Rebecca Cady and County Cllr Cherry Brooks
3. **Granting of Dispensation**  
No applications for a dispensation had been made.
4. **Declarations of Interest**  
No declarations of interest had been made.
5. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 5th January 2023**  
The minutes from 5th January 2023 were duly signed by the Vice Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**  
The foliage around the sign on the B3070 near Holmebridge has still not been cut back.  
**Action:** The Clerk will contact Dorset Cllr Brooks.
7. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**  
**P/LBC/2023/00390 - Grapevine Cottage, BH20 6AH.** Internal alterations to ground floor of existing 1960s extension to re-instate kitchen facilities and create home office.  
The Parish Council has no comments or objections. The other planning application for this property will be discussed next month.
8. **Update on Previous Applications or planning information**  
**P/HOU/2022/06010 - Grapevine Cottage, BH20 6AH.** Replace roof to former annexe with the addition of a glazed gable and dormer, create first floor accommodation within.  
Associated internal and external alterations to Listed cottage, alterations to landscaping.  
**Refused. Noted.**
9. **To receive report from the Dorset Council Councillor**  
**No report.**
10. **Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**  
There was an RTA on 9th January whereby a car crashed into a telegraph pole. BT have been working to resolve the connections for the past few weeks.
11. **Village Hall**  
The closing date for the online survey was 1st February and so far 67 people have responded,

with a few paper versions still to arrive. The number of responses equates to approximately 35% of the population of East Stoke. The results of the survey are displayed in the appendix. It was discussed that to go forward, a business case needs to be written to demonstrate the affordability of the running costs. The research will be conducted by looking at villages of a similar size with halls for example Morden and Moreton. It was commented upon that the D'Urberville in Wool now has an income of £34K per annum. It was agreed that Cllr Quinn, Cllr Langley and Cllr Keith Evans will work together in compiling the business case. The developer has offered to do a presentation.

## 12. Highways Issues

- a) **Update on issues**  
No updates
- b) **Speed Indicator Device.**  
The SID is working well, although if you are driving below the speed limit already it doesn't thank you.
- c) **Other Issues**
  - i) The drain along the A352 to the east of Middlefield has been cleared. It was questioned whether there could be a spring located nearby but it was felt that it would be unlikely as the water has completely gone due to the dry weather. Work was carried out to alleviate the flooding on the A352 at Hethfelton and the water cleared overnight.
  - ii) According to the Local Government Association (LGA), councils in England and Wales are calling for a ban on HGV drivers using faulty satnavs. Incidents like HGVs getting stuck under bridges, crashing and causing delays have mainly been down to satnavs directing HGVs like they're a standard vehicle. It was suggested that a letter should be written to the MP asking if he can support this ban.

## 13. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration

- a) No open consultations.
- b) There is now a new Forestry Commission Ranger as the previous one has now become the Planning and Environment Manager. If members of the public want to report fallen trees they would need to contact the Works Manager. Recently they have been checking the SSSI boundary. All contact details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk

## 14. Correspondence Received

- a) News Release: Round 3 of the Household Support Fund is re-opening. The funding has now closed due to unprecedented demand. **Noted.**
- b) Capital funding available for Village Halls. The deadline for this fund is 20th January. **Noted.**
- c) Important Information re Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). A theft of a SID has been reported. Therefore, please can you check your SIDs are still in place, in case this was not an isolated matter. **Noted.**
- d) Planning update - nutrient neutrality (Poole Harbour). Dorset Council is no longer in a position to agree planning consents through the use of a pre-commencement condition, as set out in our previous communications.  
Members of the Parish Council were under the impression that this would not be positive in terms of the environment.
- e) Dorset Council latest news - our budget, cost of living support and more. Central government has confirmed that Dorset Council is to receive around £4.5m over the next two years to continue several key programmes, as well as launch some new initiatives. **Noted.**
- f) DAPTC E-News 6 January 2023. A Councillor's Networking Event will take place on 9th March at Kingston Maurward. **Noted.**
- g) Flood warnings - how you can prepare your town, village or community. Advice from the Environment Agency. **Noted.**
- h) Complaint from a resident about flooding at Highwood. **Noted.**
- i) BBC Radio Solent's Dorset breakfast show. BBC Radio Solent broadcasts a Dorset-only programme, weekdays 7-9am with Steve Harris. **Noted.**
- j) Funding Alert Bonus - Plus 8/20. Information on sources of funding. **Noted.**
- k) PTAG Meeting Notes. The £2 fare is available on all our public services until 31st

- March. **Noted.**
- l) Dorset Council latest news - Facebook LIVE Q&A, cost of living support and more. There will be a Facebook live session for residents on Wednesday 18 January. **Noted.**
- m) Introduction to PARISH.UK Network. NALC are advising not to submit information to this website. **Noted.**
- n) DAPTC E-News 20 January 2023. The deadline for submitting precepts is 31st January. **Noted.**

#### 15. Finance

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

	Amount
E Maidment Salary	£252.78
Dorset County Pension Fund	£73.56

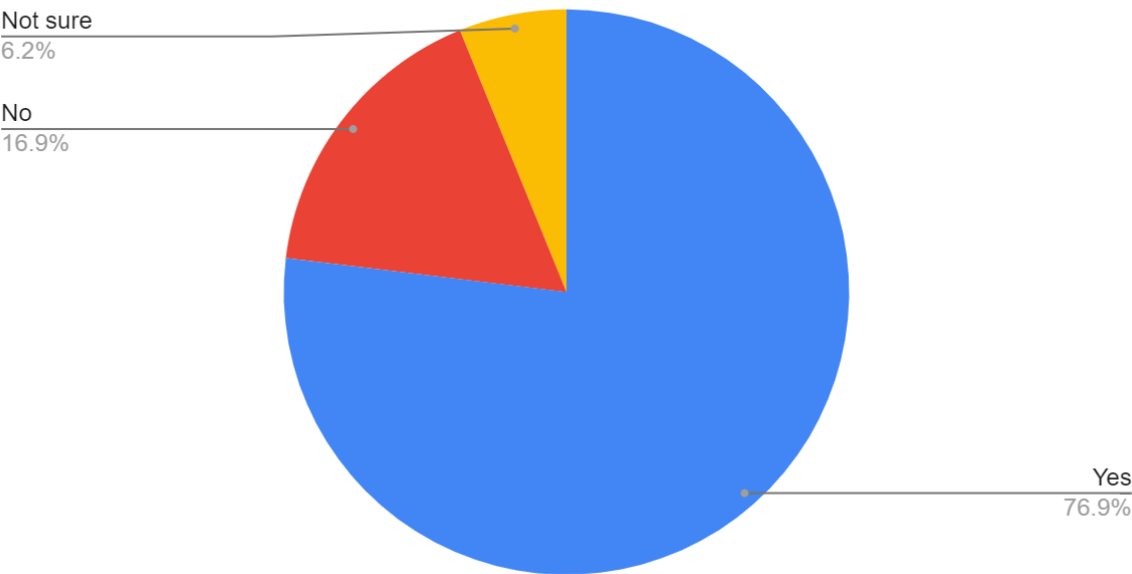
#### 16. Items for information or next agenda

- a) It was asked if there was any news on the Farrer Estate noticeboard. The one purchased has been deemed not fit for purpose. A suggestion was made that the Men's Shed might be willing to make one. The Highwood noticeboard also needs repair work done, Cllr Langley will take a look when the weather becomes milder.
- b) An email was received from DAPTC asking for nominations to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. This year, the themes the palace wishes to promote are youth (young adults), community, diversity and sustainability. It was unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr Cady as she first became a Parish Councillor in her twenties and is one of the youngest Parish Chairs in the County.

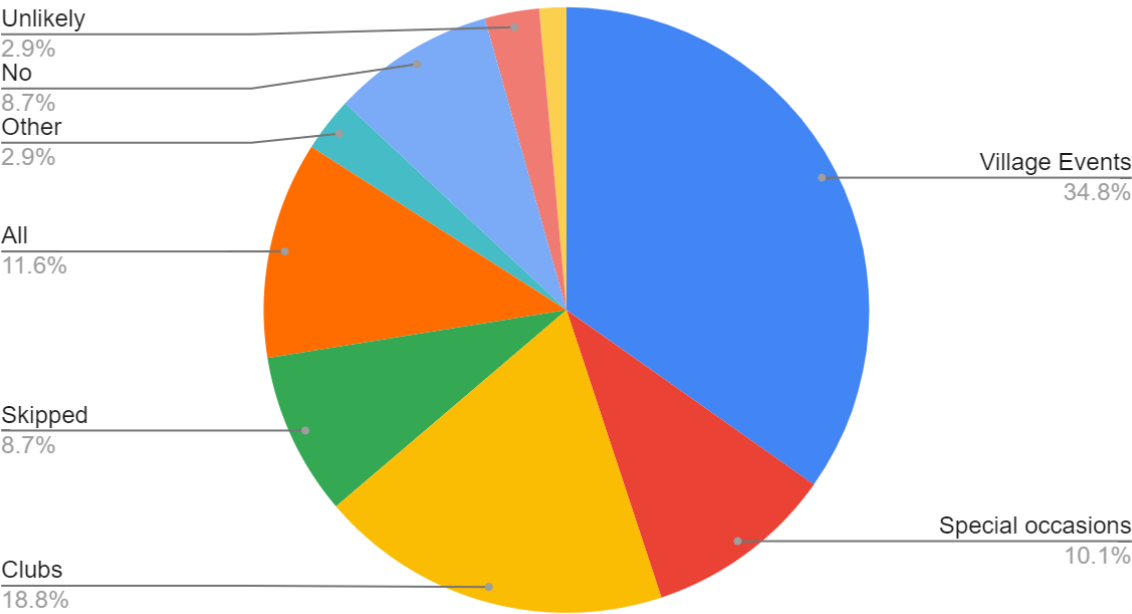
The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on Thursday 2nd March 2023

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:46

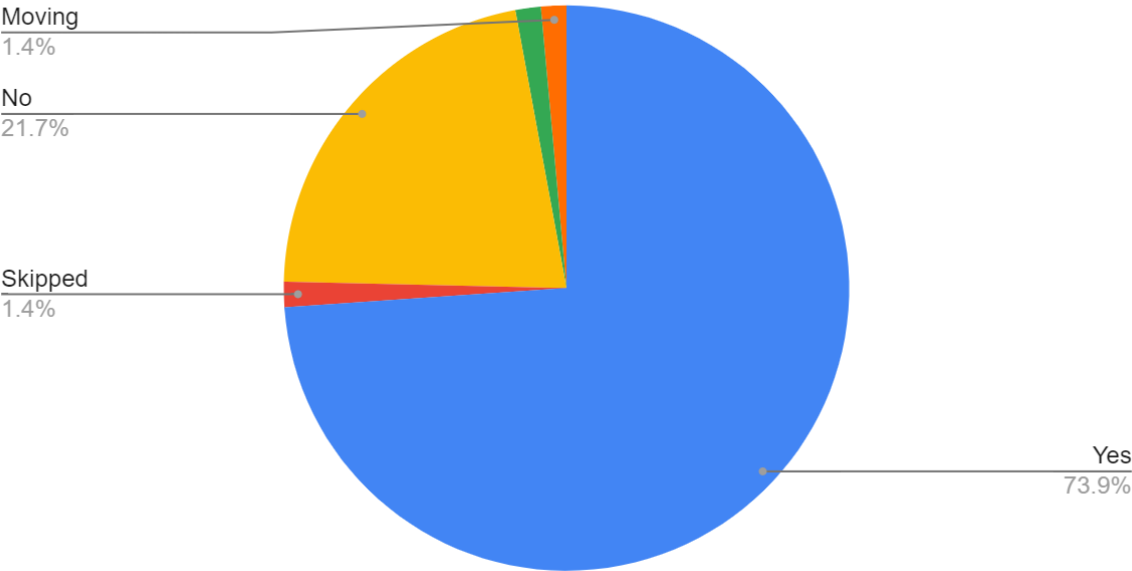
Do you feel there is a need for a village hall in East Stoke?



What would you/your family like to use it for?



Do you think a Village Hall would help develop the community spirit in East Stoke for you/your



When the hall is built, it will require a new management committee to be formed. Would you be prepared to serve on it?

