



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2021 AT LONGTHORNS  
CAMPSITE

PRESENT                      Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)  
                                    Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman)  
                                    Cllr Tessa Wiltshire  
                                    Cllr Barry Quinn  
                                    Cllr Chris Evans  
                                    Cllr Keith Evans

APOLOGIES                Cllr Graeme Langley  
IN ATTENDANCE        3 Member of the Public  
                                    Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks  
                                    Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Public Participation Time**

- a)        The Flood Wardens informed the meeting that the tree in the river approximately 50 metres upstream from Holmebridge has still not been cleared. It was reported to the Environment Agency three weeks ago and there have been no updates. After the recent heavy rainfall the situation has become worse with the tree slowly going down. It was commented upon that there is also a tree down by Mill Stream. **Action:** The Clerk to ask EA for an update and will report the other tree.
- b)        The first of the four wind turbines will be delivered on 21st November. The owners have decided to buy second hand instead of buying new ones.
- c)        Dorset Enduro will be staging a motorcycle event on Sunday 12th December from 11am. Hethfelton Forest will be closed for the entire weekend as it includes practising on that Saturday. People are advised not to ignore these closure signs as the motorbikes will be travelling up to 140mph.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Langley.

**3. Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 7th October 2021**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th October 2021 were approved as a true account. A section of paragraph two

of the Churchyard update was deleted as the scrap metal had already been disposed of.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) In the minutes it was not reported that it was agreed to have a SID placed on the South side of the A352 for westbound traffic, to be opposite Farrer estate entrance where 50mph becomes 40mph as well as the one near Middlefield.
- b) A resident is dealing with the headstone belonging to a former Parish Councillor.

**7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**  
**None received.**

**8. Update on Previous Applications or planning information**

**P/PACD/2021/03527 - Centre For Ecology And Hydrology River**  
Laboratory Church Lane. BH20 6BB. Change of use from Class E (formerly use class B1) to C3 residential unit. **Withdrawn. Noted.**

**9. Update from Dorset Council**

- a) Covid cases have risen again and remain at very high levels. There are currently 52 people in hospital.
- b) Changes have been made to the Dorset Cabinet which came into effect on Monday 18th October. Cllr Brooks will move from Lead Member for Highways to Lead Member for Care (Adult Social Care and Health) with the Portfolio Holder being Cllr Wharf. Cllr Laura Miller has moved from Adult Social Care and Health to Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, which includes bin collections.
- c) A consultation on libraries is currently taking place. The current library strategy is 11 years old and over those years, there have been significant changes in public behaviour and digital technology.
- d) In the Chancellor's budget no additional money has been allocated to the care sector. Over the pandemic, patients have been leaving hospital earlier which has meant more time in care. Cllr Spencer Flowers announced that a better deal is needed for Dorset due to the demographics of this area.
- e) People on the Dorset Council social housing waiting list need to re-apply to join the new housing register. The deadline for re-registering is 1st December.
- f) £37.5 million has been secured to provide support for SEND children and adults up to the age of 25.

**10. Police Issues to report**

None.

**11. Noticeboard for the Farrer Estate**

The noticeboard will be completed over the Christmas holidays.

**12. Hethfelton Wood update**

No update

**13. Manor Farm Court Development**

No details have been given from Royale Life as to when the next delivery of bungalows will take place.

**14. Churchyard update**

Tim Lee, the grounds maintenance contractor, can cut back the hedge and dispose of the cuttings for £325. It was agreed that he should do the work. The Diocese has not responded about the boundary. The treeline is now the other side of the fence. Grass seed has been scattered by the fence near the tombstones however more is required in the corner. Cllr Cady will purchase grass seed in the Spring. Topple testing needs to be done on some of the tombstones and one was unfortunately clipped by a contractor. The Fyler grave needs to be glued back together however this can only be done in dry weather.

**15. Remembrance Sunday**

The Community Highway Officer will deliver signs and cones to Stokeford Farm.

Cllr Langley will oversee the service and the Vicar will bring the speakers. The road sweeper has been requested but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be done before the service, in the meantime a resident has been kindly sweeping up the leaves.

**16. Highways Issues**

- a) **Update on issues reported**  
No updates.
- b) **Community Speed Indicator Device Programme**  
As discussed 2021-11-296 6a. **Action:** The Clerk to write to Highways.
- c) **Damaged bridge in Church Lane**  
The bridge repairs are scheduled for 10th January to 11th February. It is envisaged that it will only take a couple of days to undertake the work.
- d) **Other Issues**  
None.

**17. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration**

- a) #LetsTalkLibraries. The consultation will be a conversation with communities, employees and partners, to better understand what they value and need from the service, now and in the future. Closes 7th January. **Noted.**
- b) Education Travel Survey. This survey is an opportunity for parents, carers and students (who travel independently to school and college) to share their views and experiences with us. Closes 12th November.  
Cllr Cady has completed the survey however it was noted that in East Stoke it would be impossible to safely walk or cycle to school.

**18. Correspondence Received**

- a) Confirm Report: Road works report - Purbeck. Worgret Hill leading along A352 towards Stokeford. From the opposite junction Puddletown Road west for 260m. Install ducting in 260m of wide verge 01/11/2021 15/11/2021 (Two-Way Signals). **Noted.**
- b) DAPTC E-News 8th October 2021. Reminder to submit Register of Interest Form. **Noted.**
- c) Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 8 October. If you know any residents on the current housing register, they need to re-register on the new Dorset Council Home Choice system no later than Wednesday 1 December to keep their place on the housing list. **Noted.**
- d) NDA News - NDA Lead for Social Impact announced. Jamie Reed will be joining the NDA in the role of Director of Social Impact. **Noted.**
- e) Temporary closures of Southbrook / Poole Hill Roundabout, Bere Regis. Will take place for four nights from 1st November. **Noted.**
- f) Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 15 October. Phase 1 electric vehicle charge point installation programme is now complete. 42 charging bays have been installed in 21 locations around the county. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 15th October 2021. The DAPTC AGM will take place online on Saturday 13th November. **Noted.**
- h) Dorset Local Access Forum Recruitment - Deadline: 7th November 2021. The forum meets three times a year, with additional training and working groups as required. Certain expenses and allowances can be claimed. **Noted.**
- i) Camp Bestival 2021 - Residents Post Event Meeting. This year's post-event residents meeting will be held as a drop in Microsoft Teams meeting between 6 – 7pm on Tuesday, November 9. **Noted.**
- j) PTAG Meeting notes. Items discussed included the Planet Purbeck Festival. **Noted.**

- k) Update and feedback on Dorset's EV Chargepoint Installation Programme. The Streche Road and Bonnets Lane car parks in Wareham are included on the proposed sites list. **Noted.**
- l) DAPTC E-News 22nd October 2021. DAPTC has been working with Dorset Council to establish a regular series of webinars to help engage parishes and towns more effectively on a range of topics. **Noted.**
- m) Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 22 October. South Walks House in Dorchester will be used temporarily as an NHS clinic. **Noted.**

## 19. Finance

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

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£226.91
Dorset County Pension Fund	£65.88
George Barnes Fencing and Maintenance Ltd	£506.40
Re-imburse E Maidment for Print in the Bag (newsletters)	£33.60
DAPTC (New Councillor Course)	£35.00

## 20. Items for information or next agenda

- a) Now that the restrictions have eased, the Hawkins Trust will be giving out hampers and Easter eggs again and would like volunteers to help to deliver the gifts. We now have the email addresses of the majority of residents so newsletters have been sent out mainly by email. Cllr Wiltshire said that one resident hasn't received an email so the Clerk will double check that the email address is correct. Even with forms being sent out electronically last year, there has been an increase in requests for gifts. Once the deadline for returned forms has passed, the committee cross references the details from last year to make sure that no one has been forgotten.
- b) The issue of refuse collections is ongoing due to staff shortages. DWP are recruiting and have increased the basic pay but this still cannot compete with BCP or commercial companies. A golden handshake scheme has been introduced to recruit family and friends of current workers. The Council are also working on ways of re-doing the rounds as currently there isn't enough time to complete them. This is due to an increase in online shopping that creates more recycling and more waste is created by people working from home. There is not enough leverage in the system to catch up with missed rounds.
  - i) It was noted that the Farrer Estate has not been collected for 3 to 4 weeks. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Chief Executive to complain about the service.
  - ii) DWP has used national agencies to help with recruitment but this has not been sufficient due to nationwide manpower difficulties. It was suggested that they should investigate using contractors like SITA or that employees from other Dorset Council departments could cover. Highway staff can sometimes be re-deployed but that means their work would suffer.
  - iii) Unitary Cllr Brooks explained that it is a difficult balancing act, as the Council do not want to cut services or increase council tax. One of the biggest budgets is adult social care where there are also issues regarding recruitment and retention. They have looked at recruiting from overseas to fill some of the vacancies.
  - iv) It is difficult to recruit locally as in the BCP area staff are on a higher salary and in an urban conurbation it takes less time to do the rounds as

they have less far to go between properties. In the west of the county many staff travel in from Somerset where housing is generally cheaper.

- v) Cllr Cady said that the issue has gone on for too long and it needs to be resolved. It was agreed that the item should be included in next month's agenda.

**20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Longthorns Campsite on 2nd December.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:00

Chairman:

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