



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024 AT
LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Fenella Lewin Cllr Keith Evans
APOLOGIES	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Graeme Langley
IN ATTENDANCE	2 Members of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **Due to both the Chairman and Vice Chairman being unable to attend, the meeting was chaired by Cllr Quinn.**
Public participation period for 15 minutes
None
3. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Rebecca Cady, Cllr Neill Child, Cllr Chris Evans and Cllr Graeme Langley.
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 5th September 2024**
Due to Cllr Quinn not attending the meeting on 5th September it was approved by Cllr Keith Evans and Cllr Lewin that it was a true account. The minutes from 5th September 2024 were duly signed by Cllr Quinn
7. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising.
8. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
P/PABA/2024/00269, Primrose Farm Bungalow, BH20 6AN - Erect new barn for machinery storage and workshop. Prior Approval - Building for Agricultural/Forestry Use.
No comments or objections.
9. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
None received.
10. **Dorset Council Report**
 - a) Dorset Cllr Wilson was asked if he can obtain an update on the SANG for the Farrer Estate. The plan is to locate it on the southern side and make it accessible to everyone, not just the residents of the Farrer Estate. The Parish Council has expressed concerns about the pedestrian crossing. There have been discussions about widening the Holmebridge junction to allow for a right-hand turn. However, the main issue at this junction is vehicles turning left. It was noted that there are frequent road traffic collisions (RTCs), with one occurring just last week. There was a question about whether there are any collision records available. Cllr Wilson

a resident regarding the junction. The Parish Council has recommended that the 40mph zone is extended from the junction. **Action:** Cllr Wilson to contact the Traffic Collision Team and see if it is possible to obtain collision records.

- b) With the Sandbanks Ferry there has been an updated consortium objection together with an alternative fare proposal which has been circulated for comment. This group consists of all the councils that represent the Studland/Sandbanks area. The final consortium objection will be submitted by Friday 4th October. The public enquiry has been confirmed to commence from 10am on Tuesday 10th December at Studland Village Hall.
- c) Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils will submit expressions of interest in devolution, in response to a request from government, seeking to unlock greater powers and resources for the area. At present, it is not planned for the "Heart of Wessex" to have a mayoral system as they believe it would not be right for the communities. The councils remain open to amending their expressions of interest as and when further details of the English Devolution Bill emerge.
- d) Under the revised Planning Framework proposals: housing targets are mandatory not advisory; must be able to demonstrate 5 year land supply; new methodology for calculating targets with a higher affordability ratio; greater emphasis on social rented houses; development in green belt to have 50% affordable. The new Dorset Plan will need to use revised targets, environmental constraints may mean it cannot be met but this will need to be robustly demonstrated. If councils can't meet their standard method housing targets, they must engage with neighbouring authorities to see if others can meet their needs. The Purbeck Local Plan, passed in July 2024, will remain in place until the Dorset Plan is passed (15 year plan projected to be adopted by May 2027)

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

None.

12. Hethfelton

None.

13. Farrer Estate Noticeboard.

The plan was to change the posts, but after some discussion, it was agreed to just shorten and paint the original posts. **Action:** The Clerk to speak to the Men's Shed.

14. Autumn Newsletter

This will be circulated and published at the end of October. It was agreed that there will be articles on Remembrance Sunday, update on the wind turbines, report from Cllr Wilson, the Home Guard, Hawkins Trust and Share and Care.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

The ditch on the southern side of the A352 by the speed camera has been dug out, but the northern side still needs to be lowered. The culvert under the railway is still blocked, and Network Rail has not yet carried out the work.

Action: Cllr Quinn to contact Network Rail.

b) Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator Device has been moved.

c) Other issues

Large vehicles have been trying to go up Binnegar Lane and have caused some damage to the trees. Also, a bin lorry heading to the Waste Group also uses the lane most Friday mornings. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the Waste Group.

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

Wool Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 consultation. This can be read and responses given using this link:

<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/spatial-planning/wool-np/>. The deadline is Friday 18th October.

It was encouraged that all Councillors read the plan. The area of East Stoke that maybe affected is Woolbridge and Tout Hill.

17. Correspondence Received

- a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Overnight Road Closure A352 Wool Level Crossing, Wool. Closure 17th September. **Noted.**
- b) Promoting the £2 fare cap. The Government will be reviewing this bus policy soon. **Noted.**
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Closure Of B3071, West Lulworth & Coombe Keynes. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along B3071 from the junction with The Triangle, West Lulworth to the junction with C48, Coombe Keynes (in both directions), a distance of approximately 4020 metres. It will come into operation between 09:00 until 16:00 on 1st October 2024 and it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 9th October 2024. The road will be reopened overnight and at weekends. **Noted.**
- c) Ferry Company Proposals. The Purbeck Transport Action Group objection to the proposal of increased fares and a toll road. **Noted.**
- d) DAPTC Enews. Information on the Legal Support Service run by NALC (National Association of Local Councils). **Noted.**
- e) Volunteer Celebration Evening 2024. The closing date for nominations is Friday 27th September. **Noted.**
- f) Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Newsletter - August 2024. The next Community Contact Event will be 10:00AM - 11:00.AM, Wed 16 October 2024 at Bovington Community Stores. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 20 September 2024. Budgeting for 2025/26. Information will be shared at a later date about extra revenue from additional council tax on second homes. **Noted.**
- h) DAPTC 2024 AGM Notification. The AGM will be held online on Saturday 23rd November. **Noted.**
- i) Proposed Temporary Overnight Closure Of A352 Wool Level Crossing, Wool. The closure has been requested to allow Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd to carry out maintenance works. These works are programmed to commence between 10:00 and 20:00 on 3rd November 2024. **Noted.**
- j) PTAG Meeting 1st October. The next meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group will be held in Swanage Town Hall and also virtually on Tuesday 1 October, starting at 1800 and finishing by 2000.
Dorset Cllr Wilson attended the meeting and the bus issues were discussed.
- k) Invitation to Dorset National Landscape Annual Forums October & November 2024. The nearest will be held in Wareham on Wednesday 23rd October, 3-4pm and 6-7:30pm.
Cllr Lewin to attend.

18. Finance

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

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£275.97
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£78.42
DAPTC (training course)	£40.00
Hugofox (website provider)	£143.86
T. Lee (Grounds Maintenance for June to Sept	£942.50
Water2business (Standpipe Churchyard)	£38.99

19. Items for information or next agenda

- a) There is a draft document regarding the Stokeford solar farm community benefit fund for the village hall. It has been shared with the Village Hall Committee, but it needs some amendments to be relevant to the Stokeford Site. This fund will require a committee to administer it similar to the ESWCC. There will be an initial capital outlay to kit out the hall, but thereafter the fund will be primarily earmarked for maintenance or improvements which will be part of the business plan.
- b) The question of a pavement between Wareham and Wool was brought up. Dorset Cllr

Wilson will raise it at the next PTAG meeting as there maybe some Government funding available.

- c) The road sweeper to be booked for early November. **Action:** Parish Clerk to contact Highways.
- d) Cllr Lewin requested to attend the planning training. **Action:** The Parish Clerk to book.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th November

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.41.

Chairman:

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