



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

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

**1. Public participation period for 15 minutes**

No comments

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Rebecca Cady, Cllr Chris Evans, Cllr Graeme Langley, Cllr Keith Evans 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 2nd February 2023**

The minutes from 2nd February 2023 were duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

The framework document for the village hall business case is being progressed. Some data on running costs have been distilled from the D'Urberville costs and information has been sought from East Burton. There has been a site meeting with the developer and the planner to discuss the curtilage, car parking and drainage. It was confirmed that there will be some outside space as well as the car park. It needs to be found out whether the building cost would be deducted from the CIL costs. It was discussed that if the Parish Council could not agree then they would provide a sum of money for the hall to be built elsewhere.

**7. To receive report from the Dorset Council Councillor**

No report.

**8. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**

No issues,

**9. Spring Newsletter**

It was suggested to have articles on the Village Hall, Hethfelton and litter picking.

**10. Hethfelton**

- a) The harvesting window will start in October however five other sites have been allocated as well therefore the Hethfelton work might not start this year. When it does, there will be some closures.
- b) The government has awarded funding of £12 million to projects seeking to restore nature and boost biodiversity which includes the Wareham Arc project. Part of the scheme will involve Hethfelton. This is in the early stages and they are currently in

the process of recruiting.

## 11. Highways Issues

### a) **Update on issues**

- i) Church Lane has been reported as the road is deteriorating especially between the A352 and the level crossing.
- ii) Work has been carried out on the gully clearing along the A352.
- iii) There were two different sets of traffic lights on the A352 due to a drain cover being replaced and a gas leak near the entrance to Hethfelton Woods.
- iv) The collapsed pavement has been reported.
- v) The sign on the B3070 has not been cleared yet.

### b) **Speed Indicator Device.**

The SID is working well and is scheduled to be moved next week.

### c) **Deer**

There are numerous deer carcasses in the area which have been commented about on the community Facebook group. Cllr Quinn has raised the issue with the Police Crime Commissioner as there was an incident whereby the Police Firearms team were asked to despatch a deer. It was felt that this is not a good use of resources as in the past they have used locals with deer stalking licences to deal with it.

### d) **Satnav Legislation**

An email was sent to Richard Drax MP explaining that the Local Government Association (LGA) is seeking a change in the law to make it mandatory for anyone operating an HGV to use a satnav device that is suitable for the weight and height of their vehicle. A reply has been received confirming that he will raise the issue with the Minister.

### e) **Other Issues**

No other issues to report.

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

Purbeck Area Committee Councils - DAPTC Representative(s). The email includes a letter requesting support to reinvigorate participation in Area Committees including a very short survey and an information pack about DAPTC and the role of DAPTC Representative. **Noted.**

## 13. Correspondence Received

- a) DAPTC E-News 27 January 2023. There will be a Councillor's Networking Event on 9th March. **Noted.**
- b) Confirm Report: Road works report - Purbeck. Closure of Tout Hill 6th-24th March.  
It was discussed that this closure maybe at the same time as works taking place at King George V Rd, Bovington.
- c) DAPTC E-News 3 February 2023. DAPTC are running a snap poll to gain information before launching a media campaign to encourage more people to stand as Parish Councillors. **Noted.**
- d) Dorset Council latest news - cost of living support, local news and more. Some broadband and phone providers are offering social tariffs to people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. **Noted.**
- e) A31 safety barrier replacement and lighting works. The Bere Regis works will continue until 20th March. **Noted.**
- f) Dorset Council latest news - cost of living support, local news and more. The government has announced a series of cost of living payments to be paid across this year and next, with the first payment being in Spring 2023. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 10 February 2023. The next Working Together webinar will be the Library Strategy Update on 20th April. **Noted.**
- h) NPPF Consultation - NALC's Draft Response Lines. The NALC response to the government's consultation on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill: Reforms to National Planning Policy. **Noted.**
- i) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Closure of Tout Hill, Longthorns. It will come into operation on 6th March 2023 and will remain in

force for 18 months however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 24th March 2023. **Noted.**

- j) Winfrith SSG Meeting - OFFICIAL. The next meeting will now take place on 16th May 2023 at Winfrith Village Hall, refreshments from 1.30pm for a 2pm start. **Noted.**
- k) Citizens Advice Quarterly Report - Feb 2023. They have purchased a Mobile Advice Bus and plan for it to be on the road in early spring. There will be a scheduled timetable and it will include stops at both Wool and Bovington. **Noted.**
- l) DAPTC E-News 17 February 2023. Waste Crime Survey Closes 27th February. The Environment Agency invites responses from the legitimate waste industry, landowners and farmers, environmental consultants, insurance companies, parish and town councils, community groups and members of the public.  
The flytipping at Worgret was commented upon and it was suggested that the landowner needs to install a camera.
- m) Dorset Council latest news - cost of living support, local news and more. Dorset Council's budget of £348m for 2023-24 has been approved by councillors at the Full Council meeting on 14 February. **Noted.**
- n) SIDS - Speed Indicator Device. There has been a spate of vandalism on SIDS. Dorset Police will be approaching any member of the public seen stood directly by a SID. **Noted.**

#### 14. 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
Re-imburse R Cady for postcrete	£12.10
- b) To approve the Risk Management for 2023  
Cllr Quinn had a few minor amendments which will be circulated via email and will be agreed upon next month.

#### 15. Items for information or next agenda None

The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on Tuesday 7th March 2023

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:33