



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST  
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2024 AT  
LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

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

1. **Public participation period** for 15 minutes  
None
2. **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Barry Quinn and Cllr Keith Evans.
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 3rd October 2024**  
The minutes from 3rd October 2024 were duly signed by Cllr Cady.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes**  
There were no matters arising.
8. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**  
**P/HOU/2024/05500 - Woolbridge Manor House, BH20 6HQ.** Alterations to Chapel Barn to facilitate use as ancillary gym/office. **No comments or objections.**
9. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
  - a) P/FUL/2023/03855 - Kemps Country House. Sever land and erect a dwelling with associated parking and access. Application will be considered by Eastern Planning Committee on 6th November 2024. This was deferred as the residents were not notified.
  - b) P/HOU/2024/04355 - Holme Birch Holme Lane, BH20 6AP. Erect a two storey extension with rear balcony. **Granted. Noted.**
  - c) Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order - TPO/2024/0027. (Land at The Former Church of St Mary the Virgin, East Stoke). **Noted.**
10. **Dorset Council Report**
  - a) The Farrer Estate planning application is expected to go to committee in December, pending the neutrality report and an update from Natural England. The SANG application remains open, with a deadline in February.
  - b) The ferry inquiry has been postponed until January because a suitable venue that can accommodate large numbers is being sought.
  - c) A complaint has been received from a resident regarding someone defecating in a

- d) layby. The resident contacted Dorset Council, but they were not interested, stating that it is classified as littering and advised reporting it to the police. The resident said that this issue should be treated as a matter of environmental health. This incident has occurred numerous times over the years. The layby previously had bollards to prevent HGVs from parking there. It was discussed whether it would be possible to install a "No Overnight Parking" sign. **Action:** Cllr Wilson to contact Dorset Council and the Clerk to email the resident.
- e) A campervan has been spotted in various places including by Puddletown Road and it was questioned whether it has been flytipped. **Action:** Cllr Lewin to obtain registration number.

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

None.

**12. Community Outreach**

A member of the public expressed to a Parish Councillor that they know little about the Parish Council. During the discussion on how to improve publicity, it was suggested to create profiles of the Parish Councillors using LinkedIn or to provide more information on the council's website. It was agreed that once a village hall is established, it will be easier to hold events, creating a more social hub in East Stoke. Dorset Council has created a Venn diagram to clarify the responsibilities of both itself and the Parish Councils for the public. **Action:** Cllr Wilson to forward it to the Clerk who will put it in the next newsletter.

**13. Farrer Estate Noticeboard.**

The Wareham Mens Shed will shorten the posts.

**14. Low Carbon Energy Projects**

It was raised by Cllr Lewin about installing car charging points in the village as there are various low energy carbon grants available. Cllr Wilson said that Dorset Council are actively looking at sites. The Old Parish Hall site is privately owned but the landowner could be asked. It was suggested that the new village hall should have one. **Action:** Cllr Wilson to check if Dorset Council would agree in principle for a car charging point at the new village hall.

**15. Highways Issues**

**a) Update on issues**

None

**b) Speed Indicator Device**

The Speed Indicator Device will be moved on Friday 8th November.

**c) Remembrance Sunday**

Cllr Quinn will put out the cones and signage. The planter will need to be replaced soon.

**d) Other issues**

Concerns have been raised about the deer population in the area. A member of the public inquired whether culling is conducted. It was acknowledged that this has been an ongoing issue, as not all landowners engage in culling. It was commented upon that several herds are located near the railway line and on Forestry Commission land.

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

- a) DAPTC E-News 25 October 2024. Consultation | MHCLG - Enabling remote meeting attendance and proxy voting. Government is consulting on introducing powers for local authority members to apply to the relevant authority for a dispensation to attend formal council meetings remotely and vote by proxy in certain circumstances. Closing Date 19th December.

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/consultation/subpage.2024-10-22.4587630148/>. **Noted.**

- b) Email Alert - Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024-2025. Clerk is on SCP7 rate which is now classed as below substantive range.

It was proposed by Cllr Child and seconded by Cllr Langley that the Clerk should be moved to SCP8 with an increase of 21p an hour.

**17. Correspondence Received**

- a) Salt bins and Dumpy bags 2024/25 season - Dorset Highways. If there are any damaged or cracked bins, Dorset Council will need to be notified. All bins will be filled for free however if it needs refilling again then Parish Councils will be charged. **Noted.**
- b) Town of Culture 2026 Open for Applications. The deadline for expression of interest is 9am on Monday 18 November 2024. **Noted.**
- c) Wessex Water Community Outreach sessions in Bridport. A community engagement will also take place in Dorchester Library on Tuesday 10th December. **Noted.**
- d) Find out when you will have the opportunity to review the draft of Dorset Council's new Council Plan, the regeneration in Weymouth, and more local news. The Council Plan will go to Cabinet for approval on 19 November and to Full Council on 5 December. **Noted.**
- e) EMAIL ALERT - Budgeting 2025/26 Second Homes. Dorset Council has agreed to charge a 100% second homes premium from April 2025. **Noted.**
- f) Urgent Closure Of Rushton Lane, East Stoke. The works are expected to be completed by 23-10-2024. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 11 October 2024. Information event on .gov.uk domain names. Monday 11th November at 2pm. **Noted.**
- h) Proposed Temporary Closure Of B3070, West Holme. An application from Openreach to close B3070, West Holme between Manor Lane and Holme Lane (in both directions), a distance of approximately 340 metres. The closure has been requested to provide Openreach Engineers with safe access to replace a telegraph pole. These works are programmed to commence on 21st January 2025, the road will be closed between 09:30 until 15:30. **Noted.**
- i) Winfrith SSG Meeting Pack - 12th November 2024 - OFFICIAL. The Site Stakeholder Group which will take place on 12th November 2024 at 14:00hrs. **Noted.**
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#### 18. 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 & backpay	£389.64
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£83.87

- b) **To review current account banking options.**

A spreadsheet outlining various banking options was circulated prior to the meeting. During the discussion, it was noted that most banks now charge fees, and it was agreed to continue banking with Lloyds. Additionally, it was highlighted that the Parish Council will need to budget for an extra £50 per year. Dorset Council should also be informed, as this change will impact Parish Councils' precepts.

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

Cllr Cady has an old computer that belongs to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the hard drive should be destroyed and disposed of

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th December

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.18.

Chairman:

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