



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST  
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022 AT LONGTHORNS  
CAMPSITE

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

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

There were no members of the public in attendance

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Evans and Cllr Graeme Langley.

**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 3rd November 2022**

It was noted that Cllr Keith Evans attended the October meeting. The minutes from 3rd November 2022 were duly signed by the Chairman.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

The brambles that were in the Churchyard hedge have been removed but it was asked if they were pulled out rather than just cut. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Grounds Maintenance.

**7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

a) **P/TRD/2022/07258 - Hilltop, Highwood, BH20 6AR.** Oak within G1 - Reduce two limbs (approx. 25m long) by approximately 10m. Pictures of the final cuts are to be emailed to the council once completed. **Noted.**

b) **P/HOU/2022/06608 - Plot 1 Kemps Country House, BH20 6AL.** Single storey side extension.

This item was not discussed as the planning documents were not available on the portal.

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

a) **P/TRT/2022/06054 - Woodland to the north of Old Farmhouse Hethfelton, BH20 6HJ.** T1 Oak - Fell to ground level. T2 Ash - Fell. No room for replacement as land owner has planted whips already in woodland. **Approved. Noted.** The works to take place on 12th December.

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

a) The monthly report was circulated prior the meeting.

b) The Appeal for 6/2021/0360 will take place on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

County Cllr Brooks to attend.

- c) A sofa has been flytipped on the A352 near the Woolbridge roundabout. It has been reported but hasn't been removed yet.

#### 10. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported

- a) Cllr Quinn reported to the Police the damage caused by an HGV travelling up Binnegar Lane on Tuesday 29th November. The Quarry Manager initially reported it to Dorset Council who sent out contractors to remove the obstruction. It was asked if the company involved would be charged as there is a cost to the council of paying tree surgeons to clear any debris. **Action:** Dorset Cllr Brooks to investigate whether the company was charged.
- b) It was commented upon that the Police had not attended a Parish Council meeting for years.
- c) On Saturday 19th November a lorry overturned on the A352 at Hethfelton Hollow. Diversions were in place but it was questioned why the road was closed back to the Puddletown Road junction near Wareham.

#### 11. Churchyard Maintenance

Cllr Quinn is currently liaising with the Vicar from the West Purbeck Benefice about registering the land.

#### 12. Meeting Room Venue

There was no update regarding a new venue. It was suggested to find out who the landlord at the River Laboratories is and to ask them directly.

#### 13. Hawkins Trust

It was agreed that Cllr Wiltshire will deliver around Hethfelton/Stokeford, Cllr Chris Evans - Holme, Cllr Quinn - Rushton, Cllr Cady - Middlefield and Dorset Cllr Brooks - Highwood. Cllr Keith Evans will be asked if he can do Church Lane.

#### 14. Highways Issues

- a) **Update on issues**  
The drain at Stokeford has been cleared.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device.**  
The SID has been moved again and is working well. It was proposed that due to the solar battery not working as well near the pub due to it being more in the shade to change the cycle to every 4 weeks near the Black Dog and 6 weeks near the Farrer Estate.
- c) **Other Issues**
  - i) The direction sign just north of the Holmebridge Level Crossing is obscured by vegetation. It was commented upon that there are quite a few signs like this and Cllr Brooks suggested that a list is compiled so that she can forward it to Highways.
  - ii) A tree officer needs to survey Binnegar Lane as there are some diseased trees along the highway and on the unregistered land.
  - iii) Water is lying on top of the drain near the Grange View bungalow.  
**Action:** The Clerk is to report it online.
  - iv) The path on the opposite side of the Farrer Estate had the grit layer removed. With the potential of more houses being constructed on the Estate, there is a need to change the TRO classification and make it a tarmac path. Cllr Brooks has asked the planning department and is awaiting feedback.

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

- a) School admissions. Dorset Council is consulting on the admissions arrangements for the academic year 2024 to 2025. The consultation will run from Monday 7 November until Sunday 18 December. Details of the consultation can be found at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/web/guest/-/2024-to-2025-school-admission-policies> - Dorset Council. **Noted.**
- b) LetsTalkLibraries consultation. In this second phase of public consultation on our libraries, Dorset Council are calling upon residents, businesses, employees, partners and stakeholders to help us prioritise and explore what delivery could look like in our communities. The closing date is 22nd December. **Noted.**

#### 16. Correspondence Received

- a) NJC Pay award email - all clerks and chairs. Agreement on the new pay scales for 2022-2023 with backpay to be awarded from 1st April 2022. **Noted.**
- b) Citizens Advice Quarterly Stakeholder Report - Nov 2022. The latest quarterly stakeholder report from Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC E-News 4 November 2022. The AGM will take place online on Saturday 19th November. **Noted.**
- d) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Overnight Road Closure B3070 at Holme Level Crossing. For 7th -10th November. These works have now been cancelled. **Noted.**
- e) Dorset Council latest news - Local news, cost of living help and more. Help and Kindness have been working to map warm welcomes across Dorset. The nearest is the Not Just Sundaes Community Cafe in Wareham.  
Not Just Sundaes also do a community fridge that anyone can use. A lot of local companies donate leftover items to avoid food waste. It was agreed that this information and details about the Food Bank offering a delivery service to East Stoke would be posted on the Parish Facebook page.
- f) DAPTC E-News 11 November 2022. Information on 20mph schemes. **Noted.**
- g) Dorset Council latest news - Local news, cost of living help and more. Dorset's Food Banks and Affordable Food Projects. The nearest is Wareham at the Purbeck Gateway Church. **Noted.**
- h) DAPTC E-News 18 November 2022. The Prime Minister has proclaimed an additional bank holiday across the United Kingdom to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III next year. The bank holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023, following the Coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023. **Noted.**
- i) Fostering Information. The Fostering Enquires Officer has asked to attend a Parish Council Meeting. **Noted.**
- j) 2022 DAPTC AGM - The Results. The outcome can be viewed here. [DAPTC AGM Bitesized Highlights](#) **Noted.**
- k) Legal Expenses Survey - can you help us? DAPTC are working with County Association colleagues to build a picture of how much the 10,000 parish and town councils in England spend each year on solicitors. **Noted.**

## 16. Finance

### a) To consider a donation to the Royal British Legion

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would make a donation to the Royal British Legion.

### b) The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically.

Cllr Cady and Cllr Quinn to approve the payments.

	Amount
E Maidment Salary (including backpay from Apr 22	£426.66
Dorset County Pension Fund	£124.16
Dorset Council Road signage	£174.60
Royal British Legion (donation)	£50.00

## 16. Items for information or next agenda

- a) An email was received on 28th November notifying that BDO LLP has been appointed as external auditor until 2027. The AGAR procedure and fee have not changed as the Parish Council is below the £25K threshold.
- b) It was discussed if it would be possible to hold a hybrid meeting for Councillors who cannot attend the Parish Council meeting. It was noted that legally they would not have voting

powers. This will be investigated further.

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

The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on Thursday 5th January 2023.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:07