



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST STOKE HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st MAY 2025 AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Fenella Lewin Cllr Neill Child Cllr Graeme Langley
APOLOGIES IN ATTENDANCE	Cllr Keith Evans Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **Election of Parish Council Chairman for 2025/26**
 - a) **To elect a Chairman for the coming year**

Cllr Cady was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Quinn and seconded by Cllr C Evans.
 - b) **To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Cady duly signed her Declaration Acceptance of Office.
2. **Election of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2025/26**
 - a) **To elect a Vice-Chairman for the coming year**

Cllr Child was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Langley
 - b) **To receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Child duly signed his Declaration Acceptance of Office.
3. **Public participation period** for 15 minutes
None
4. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Keith Evans
5. **Granting of Dispensation**

No applications for a dispensation had been made.
6. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.
7. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025**

The minutes from Thursday 3rd April 2025 were duly signed by Cllr Cady.
8. **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.
9. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**

None received.
10. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
 - a) **Farrer Estate Update.**
 - i) The MOD has submitted comments regarding the road traffic island. They stated that they have a couple of new vehicle platforms that are set to either begin trials or come into service soon, and these platforms are slightly wider than the Challenger 2. The maximum width of a vehicle that could potentially use this route is 4.44 meters. Reducing the width of the road by placing an island in the middle would render this route impassable for larger military vehicle platforms. This road is crucial as it is the only available route for larger tracked vehicle movement between Bovington and Lulworth camps.
 - iii) The Legal Department has determined that the previous Purbeck Statement of Development (SoD) does not apply to this application. As a result, the Development Management Area Manager will make the final decision on whether there is a trigger

under the current SoD.

- ii) It was noted that, in theory, they already have a SANG as people walk their dogs on the common land; however, this area currently has unmanaged access. It was suggested that the SANG be reevaluated to determine if any policies have changed and to consider whether the common land could be designated as the SANG instead. **Action:** Cllr Wilson will investigate.

11. Dorset Council Report

- a) On the night of March 19th to 20th, there was a fire at a waste business located on Puddletown Road. Since it is a private site, Dorset Council is not currently involved in the matter. Cllr Wilson has been seeking more information about the incident at Wareham Fire Station; however, they did not have any details available. It was noted that the business might be in violation of its licensing regulations due to potential health and safety breaches. Therefore, it was suggested that Dorset Council or the Environment Agency should be involved. **Action:** Cllr Wilson will continue to gather more information.
- b) Round 9 of the Community and Culture Project Fund is now open for applications.
- c) The Dorset Council Flood Management team has commented on the flooding issue in a back garden at Middlefield. They indicated that the flooding is caused by runoff from agricultural land. One potential solution is to collaborate with the landowners to promote intervention or improved land management practices where feasible, aimed at slowing the flow of water and reducing peak runoff rates. During the discussion, it was suggested that the most straightforward solution would be for Aster to construct a wall at the bottom of the garden. It was also noted that water has been running down the track by the Old Garage even when there has been no rain, suggesting there may be a spring nearby. **Action:** Cllr Wilson will contact Aster to propose the construction of a wall.
- d) The deer drone survey has been completed, and they are currently analysing the data. One option being considered is to integrate venison into school and food bank offers as part of the Purbeck Goes Wild initiative.

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

No update.

13. Wessex Internet Event

This event took place at Middlefield on Saturday 26th April, and was well attended by the Parish Council. The residents who attended gave positive feedback.

14. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

No updates.

b) Speed Indicator Device

This will be moved week commencing 5th May.

c) Puddletown Rd resurfacing

The road will be closed starting 5th May for just over a month. There have been questions about whether the working quarries along Puddletown Road are aware of the closure, as there are concerns that HGVs may attempt to use Binnegar Lane instead. **Action:** Cllr Wilson will check with Highways the plan for access to the quarries.

d) Other Issues

No other issues to report.

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

- a) Parents' Views on Before and After School Care. Open to parents with primary school-aged children. Closes 30th April. <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/early-years/childcare/> **Noted.**
- b) Church Knowle Parish are conducting a housing needs survey as part of their Neighbourhood Plan development. Survey launched to identify affordable housing need in Dorset parish - Dorset Council. The survey is looking to find out how many people with a local connection to Church Knowle, East Creech and Furzebrook want to live there but can't because of unaffordable homes. Survey closes 30th April. **Noted.**

16. Correspondence Received

- a) 6-Week Reminder - Winfrith SSG Meeting - Tuesday 13th May 2025. The next meeting of the Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group will be at 1.45 on 13th May at Winfrith Village Hall. **Noted.**
- b) New Chief Executive, ambitious bus services improvements, VE celebrations and much more. Dr Catherine Howe has been appointed as the new Dorset Council Chief Executive. **Noted.**
- c) News release: Last chance to apply for VE Day street party road closure. The deadline for applying was 11th April. **Noted.**

- d) Road Safety Signage in Dorset Council area - update from PCC David Sidwick. A one-year trial of road safety signage across North Dorset has been successful. **Noted.**
- e) Resident engagement project. The project is about engaging with local residents who live in social housing and to understand their views & feedback, specifically regarding downsizing. **Noted.**
- f) Extended childcare hours, more support for extra care residents and a new chief executive. Local primary schools as well as registered childcare providers, are offering new or expanded before and after school childcare hours. **Noted.**
- g) A Country Journey 2025 Can you help? East Stoke. A 175-mile multi-day hike around Dorset to support Dorset Wildlife Trust's nature recovery work. **Noted.**
- h) Proposed temporary closure Binnegar Lane, East Stoke. These works are programmed to commence from 12th May until 16th May. The closure has been requested to allow a private tree contractor to carry out tree cutting. **Noted.**
- i) Goodbye from Lisa at DAPTC. She will leave DAPTC on 23rd April. **Noted.**
- j) Letter of Thanks to East Stoke Parish Council. Thank you letter from Citizens' Advice for the donation. **Noted.**
- k) PTAG MEETING. The next meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group will be held in Swanage Town Hall next Wednesday, 23 April, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Noted.**
- l) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Traffic Management Order Various Roads, East Stoke & Arne. To impose a temporary road closure on Puddletown Road from the junction with Tout Hill to the junction with A352 Worgret Hill (in both directions), a distance of approximately 6940 metres. It will come into operation on 5th May and it is anticipated that the works will be completed between 10th and 25th June. **Noted.**

16. 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	£292.77
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£85.19
Dorset Council Pension Fund for May 2024	£4.86
Reimburse E Maidment for newsletters & domain renewal	£61.71
Information Commissioner. Data Protection Fee	£52.00

It was noted that during the last financial year, the Clerk paid £12.80 in Income Tax. In April, the tax was £3.20, and this month it is -£2.40. Cllr Cady proposed, and Cllr Lewin seconded, that the Parish Council set up a direct debit with HMRC.

- b) To agree and pay the insurance renewal**

Quotes were received from Zurich for £353.86 and from Ansvar for £545.21. Clear Insurance was contacted, but they did not respond with a quote. It was agreed to proceed with Zurich, and the following payment was approved.

Zurich Insurance	£353.86
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17. Items for information or next agenda

- a) The MOD have notified local Parish Councils about essential helicopter night training between 4th to 9th May.
- b) The Suez de-registering will be added to next month's agenda.
- c) Cllr Quinn and Cllr Langley send their apologies.

18. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th June

With no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35

Chairman: _____ Date: _____