



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025 AT LONGTHORNS
CAMPSITE

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

1. **Public participation period** for 15 minutes
None
2. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Barry Quinn, Cllr Keith Evans, Cllr Graeme Langley and Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson.
3. **Granting of Dispensation**
No applications for a dispensation had been made.
4. **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were made.
5. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2024**
There was one amendment added to show that Cllr Quinn attended the meeting.
The minutes from Thursday 5th December 2024 were duly signed by Cllr Cady.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
Cllr Cady thanked the Parish Councillors for delivering the Hawkins Trust gifts.
7. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
 - a) Proposed Base Station Upgrade At Cornerstone 12153625 At Stokeford Farm, East Stoke, Bh20 6an (Ngr E: 387250 N: 087270)
No comments or objections.
 - b) P/NMA/2024/07598 - Willowbank Bindon Lane BH20 6AS. Non material amendment to change the material finish to planning permission P/HOU/2024/02429 (Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of replacement outbuilding)
No comments or objections.
8. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
 - a) Manor Farm Mobile Home Park. Dorset Council has received an application for a Residential Park Home site licence under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Mobile Homes Act 2013 at Manor Farm Court. **Noted.**
 - b) Planning Application P/FUL/2023/03855 - Kemps Country House Wareham Road East Stoke. **Refused. Noted.**
9. **Dorset Council Report**
No report
10. **Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**

None.

11. Wessex Internet Meeting

It was agreed to have a meeting on Thursday 6th February at 6pm, with set up from 5.30pm. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Longthorns and Wessex Internet, and create a Facebook event to gauge interest in attendance.

12. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

Raymond Brown is currently awaiting approval on a quote to carry out tree work on Binnegar Lane. Once approved, they will schedule a time for the contractor to begin. Although there are no Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on these trees, a felling license will still be required. Only a few spindly trees have been marked for removal. It was noted that the road will need to be closed during the work for health and safety reasons.

b) Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator Device will be removed next week.

c) Flooding

Cllr Quinn requested an update from Network Rail regarding the Stokeford railway culvert clearance. On 9th January, he received a call from them informing him that the culvert had been cleared on 11th November. However, when he checked it before Christmas, he noticed that the water from the field ditch wasn't flowing through to the culvert. He explained that although the culvert itself may have been cleared, the exit point of the culvert on the northern side of the railway needs to be joined up to the ditch in the field.

d) Other Issues

None.

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

- a)** Town and Parish Council Survey - Climate and Nature Support. Dorset Council wants to hear from town and parish councils on how they can better support them to tackle the climate and nature emergencies. The survey closes on 28th February. <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/climate/f78fc56f>

Cllr Lewin said that the document asks whether Parish and Town Councils have their own Climate Change Policy. It was noted that it is unlikely small parishes have such policies in place. Cllr Lewin volunteered to serve as the Parish Council's point of contact for environmental matters.

- b)** Action Briefing| MHCLG Consultation on Standards and Conduct. This consultation seeks views on introducing measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime in England and ensure consistency of approach amongst councils investigating serious breaches of their member codes of conduct, including the introduction of the power of suspension. Consultation closes 26th February.

Cllr Langley and Cllr Keith Evans to be asked if they would like to comment on the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

14. Correspondence Received

- a)** All non .gov.uk email account holders and dorset-aptc.gov.uk email account holders. Webinar from Aubergine 262. **Noted.**
- b)** Parish Council Election Recharges for 2 May 2024. Each Parish Council which had no contested elections will be invoiced shortly for £50 for the costs of the administration of the election up to the point of the close of nominations and publication of notices. **Noted.**
- c)** Taxbase 2025/26. The taxbase for East Stoke will be an increase of 8.1% which includes the second home adjustment. Therefore if the precept remains the same there would be a decrease of -7.51% on a Band D property. **Noted.**
- d)** The latest on Portland incinerator, Dorset Council plan and much more. The Council Leader requests DEFRA intervention regarding the Portland incinerator. **Noted.**
- e)** East Stoke Parish Council - DAPTC Membership - National Council Association Energy Scheme. They can combine purchasing power to obtain much lower energy tariffs. **Noted.**

- f) Notes & presentation from the Environment Agency's National on-line Meet the Regulators meeting - 16th September 2024. The next online 'Meet the Regulator' meeting will be in the first quarter of 2025. **Noted.**
- g) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure Puddletown Road. It will come into operation between 08:00 and 17:00 on 13th January 2025. **Noted.**
- h) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure B3070 At Holme Level Crossing. It will come into operation between 00:01 and 06:00 on 14th January and it is anticipated that it will finish on 17th January. **Noted.**
- i) Urgent Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Closure Of Bindon Lane. It will come into operation between 09:30 and 17:30 on 21st December. **Noted.**
- j) Urgent Closure Of Bindon Lane. The works are expected to be completed by 24-12-2024. **Noted.**
- k) Temporary Closure Of B3070, West Holme. It will come into operation on 21st January. The road will remain closed between 09:30 until 15:30. **Noted.**
- l) Dorset Community Transport Grant- Community Transport. The deadline for applications has been extended to 24th January. **Noted.**

15. 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	£292.77
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£85.19
DAPTC Basic Introduction to Planning online training	£35.00
T. Lee Landscaping (Oct-Dec)	£942.50
Dorset Council Election Recharge	£50.00

- b) To receive the Third Quarter Bank Reconciliation
The Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance was £35,422.25 agreed with the reconciled bank balance as of 31st December 2024.
- c) To agree the Third Quarter Budget Report
The Third Quarter Budget Report was noted and £7,978.92 has been spent in this financial year.
- d) To agree the Budget for 2025/26 and to agree the Precept
It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Chris Evans to increase the precept from £9,500 to £9,750. The taxbase for East Stoke has increased by 8.1% which includes the second home adjustment. Therefore even by increasing the budget by £250, it will mean a 5.07% (£2.30) decrease per Band D property.

16. Items for information or next agenda

- a) At the next meeting the Historical Project will be discussed.
- b) An investigation will be conducted to determine whether any work is needed on the Fyler and Butler graves.
- c) Councillor Lewin will attend the Purbeck Transport meeting.
- d) The Clerk will contact a local mole control company to obtain a quote for services in the Churchyard.

17. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th February

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.44

Chairman:

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