



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

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chair) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Graeme Langley Cllr Neill Child Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
APOLOGIES	Cllr Keith Evans Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks
IN ATTENDANCE	1 Member of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public participation period for 15 minutes

No comments

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Evans and Dorset Cllr Brooks.

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 the 11th January 2024

The minutes from the 11th January 2024 were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

At the last meeting a resident asked why the quarries are pumping water into Hethfelton Woods. Cllr Wiltshire explained that she had noticed it had flowed over the road, into the gardens at Hethfelton, and finally into the river. It was suggested that the quarries need some kind of settlement or slurry pit. An Enforcement Officer has informed Dorset Cllr Brooks that there was a temporary licence for it and they said that the water hadn't spread as far as the road. It was asked if they were monitoring the flow rate and taking water samples. The Parish Council will request details on who to write to with photographic evidence of flooded land south of A352.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

None received.

8. Update of Previous Applications or planning information

P/NMA/2023/07165 - The Forge Holmebridge, BH20 6AF. Non Material amendment - Change number of window panels in dormer window from 5 to 4 on planning application

P/HOU/2023/00580 - Single storey side extensions, replace existing rooflights with dormer, new window to side elevation, form new front entrance door, replacement windows and replacement access gates. **Granted. Noted.**

9. Dorset Council Report

None

10. Police Issues to report or update on issues reported

No issues were reported.

11. Aster Housing

The Aster Neighbourhood Officer was unable to attend the meeting. She suggested that the Parish Council submit written questions to her instead. The main issue was the lack of parking in the area and the concern that it might result in people parking on the A352. During the previous meeting, it was discussed whether the green areas could be used for parking. It was also brought up that some of the trees are in a dangerous state and require maintenance.
Action: The Clerk to email the Neighbourhood Officer and Cllr Quinn to take photographs of the trees.

12. Hethfelton

Chairman's Initials

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The parking area has been fenced off and is expected to remain closed for 6 to 8 weeks. However, the last time the area was closed, it took longer to reopen due to a delay in the timber being sold due to price fluctuations. During work in the area, certain parts of the woodland may be closed off to pedestrians.

13. Maintenance of noticeboards - Wareham Mens Shed

The noticeboard at Middlefield has been repaired and a new backing has been fitted. It was commented upon that they have done a very good job. The Church Lane one has now been taken down to be worked on.

14. Grounds maintenance tender.

The tender has been advertised on social media and 12 organisations have made requests for more information. One tender has already been received. The closing date for the tenders is 25th February and they will all be opened at the next meeting.

15. Spring Newsletter

It was suggested that there could be articles about the history of East Stoke, the new defibrillator, litter picks and the wind turbines. The deadline for articles will be the end of February. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Simon Cragg and Will Bond.

16. Mains Sewer Proposal for East Stoke

An electronic copy of the proposal was circulated prior to the meeting. The application form has now been received by Gordon Mackenzie although there was a delay as Wessex Water has only one person that can issue the application. It was discussed that a working party should be set up and for the form to be submitted by the Parish Council with backup from the Environment Agency. It was asked if the River Laboratories can provide information about the water quality as they monitor it daily and they have recorded high levels of contamination. A resident contracted giardia walking on fields which receive much of the untreated waste. The Parish Council are uncertain whether this illness was reported. It was discussed whether the scheme would be viable due to the cost implications to households. Both the capital and operational costs per household need to be calculated and then a survey needs to be conducted to see if residents would be willing to financially contribute to the infrastructure.

There is a small treatment works at Rushton but this only serves Middlefield and a small number of other houses nearby. It was asked if more filtration beds could be added to increase the capacity. It has been observed that since the Kemps development has been connected, the Baggs Field has been constantly flooded. **Action:** Cllr Quinn to liaise with Gordon Mackenzie and to report back at the next meeting.

17. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

- i) Highways are working with two landowners at Highwood to resolve the flooding issue.
- ii) The flytipping along Puddletown Road is in the Bere Regis Parish. Dorset Cllr Beddow has been informed and will follow it up.

b) Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator Device will be moved at the end of the month.

c) Other issues

The water on the A352 is still a problem and it was discussed if there is a spring near Grange View.

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

- a)** Local Transport Plan Opportunities and Issues. Dorset Council and BCP Council are working together on options to move around Dorset safely, efficiently, and sustainably for years to come. <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/transport-policy/ltp-dc-bcp/> Closing Date 3rd March 2023.

Dorset Cllr Brooks strongly encourages people to complete the survey, especially the bus element.

- b)** Wool Neighbourhood Plan – we would welcome your comments. They seek representations from Statutory Consultees and other stakeholders and interested parties as part of the process of finalising the content of the Wool Neighbourhood Plan. www.woolparishnp.com The closing date is 29th February.

This was duly noted and it was discussed that East Stoke residents utilise many of the facilities in both Wool and Wareham.

- c)** Election 2024 Toolkit Update - All Clerks Dorset Council Area. **The nomination form** is now held on their [Elections 2024 webpage](#)

Due to the election date it was agreed to defer May's Parish Council meeting by a

week. The forms will be completed either prior to or during the March meeting.

19. Correspondence Received

- a) A letter from Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR Pageant Master - for DAPTC Members. D-Day Commemorations Light a Beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June. **Noted.**
- b) Emergency Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Closure Of B3070, West Lulworth. This took place on Friday 5th January. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC E-News 5 January 2024. The deadline for the precept submission is 31st January. **Noted.**
- d) Citizens Advice EDP update and request. Donation request letter. **Noted.**
- e) Dorset Council's latest news - by-election results and more local news. Dorset Council Organisational Revenue Support Fund for Culture has awarded £486,000 to 28 organisations over the next three years. **Noted**
- f) DAPTC E-News 19 January 2024. There will be a Councillor Networking Event on 7th March at Kingston Maurward.
Cost per delegate £79.00.
- g) Dorset Council's latest news - Cost of living help, local news and more. The Holocaust Memorial Day will be on 27th January. **Noted**

20. Finance

- a) **The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Cady and either Cllr Quinn or Cllr Child to approve payments**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£275.97
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£78.42
London Hearts (Defibrillator)	£900.00

Holme for Gardens will install the defibrillator on the back wall by the old doors. They will make a feature and have milk churns placed near them.

- b) **To review and agree quotes for repairing the Parish Land Fence**

Two quotes have been received but one is not itemised so unsure what he is quoting for. The gatepost is rotten and there are 3 rotten posts but will be fine for the time being. It was discussed if it could be rented out for livestock however the problem is that it is bound by Victorian legislation. **Action:** It was agreed to defer it to the next meeting.

21. Items for information or next agenda

Nearby residents of Juniper Drive are concerned over the safety of gas tanks which are not completely buried and it was questioned if they have been commissioned. It was agreed that it is not a Parish Council matter and it should be forwarded to Dorset Council for them to inspect.

22. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

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

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

Chairman:

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