



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 6th JANUARY 2022 AT LONGTHORNS  
CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Graeme Langley
APOLOGIES	Cllr Keith Evans
IN ATTENDANCE	1 Member of the Public Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks Will Bond, Alaska Ltd Marlies Koutstaal, Infinergy Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **Public Participation Time**  
No comments were made.
2. **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Evans
3. **Granting of Dispensation**  
No applications for a dispensation had been made.
4. **Declarations of Interest**  
None
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 2nd December 2021**  
It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2021 were approved as a true account.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**  
There were no matters arising

Due to the attendance of Mr Bond and Ms Koutstaal it was agreed to bring forward Item 13

13. **Possible expansion of the ESWCC Fund**
  - a) Mr Bond explained that the COP 26 held in Glasgow reiterated the importance of involving youth organisations therefore he will donate 100% of the Community Benefit to Dorset Scouts. The Parish Council were under the impression that the fund would benefit residents of East Stoke. The Chair explained at a Parish Council meeting a few years ago it was suggested by Alaska Ltd that a lump sum would be donated to the Village Hall Project.

- b) It was asked what the application process was as the Parish Council were not notified. It was confirmed by Mr Bond that there was no formal application form and the scheme was not advertised. However, organisations were welcomed to write in and the Scouts were successful. It was commented by various members of the Parish Council that they were surprised that the money was already agreed and also that it would go to a County organisation rather than a more local one. Alaska Ltd thought that the Parish Council would not be interested in receiving the money but Mr Bond apologised for the misunderstanding. The Chair explained that the Parish Council could not include comments about the fund in the planning process as it is not classed as a material consideration. It would have been a more equitable way to have an invitation to apply.
- c) It was discussed that the Village Hall or any other local organisation can apply for the proposed solar farm benefit money. Similar to the wind installation there is no formal process but people can email in. It was explained that a one off lump sum would be better than lots of individual grants awarded annually as it is more advantageous to long term strategic aims. The planned installation will produce more electricity therefore the donation amount will be larger,
- d) The wind farm will be operational by this Autumn. Infinergy will run a series of community engagements including newsletters and a webpage. There will be an Open Day where members of the public can visit the site.

#### 7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **P/FUL/2021/05286 - Woodlands Camping Site, Bindon Lane, BH20 6AS.** Replacement of existing seasonal tented campsite with 6 luxury holiday lodges.  
The Parish Council objects to this application due to the owners not complying with the enforcement case for planning violations. There are also concerns that the site has become overdeveloped especially as it is in an AONB.
- b) **P/HOU/2021/05167 - West Holme Farmhouse, West Holme, BH20 6AQ.** Proposed front and rear extensions. Internal reconfiguration works. Conversion of Integrated Garage to form habitable accommodation.  
No comments or objections
- c) **P/HOU/2021/05387 - Baylea Farm Cottage, Highwood, BH20 6AR.** Remove the roof and rear kitchen extension. Raise the new roof ridge by 1.5 m, and extend the rear to form a new kitchen extension. Erect a new timber framed garage on existing hardstanding.  
No comments or objections.
- d) **P/ADV/2021/05048 - Hethfelton House Access Road, BH20 6HS. 2x Advance Directional Signs - To be erected at site entrance.**  
No comments or objections.
- e) **P/FUL/2021/05599 - Kemps Country House, BH20 6AL. Sever land and erect 1 No 3 bed house.**  
The Parish Council objects to the application. The site has already become overdeveloped and this application will only increase the urbanisation of the street scene. It states that the area is connected to the main drainage which it is not. Previous works have planned to connect to the Middlefield system but investigations have shown that it does not have the capacity. There is evidence of Community

Infrastructure Levy avoidance on this site. The Parish Council are unclear as to why this piece of land will be severed from the rest of the development.

8. **Update on Previous Applications or planning information**  
6/2020/0058 - Land at East Stoke. Approved.
9. **Update from Dorset Council**
  - a) Dorset Council's intention is to now refocus on priorities such as strategy and planning as the past two years covid procedures have taken precedence. With the Council now being a larger player, it is now being listened to more by central government and has been given more grants. The Dorset Council part of the precept will increase by 2% and the levy on adult social care will be by 1%.
  - b) The Wareham Depot now has a new contact email address which was given out to the Parish Council. A press release was issued before Christmas on actions to resolve the issues with kerbside collections.
  - c) The "Bus Back Better" initiative aims to revitalise the bus network and to create transport hubs that will link up with cycling and walking routes. It has been shown that a more joined up system is required in rural areas. The Dorset fleet of vehicles tends to be older as they have been used in other parts of the country. Parish Councils will be invited to a briefing on Wednesday 19th January.
10. **Police issues to report or update on issues reported**
  - a) A diesel powered generator was stolen from a compound near the A352 it is uncertain whether this is linked to the man who was seen acting suspiciously. Cllr Quinn contacted the police and did not receive a response. He spoke to the Police and Crime Commissioner and suggested that it would be helpful to receive an acknowledgement that the information had been received.
  - b) A couple were seen walking around Hethfelton Wood carrying a beer can and on a different occasion along the A352 heading eastward towards East Stoke.
11. **Noticeboard for the Farrer Estate**
  - a) The noticeboard has not been finished due to the wet weather as the work needs to be done outside.
  - b) The top of the noticeboard at Highwood is damaged. It maybe possible to fix it by either using wood glue or attaching another piece of wood to it.
12. **Hethfelton Wood update**

The motorcycle event (Dorset Enduro) took place on Sunday 12th December. The area has been churned up and it hasn't recovered due to the recent rain.
13. **Possible expansion of ESWCC Fund.**

The Parish Council were not able to discuss funding during the planning process as it is not a planning consideration. It is uncertain whether the money has been signed off but it has been committed. **Action:** The Clerk will ask Matt Young from Grantscape for advice.
14. **Churchyard update**

Cllr Quinn had a site meeting with George Barnes at the Churchyard. The length is 20 metres and he would do it on a meterage basis now as it wouldn't damage the rootage. There is now a slight increase in the cost of the materials. **Action:** The Clerk will ask for a new quote and will then circulate an email to the Parish Council in order for it to be approved. If the cost is agreed the work will start on Monday 10th January.
15. **Bin Collections**

Discussed 2022/01/298/9/B
16. **Highways Issues**

a) **Update on issues reported**

It was commented that Highways did a good job in digging out the grips.

b) **Community Speed Indicator Device Programme**

i) The data from the traffic survey shows that the location near the Farrer Estate meets the criteria but it doesn't for the one near Middlefield. A resident asked if the device could be placed near Stokeford unfortunately it can't as a SID needs to be placed on a relatively straight stretch of road to allow the radar device to accurately judge the speed of approaching vehicles. It is strongly advised that the SID gets moved around as studies have shown that over a period of time, drivers become accustomed to the sign and their speed slowly increases.

ii) It was suggested that the Parish could share one with another village. Wool currently has one up and running and it was agreed to approach them to ask if it would be possible to share theirs. It was noted that volunteers need to be trained in installing/uninstalling the SID and various health and safety requirements. Another option would be to store the SID for half the time. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Wool Parish Council

c) **Other Issues**

No other issues were reported.

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

a) Purbeck Local Plan Further Proposed Main Modifications Consultation. They are consulting on limited Further Proposed Main Modifications around Policy V2 and I5, which are considered to be necessary to ensure that the plan is sound. Responses should be submitted by 11:45pm on 24th January 2022. **Noted.**

b) #LetsTalkLibraries. The consultation will be a conversation with communities, employees and partners, to better understand what they value and need from the service, now and in the future. Closes 7th January. **Noted.**

c) Annual Residents' Survey 2021. The residents' survey is important to help Dorset Council understand residents' priorities and experiences and will help them make improvements to council services. Closes 14th January. **Noted.**

d) Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) Consultation. A PSPO allows councils to impose restrictions on the use of specific areas. They intend to help ensure that the public can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. The proposals include six PSPOs which are set at town level and the remaining two PSPOs outline new restrictions on camping on beaches and measures to help prevent wildfires. This would prohibit the lighting of fires and other actions which could cause wildfire in specific areas. Closes 13th January. **Noted.** All of the consultations will be publicised via the Facebook page.

18. **Correspondence Received**

a) Full Fibre Broadband to Holmebridge and West Holme areas of East Stoke. This is now available in BH20 6AF, BH20 6AH & BH20 6AQ (although not all properties in those postcodes necessarily have access). **Noted.**

b) Household Support fund briefing. Dorset Council's programme of support for residents in need of financial help this winter is now up and running. Communication activities to support take up of various elements will begin on 7 December 2021. **Noted.**

- c) Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group - NDA Business Plan 2022-2025 - Consultation. The draft plan sets out key activities and expected progress for all 17 of the NDA's nuclear sites over the next three years. **Noted.**
- d) Temporary Traffic Management Order, various roads Bovington. The Notice comes into operation on 16 December 2021 at 06:00 and will remain in force for 5 days, however it is anticipated that the restriction will be in place until 20 December 2021 at 16:00. This Notice will enable an event organiser to install a clearway to facilitate their event. **Noted.**
- e) PTAG AGM Notes. They are looking for volunteers to be secretary and map maker. **Noted.**
- f) 2022/23 Precept Request. The Tax Base for East Stoke has decreased by 1.5%. **Noted.**
- g) DAPTC E-News 10th December 2021. The temporary legislation for holding council meetings virtually has not been revisited and NALC is waiting for more guidance. **Noted.**
- h) Citizens Advice Grant Request from Citizens Advice East Dorset & Purbeck. This will be added to April's agenda.
- i) Stakeholder briefing - Vaccination programme. Dorset Health and Care system are working to offer the vaccination to everyone who is eligible for 31st December. **Noted.**
- j) News release: Purbeck collection disruption draft. Various actions are being undertaken to improve the service including increasing pay rates and assistance from the Crookhill team. **Noted.**
- k) Road salting and salt bins briefing note. The webpage shows when routes were last salted and when the next runs are planned Road gritting and salting in Dorset. **Noted.**

## 19. Finance

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

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£226.91
Dorset County Pension Fund	£65.88
T. Lee (Sept-Nov 21)	£802.50
Dorset Council (ATC Speed Surveys)	£510.00

No bank information was available for Wool British Legion therefore a cheque was issued and duly signed by Cllr Cady and Cllr Quinn.

	Cheque No	Amount
Donation to Royal British Legion	000803	£60.00

- b) **Receive the 3rd quarter bank reconciliation**

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were circulated via email prior to the meeting. The Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £38730.46 agreed with the reconciled bank balance of 9th December 2021.

- c) **Receive the 3rd quarter budget report**

The third quarter budget report was noted and £6923.40 has been spent in this financial year.

- d) **To agree the Budget for 2022/23 and to agree the Precept**

The draft budget was formally agreed and it was noted that the funds are very healthy but it does include ringfenced money for the village hall. It was acknowledged that if the precept is decreased it would be difficult to raise more in the future. The tax base for East Stoke has gone down by 1.53%. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Langley to keep the precept at £9000.

## 20. Items for information or next agenda

The tender document for the grounds maintenance contract will be circulated via email. It was suggested that it should include strimming around the new fence at the Churchyard. It will be formally agreed at next month's meeting and the Clerk will advertise it in February. The sealed tenders will be opened at the meeting in March.

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

The next meeting will be held in Longthorns Campsite on 2nd February.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00

Chairman:

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