



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023 AT LONGTHORNS
CAMPSITE

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| PRESENT | Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chair) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chair) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Barry Quinn |
| APOLOGIES | Cllr Graeme Langley Cllr Keith Evans |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Dorset Cllr 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 Langley and Cllr Keith Evans

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 2nd November 2023

The minutes from the 2nd November 2023 were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

The motocross event will now take place on Sunday 10th December.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

P/NOTP/2023/06412 - Manor Lane West Holme East Stoke Dorset BH20 6AQ. Post Box relocation from <https://what3words.com/rehearsal.named.says> to <https://what3words.com/times.unloading stylist>

The Parish Council has no comments or objections.

8. Update of Previous Applications or planning information

No updates were received.

9. Dorset Council Report

The Dorset Council news is circulated weekly to the Councillors.

a) The postbox at West Holme has been removed from the wall, but a replacement has not been installed yet.

b) There is a weather warning in place for this weekend. It has been requested that everyone should report any flooding to the Highways Portal, instead of directly to the Highways Officers.

c) Highwood has been experiencing issues with flooding, and it was initially believed to be caused by blocked culverts. However, upon further investigation, it was found that a footbridge at Highwood Ferris, which consists of three pipes, has become blocked. A Highways Surveyor will assess the structure to determine what work needs to be done. There have been discussions with the landowners to dig out the ditches. It was commented upon that maintenance is also required in Chicks Hill as it is bad along Bindon/Holme Lanes.

d) There has also been flooding across the Church Lane causeway.

10. Police Issues to report or update on issues reported

a) The Clerk has sent in a request to the Events section of the Dorset Police Website for a PCSO to visit the Parish Council. So far there hasn't been a response. It was suggested to email either 101 or Cllr Quinn could raise it with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

b) There was a lot of police activity around Holmebridge as Thames Valley Police traced stolen bikes to that area but none were found.

- c) It was also commented on that valuable police time was spent near Hethfelton by a unit using a drone to find a rare bird that had gotten into difficulties.

11. Hethfelton

- a) A reminder was received from the Wareham Beat Officer of the motocross event that will be taking place this weekend.
- b) Harvesting may start in mid January however there are no firm dates as yet as it may all depend on the powerline company providing staff during operations around the lines. Once dates are set, they will place warning signs in the car parking areas.

12. Maintenance of noticeboards - Wareham Mens Shed

The noticeboard by Middlefield has been taken down and is currently being worked on. The other noticeboards will be done at a later date. Diggers have been taking up all the paths that Aster is responsible for and are re-tarmac them. Additionally, Aster is also installing a retaining wall and safety rails in front of numbers 12-15 on the raised path.

13. Defibrillator Grant Application

The Village Hall Committee has received a grant of £750 from the East Stoke and Wool Community Chest, which will be matched with funds from the DHSC Community AED. **Action:** The Clerk to raise an invoice for the Village Hall Committee in order to transfer the funds. Once the transfer has been made, the defibrillator can be ordered.

14. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

There have been numerous roadworks at Worgret Hill due to the new supply for the renewable energy farm.

b) Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator Device is working well and will be moved in the New Year. Dorset Cllr Brooks asked if it can be reset as it only says "Thank You" when travelling at 40 and doesn't say it when at 39.

c) Other issues

The MOD is liaising with the Planning Department regarding the road width at the proposed Farrer Estate crossing onto the SANG. According to the company's Town Planning Consultant, the MOD has said there is sufficient space.

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

- a) Purbeck Local Plan supplementary proposed main modifications consultation 10 November to 22 December 2023. This includes novel revisions presented in Supplementary Proposed Main. **Noted.**
Modifications as part of Consolidated Proposed Main Modifications and update on housing needs www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plpmainmods .
- b) Childcare Survey for Dorset Families. Survey to find out from parents and carers what your experiences and needs are in relation to childcare for children and young people 0-14 years (18 for children with(SEND)).<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/early-years/provision23/>. Closing date 8/12/23. **Noted.**
- c) Better Days - Day Opportunities Survey. Tell us your experiences of day opportunities both now and what you might want to see in the future.
<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/adults/better-days/> closing date 8/12/23. **Noted.**

It was agreed to publicise all future the public consultations on social media.

16. Correspondence Received

- a) Storm Ciarán - Reporting Flooding. Please report online using the Flood Online Reporting Tool. **Noted.**
- b) Open Licence Applications. The Salt Pig at Holme, West Holme, Wareham - any representations must be received by 18 November 2023. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC Annual General Meeting Saturday 18 November 2023 10am. The documents from the AGM have now been published onto the DAPTC website. **Noted.**
- d) 2023 Pay Agreement for Local Government Services (Green Book/NJC). SCP Level 7 has been increased by £1 an hour. **Noted.**
- e) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure Holme Lane, East Stoke. It will come into operation between 08:30 until 16:30 on 21st Nov and remain in force for five days, however, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 21st Nov. **Noted.**
- f) Remembrance 2023 - Notification from Dorset Police Issued 1 Nov 2023. Security advice

- from Dorset Police. **Noted.**
- g) Temporary Overnight Closure Of C6, Bere Regis. It will come into operation between 20:00 and 06:00 on 16th Nov and it is anticipated to finish on 30th Nov. **Noted.**
 - h) Winter health and care marketplace events - Blandford 28 November, Poole 7 December. People living and working in Dorset are invited to attend upcoming marketplace style events to find out more about their local health and care services. <https://nhsdorset.nhs.uk/marketplace2023/>. **Noted.**
 - i) Camp Bestival Lulworth Castle - Debrief Meeting. This meeting took place on 23rd November. **Action:** The Clerk to request the minutes to find out the resolution regarding the traffic problems.
 - j) Proposed Temporary Closure of Holme Lane between 09:30 to 15:30 from 9th January until 10th January. **Noted.**
 - k) Purbeck Area Committee 1 November 2023 7pm - Meeting Outputs. The next scheduled meeting for Purbeck Area Committee is Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 7pm via Zoom. **Noted.**
 - l) Parishes & Towns of Culture | Dorset Council Area Meeting Tue 28 Nov 11:30am. The idea for this project is based on the national scheme 'City of Culture'. **Noted.**
 - m) Confirmation of DAPTC Subscription Charges for 2024-2025. The subscriptions will rise by 4.80% **Noted.**
 - n) Breaking News....Grants & Funding Update from Dorset Council. The grants, which are managed by Dorset Council, welcomes applications for projects and events for community, arts, accredited museums, heritage, sport, youth, play and physical activity in the Dorset Council area. Closing date 8th January. **Noted.**
 - o) Dorset's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty - rebranded to National Landscapes. **Noted.**
 - p) Free Working Together Webinars - 4 new sessions in November. This includes a webinar on 30th November: Topic Analogue (landline) switch off from Summer 2024. **Noted.**
 - q) Precept Increase/Decrease Calculator. A pre-populated with the tax base data spreadsheet will be available from early December. **Noted.**
 - r) Applications now open for South Western Railway's successful Customer and Community Improvement Fund (CCIF). CCIF webpage. Applications can be submitted until the end of Sunday 31 December 2023. **Noted.**
 - s) News release: Round 4 of the Household Support Fund reopens for applications. If you're facing challenges, this initiative offers supermarket vouchers to help with essentials. The fund is available from 10am on 5th Dec. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund>
This was closed after 23 minutes as the money ran out due to the very high demand.

17. 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 |
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| Miss E Maidment Salary (including back pay from April 23) | £424.06 |
| Dorset Council Pension Fund | £118.12 |
| HMRC Cumbernauld (E Maidment Tax) | £2.60 |
| T. Lee Landscaping | £942.50 |
| Royal British Legion | £120.00 |

18. Items for information or next agenda

The following Councillors will do the Hawkins Trust deliveries:

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| Cllr Quinn | Rushton |
| Cllr Wiltshire | Stokeford/Hethfelton |
| Mr Cross | Church Lane/Highwood |
| Cllr Cady | Middlefield |
| Cllr K Evans | Farrer |
| Cllr C Evans | Holme |

19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on 4th January 2024. Due to the Clerk being away Cllr Quinn will put the agendas on the noticeboards on 29th December.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:45

Chairman:

Date.....