



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT
LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Keith Evans
APOLOGIES	Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Graeme Langley Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson
IN ATTENDANCE	3 Members of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **To Co-opt Fenella Lewin onto the Parish Council**
Fenella Lewin was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council and duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.
2. **Public participation period** for 15 minutes
Two residents asked if it is possible to have a pavement to Wareham and also one to Wool. It was explained that the Parish Council does not have the authority or the budget to do this but it can be questioned at County level. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Dorset Cllr Wilson.
3. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Neill Child, Cllr Barry Quinn, Cllr Graeme Langley and Dorset Cllr Wilson.
4. **Granting of Dispensation**
No applications for a dispensation had been made.
5. **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were made.
6. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th August 2024**
The minutes from 8th August 2024 were duly signed.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising.
8. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
 - a) **P/HOU/2024/04355** - Holme Birch, Holme Lane, BH20 6AP. Erect a two storey extension with rear balcony.
The Parish Council does not have any objections to this application however the tree order was a concern.
 - b) **P/STA/2024/04743** - Turnerspudde Heath SSSI. Proposal: Replacement poles.
No comments or objections.
 - c) **P/STA/2024/04490** - Stokeford Heath SSSI. Proposal: Replacement poles. **No comments or objections.**
9. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
P/HOU/2024/02718 - Rushton Crossing Cottage, Rushton Lane, BH20 6AL. **Granted. Noted.**

10. Dorset Council Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) The Cabinet and the Full Council did not meet in August.
- b) The Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company has submitted a new application to the Secretary of State dated July 2024 to increase the Sandbanks Ferry toll charges. As part of the application, they are looking to reintroduce a road toll for the use of Ferry Road by non-ferry motor vehicle users. The toll will not apply to pedestrians and cyclists or to vehicles using the ferry on the same day. The Council held a stakeholder group meeting on Friday 30th August, and a public meeting on 4th September. Dorset Council has also requested an extension of the current deadline for comments, which is currently 12th September.
- c) The "Big Conversation" public engagement event took place on Saturday 31st August at Wareham Quay. The event was attended by Councillors and senior Dorset Council Officers. Another event is scheduled for 12th September at Dorchester's United Church from 5pm to 7pm. The event covered critical priorities such as Communities for All, Responding to the Climate Crisis, Providing high-quality housing, and Growing the local economy.
- d) The next Dorset Council Cabinet meeting will be on Tuesday 10th September.
- e) Confirmation has been received that the Kemps House development will be subject to a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charge.

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

None.

12. Hethfelton

None.

13. Farrer Estate Noticeboard.

The Men's Shed has estimated that replacing the posts with oak ones would cost £30 to £40 each. This would also require postcrete and people to dig out the old posts. Cllr Cady proposed and Cllr Chris Evans seconded that the posts could be purchased for £40 each. The Clerk requested that the posts be slightly shorter as the noticeboard is quite high up.

Action: Councillor Keith Evans will measure other noticeboards in the village to determine the appropriate height. Once the length of the posts have been agreed the Clerk will notify the Mens Shed.

14. Middlefield/Aster issues

No further updates

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

After the recent heavy rains, it appears that there has not been any flooding by the Church however some water still accumulates by Kemps and Middlefield.

b) Highways Site Meeting

Councilor Quinn met with the local Highways Officer to discuss the trees along the A352 around Hethfelton/Stokeford. Church Lane has been surveyed between the A352 and the Highwood junction, and the potholes will be repaired. There is a possibility that it will be resurfaced in the coming months. There seems to be water coming from the old church grounds, possibly from a leaking pipe or soakaway. The owner has been contacted to investigate.

b) Speed Indicator Device

This is working well.

c) Other issues

No other issues to report.

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

None.

17. Correspondence Received

- a) Ferry Company Proposals. The Sandbanks Ferry Company would like to re-introduce the toll for using the road. **Noted.**
- b) Changes to Planning Scheme of Delegation. Major applications will automatically need to be referred to the planning committee if there is a representation from a Dorset Council Member or the Town/Parish Council

which is contrary to the officer recommendation. Changes to Planning Scheme

of Delegation. **Noted**

- c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure B3070, West Holme. WEST HOLME between Manor Lane and Holme Lane (in both directions), a distance of approximately 340 metres. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 4th September 2024. The road will remain closed between 09:30 until 15:30. **Noted.**
- d) DAPTC Purbeck Area Committee 21 Aug 2024. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th December 7pm / 8:30pm Hybrid/Sandford Community Hall. **Noted.**
- e) A Big Conversation - Town and Parish Council Event Registration. As part of the new administration for Dorset Council, they want to create a new Council Plan. This will set out their key priorities to be delivered by the council over the next five years. The next event will be in Dorchester's United Church on Thursday 12 September from 5 to 7pm. **Noted.**
- f) DAPTC E-News 23 August 2024. There is information on the Dorset Council website about the Children's Advice and Duty Service. **Noted.**
- g) Find out about Beryl Bikes, support after GCSEs and more.. This summer there has been a campaign to bring picnics not BBQs when visiting Dorset. **Noted.**
- h) Email sent to residents about the Common Land maintenance. **Noted.**

18. 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	£275.97
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£78.42

19. Items for information or next agenda

More pea gravel is needed for the War Memorial. Cllr Chris Evans proposed, and Cllr Keith Evans seconded, the purchase in time for Remembrance Sunday.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.50.

Chairman:

Date.....