



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2022 AT LONGTHORNS
CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Tessa Wiltshire Cllr Barry Quinn
APOLOGIES	Cllr Keith Evans Cllr Graeme Langley
IN ATTENDANCE	Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. **Public participation period for 15 minutes**
No members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Evans and Cllr Graeme Langley.
3. **Granting of Dispensation**
No applications for a dispensation had been made.
4. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Cady Item 7b.
5. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 4th August 2022**
The minutes from 4th August were duly signed.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
It was discussed if the venue for Parish Council meetings could be changed and to see if the River Laboratories are available.
7. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
 - a) P/FUL/2022/03311 - Fresh Water Biological Association River Laboratory, Church Lane, BH20 6BB. Change of use from Offices/Library in support of the Laboratory works to provide student accommodation for those working at the laboratory.
No comments or objections.
Cllr Cady left the meeting.
 - b) P/HOU/2022/04582 - 1 New Cottages, Binnegar, BH20 6AT. Erect a two storey rear extension and a double detached garage.
No comments or objections.
Cllr Cady returned to the meeting.
8. **Update on Previous Applications or planning information**
No updates.
9. **To receive report from the Dorset Council Councillor**
 - a) 2.7 million worth of funding has come through from the new Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) pilot scheme, which will increase the number of EV charge points in the Dorset Council area.

- b) Highways have been undertaking a road retexturing programme that helps to contribute to a reduction in emissions.
- c) Citizens Advice are managing the applications for Dorset Council pensioner-age residents. Supermarket vouchers will be issued to those who meet the eligibility criteria which are people of state pension age who live in Dorset and have savings of less than 10K.
- d) The Children's Directive is adding training in ways of best practice.
- e) Dorset Council has been awarded nearly £900,000 to oversee the project of bringing better connections to rural areas and Wessex Internet has secured the contract to deliver the fibre. Jurassic Fibre is also part of the bid and they aim to have full fibre in East Stoke within six months. The developers at the Farrer Estate did not apply to get connected. It is currently being investigated to see if a commercial agreement is possible for the Estate and it is envisaged that it would take a matter of months rather than years. Dorset Cllr Brooks will contact Cllr Keith Evans to give him more information.
- f) On Saturday 10th September Tour of Britain and the Jurassic Coast Macmillian Mighty Hike will both be going through East Stoke. The organisers have been liaising with each other to make sure that the timings do not clash. It was also noted that Ride and Stride for Churches and the South West Model Show at the Tank Museum will also be taking place on that Saturday. Ironman 70.3 Weymouth will be the following weekend.
- g) There will be a spare place for the Beating Retreat and it was suggested that Cllr Langley should go but if he is unavailable Cllr Wiltshire will take his place.

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

There was a minor RTC at Hethfelton Hollow a couple of weeks ago.

11. Churchyard Maintenance

- a) Cllr Quinn had a meeting with the new vicar. The area near the wall is not registered and it is the responsibility of the vicar to register it, he said that he will keep the Parish Council informed of the process. He would also like to attend one of our meetings and the Clerk will add him to the agenda distribution list. The vicar was also briefed on the maintenance of the fence and grass. It was noted that some of the graves have wooden crosses including a grave of a former Parish Councillor.
- b) The bases for the memorial benches are now in place and the wood will be cut to size on 4th September. Raymond Brown will kindly fund the interpretation boards with the quotes being obtained by Cllr Quinn. There will be a formal unveiling ceremony which will be publicised in the newsletter. It was suggested that Will Ward and Raymond Brown should be invited and to have it on Friday 11th November.

12. Highways Issues

- a) **Update on issues**
On 16th August two HGVs travelling in convey tried to go up Binnegar Lane causing a bough of a tree to break. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would email the company involved to formally complain about the two vehicles. There was another incident in July whereby the police had to close both ends of the lane and call out a specialist recovery team with chainsaws. The loading sign has now been taken down for cleaning. **Action:** The Clerk to email the company involved also to remind the skip company not to use the lane and to make sure the loads are suitably covered.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device.**

- c) Cllr Langley has moved it to the new location.
Tour of Britain
Discussed 2022-9-307/9f
- d) **Binnegar Lane**
Discussed 2022-9-20712/a
- e) **Remembrance Service Signs**
The costs have gone up slightly. It was unanimously agreed that the purchase should still go ahead.
- f) **Other Issues**
The potholes in Church Lane have all been filled apart from one.

13. Hethfelton Woods

A resident spotted a barbecue being lit at the entrance to Hethfelton Woods, they poured water around the area and it was extinguished by the time the fire brigade arrived. It was suggested that the fire warning sign needs to be in a more prominent position as it is currently located behind the barrier. Cllr Wiltshire will ask the Recreation Manager if it can be brought forward. It was acknowledged that people are being more proactive in reporting fires.

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

Dorset Council Bus Improvements Survey. The Bus Service Improvement Plan has launched a survey to seek further input from the public on their priorities for better bus services while understanding that funding is limited.
<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=165701546142> The closing date is 11th September. The Beryl Bikes located in Wool have been very popular with only a few not being returned properly. The survey will be publicised on the East Stoke Facebook page.

14. Correspondence Received

- a) Tour of Britain 2022 Information for Ward Councillors. The event will take place on Saturday 10th September and they are scheduled to cycle along Puddletown Road at 13.29. **Noted.**
- b) Dorset Council latest news - Camp Bestival, 5G RuralDorset Awards and more. The 5G team and partners have won seven national awards for breaking new ground in showing how emerging technology can make a real difference to people's lives. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC E-News 29 July 2022. The results of the snap poll have shown that the majority are in favour of holding an online DAPTC AGM. **Noted.**
- d) Confirm Report: Road works report - Purbeck. No works are scheduled for East Stoke. **Noted.**
- e) Working Together Webinar - Dorset Council #Let'sTalkLibraries Consultation Update. The recording is available to view [Dorset Council Libraries Consultation Update](#). **Noted.**
- f) Dorset Council latest news - Beryl Bikes, Free Activities this summer and more. Free swimming is available for under 16s in some of the county's leisure centres. **Noted.**
- g) Proposed temporary closure of Bindon Lane. Openreach is to close BINDON LANE from the junction with Highwood to outside Inglewood Farm (in both directions), a distance of approximately 480 metres. The closure has been requested to provide Openreach with a safe working area to undertake pole tests. These works are programmed to commence from 09:30, 12th Sept until 15:30, 12th Sept. **Noted.**
- h) Volunteer Celebration Evening 2022. The evening will take place in Dorchester on Thursday 22nd September, and people/organisations can be nominated via the following link [Nomination Form](#) **Noted.**
- i) Current Licence Application in Dorset. A weekly notification service has started to keep people informed about licensing applications that are open for consultation. **Noted.**

- j) PTAG input to NNR Tourism Plan. Purbeck Transport Action Group has been one of the organisations supporting the production of a Sustainable Tourism Plan for the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve. **Noted.**
- k) Planning Notifications to neighbours and Site Notices. Many Parish Councils are concerned about the changes to planning notifications therefore DAPTC are conducting a survey.
The Clerk has completed the survey on behalf of the Parish Council selecting the preference to reintroduce both letters to neighbours and Dorset Council erecting site notices. The new system involves applicants printing off the notices and sending photographs of the displayed notices to the planning department. It was discussed if the new policy that was initially introduced during covid is due to costs and lack of manpower.
- l) SAAA 2022 Opt-out Communication. DAPTC advice is to continue to stay with the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments and to not opt out. **Noted.**
- m) Temporary closure of Holme Lane, East Stoke for the Jurassic Coast Macmillan Mighty Hike. Saturday 10th September. **Noted.**
- n) Invitation to attend Beating Retreat on Thursday 15th September at 5:30pm. **Noted.**

16. Finance

The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Quinn and Cllr Cady to approve the payments.

	Amount
E Maidment Salary	£231.04
Dorset County Pension Fund	£67.24
Re-imburse E Maidment for printer	£49.99
Water 2 Business (Standpipe in Churchyard)	£15.60
Re-imburse R Cady for oil	£11.68

16. Items for information or next agenda

- a) It was asked via email by Cllr Langley if he could attend meetings remotely. Unfortunately due to regulations, it states that Councillors have to meet face to face in a public place. It was agreed to continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month and it was acknowledged that Cllr Langley would not be able to attend many meetings.
- b) Cllr Quinn will meet the new Chair of the Wool British Legion to discuss Remembrance Sunday arrangements and information about the day will be published in the newsletter.

17. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on 6th October 2022.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:53

Chairman:

Date.....