



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST  
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST 2023 AT LONGTHORNS  
CAMPSITE

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

- 1. Public participation period** for 15 minutes  
A member of the Public asked if there are any grants available for flood prevention. Dorset Cllr Brooks is unaware of any for private properties however there is the Capital Leverage Fund but only community and cultural organisations are eligible.
- 2. Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Evans and Cllr Graeme Langley.
- 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 4th May and 6th July 2023**  
The minutes from the 4th May and 6th July 2023 were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 6. Matters arising from the minutes**  
The Boundary Commission had accepted the counter proposals for South Dorset Constituency in their final report which has now been laid before the House. The effect of this is that the following Dorset Council Wards are affected:
  - Upwey & Broadwey Ward remain in South Dorset.
  - Chickerell Ward moves into South Dorset from West Dorset
  - Bere Regis and Bloxworth Parishes remain in Mid Dorset and North Poole (the West Purbeck Ward is split between South Dorset and Mid Dorset and North Poole)
  - Arne Parish (largely Stoborough) moves into Mid Dorset and North Poole ( Arne Parish is already part of the Wareham Ward which is in Mid Dorset and North Poole.
- 7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**  
P/TRD/2023/03554 - Holme Birch Holme Lane, BH20 6AP. Small dead pine - Fell.Tree Works - Reg 14 - Does not require consent. **Noted.**
- 8. Update of Previous Applications or planning information**  
P/HOU/2023/01942 - Orchard Cottage Highwood. Erect rear single storey extension with roof lantern & windows. Erect front balcony and projecting bay window. Replace 2 no. curved bay windows with French doors on side elevation. **Granted. Noted.**
- 9. Dorset Council Report**
  - i) Recent fire safety checks on board the Bibby Stockholm have raised serious concerns. It is therefore still undergoing final preparations to ensure it complies with all appropriate regulations before the arrival of the first asylum seekers.

- ii) Various country parks and nature sites in Dorset have been awarded the Green Flag Award, including Durlston and Thorncombe Woods.
  - iii) A publicity campaign is underway to encourage more residents to host Ukrainians. So far, more than 400 households in Dorset have sponsored refugees as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, but more is needed.
  - iv) The Council's Children's Services received a visit from Ofsted inspectors in May this year to look at the arrangements in place for 16 and 17 year old care leavers. A positive letter was received from the Inspectors highlighting 'strong and effective support'.
  - v) The Dorset Council Housing Strategy Consultation was launched on 24th July. It gives residents the opportunity to express their views on the council's approach to housing over the next five years.
  - vi) A Better Life and Better Ageing Strategy has been launched. One of the aims is for Dorset Council to work with health partners to support people to stay well at home.
- 10. Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**  
No report
- 11. Hethfelton**  
Cllr Wiltshire has contacted the Forestry Commission's Beat Manager for Purbeck who responded by emailing their five year working plan for Hethfelton. It is foreseen that the harvesting operations will be conducted in brief spells. It was commented upon that previously the car parking was blocked off for a long time as there was a delay in the timber being purchased.
- 12. Maintenance of noticeboards - Wareham Mens Shed**  
The Men's Shed has said that oak and teak have been used in the past but they suggested cedar as its natural oils act as a preservative which may work out to be cheaper. It was agreed to use cedar and to ask for overall costings.
- 13. Village Hall Update**  
The main aim of the AGM was to sort out the committee and trustees in order to update the Charity Commission website and accounts. A new member has been recruited onto the committee. A working session will be scheduled for Wednesday 20th September which includes the opportunity for members of the public to attend, ask questions and see the proposed footprint of the hall. East Burton Village Hall was suggested as a venue but this is to be confirmed.

#### **Highways Issues**

- a) Update on issues**
  - i) The leakage near Kemps has appeared to have stopped.
  - ii) The gullies in Binnegar Lane between the A352 and the cottages were cleared on 3rd August.
- b) Speed Indicator Device**  
The Camp Bestival sign which was put up on the SID pole was reported several times to the Camp Bestival Dorset Community Officer by Cllr Quinn who requested it to be moved to a different location. This was never resolved and It was finally removed by the Dorset Council Road Safety Manager, who was told about the issue by the Parish Clerk. Luckily, there were no problems with the egress however it will be brought up at the debrief.
- c) Camp Bestival**  
Extremely long tailbacks occurred on Thursday 27th July caused by a caravan breaking down at one of the entrances. It was commented that there were no mitigation procedures in place for incidents like this. Unlike previous years, there were no marshalls at the West Holme junction or at the level crossing. All of these issues need to be addressed at the wash-up meeting.
- d) Other issues**  
None.

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

- a) Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.** This survey is aimed at those working within or with voluntary and community sector organisations, including people who volunteer. Please complete this [online survey](#) by 16th August 2023. **Noted.**
- b) SWR Consultation.** A public consultation has been launched on potential changes to update stations. This included proposing changes to the way tickets are sold and customer service is provided. The consultation closed on 26th July.  
The consultation deadline has now been extended until 1st September. It was

discussed that the stations need to be manned particularly as the ticket machine is difficult to operate. Cllr Wiltshire will complete the survey.

- c) Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Consultation. This survey is aimed at those working within or with voluntary and community sector organisations, including people who volunteer. Please complete this survey by 16th August.

<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/consultation-and-engagement/vcs-strategy/>

## 15. Correspondence Received

- a) Dorset Council's latest news - Cost of Living help, local news and more. Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) will reopen for applications at 10am on Tuesday 4 July 2023 for low-income households in the Dorset Council area. **Noted.**
- b) Information about the Home Office barge. The information has been developed by members of the Multi-Agency Forum Communications Subgroup which includes representation from the Home Office, Portland Port, Dorset Council, Dorset Police and NHS Dorset. **Noted.**
- c) Camp Bestival Lulworth Castle - Resident's Information - East Stoke. The resident's hotline for any matters of concern is 0203 475 0701. **Noted.**
- d) Confirm Report: Road works. report - Purbeck.
- i) Holme Lane Level Crossing. Traffic Control (two way signals). 18th-21st July.
- ii) S/O Solar Farm to S/O carriage drive, A352 Helthfelton House. BT renew frame and cover. Traffic Control (two way signals) 17-18th July. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC E-News 7 July 2023. The Local Government Association Annual Conference occurred in Bournemouth from 4th to 6th July. **Noted.**
- f) Ministry of Defence Event. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) will conduct an event at Lulworth Camp on July 13 and 14th of July, 2023. **Noted.**
- g) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Holme Lane, East Stoke. The road will be closed on 7th September between the hours of 09:30 to 15:30. **Noted.**
- h) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Traffic Management Order various roads, Purbeck ara Camp Bestival 2023. It will be in operation from 00.01 hrs on Monday 24 July 2023 till 23.59 hrs on Monday 31 July 2023, a period of 7 days. **Noted.**
- i) DAPTC E-News 14 July 2023. Weymouth Beach was named the overall winner in the Times Best UK Beaches 2023. **Noted.**
- j) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. Scheme helping vulnerable and disadvantaged families in Dorset marks its 10th year. **Noted.**
- k) Leader's bulletin 13 July 2023. Information on the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 13 July. **Noted.**
- l) Proposed Temporary Closure of Binnegar Lane. These works will be on 26th September from 09:30 to 15:30. **Noted.**
- m) Proposed Overnight Temporary Closure, A352 - Wool Level Crossing. These works are programmed to take place overnight, between 19:00hrs and 23:30hrs on 19th September 2023. **Noted.**
- n) DAPTC E-News 21 July 2023. The Chair of West Lulworth will be joining the Smaller Councils Committee. **Noted.**
- o) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. The Bibby Stockholm has arrived at Portland Port. **Noted.**
- p) Urgent Overnight Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Church Lane, It will come into operation at 21:00 on 1st August 2023 and remain in force for five days, however, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 07:00 on 2nd August 2023. **Noted.**

## 16. 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     | £252.78 |
| Dorset County Pension Fund | £73.56  |
- c) **To review and sign the Parish Council's Standing Orders.**  
The Financial Regulations and the Standing Orders were reviewed and signed by the Chair.
- d) **To note the internal audit and comments**

- i) It was agreed to write off the unbanked cheque. In November when another donation will be made it will be asked if the charity would like a cheque or for the money to be donated to the national website.
- ii) The Parish Council now minutes the following:-  
Water2Business £16.64 Paid in March 2023  
The Exemption Certificate for 2021/22 and 2022/23
- iii) The Clerk will contact HMRC to resolve the overpayment.
- e) To note the First Quarter Bank Reconciliation  
The Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance of £35,082.94 agreed with the reconciled bank balance of 30th June 2023.
- f) To note the First Quarter Budget Report  
The first quarter budget report was noted and £3685.23 has been spent in this financial year which included £1141.20 for the S.I.D. poles. Due to interest rates increasing it was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Child to transfer £20,000 from the Treasurer's Account to the Business Instant account. This process will be done via the online banking.

**17. Items for information or next agenda**

Cllr Quinn sends his apologies for the next meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held at Longthorns Campsite on 7th September 2023.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:46

Chairman:

Date.....