



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST
STOKE HELD ON THURSDAY 4th APRIL AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

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

1. **Public participation period for 15 minutes**
There were no members of the public in attendance.
2. **Apologies**
No apologies were received.
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 7th March 2024**
The minutes from the 7th March 2024 were duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising.
7. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
 - a) **P/STA/2024/0079 - Land off Tout Hill Section 37 notice - to replace two wooden electricity poles.**
No comments or objections
 - b) **P/CLP/2024/00928 - Broadhouse Bindon Lane, BH20 6AS. Proposed caravan as a residential unit**
No comments or objections.
8. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
No updates
9. **Dorset Council Report**
No updates
10. **Police Issues to report or update on issues reported**
No updates
11. **Nomination Papers for the Parish Council**
The Clerk handed in the nomination papers to Westport House. The Parish Councillors all received a form from the Electoral Commission for expenses. All forms, even nil returns have to be submitted. The Declaration of Acceptance forms will be signed on Friday 10th May 5-6:30. For those Parish Councillors who are unavailable, they will arrange another time with the Clerk.
12. **Hethfelton**
The timber harvesting process has been completed, and the logs are now waiting to be collected. It was agreed that Cllr Langley will act as the point of contact for any Hethfelton related issues and will liaise with the Wareham Beat Officer. The "For Sale" sign that was placed on the field has now been removed, and it's unclear whether the land is still on the market. The concrete near the gate was actually placed there by the farmer to prevent any unauthorised vehicular access.
13. **Aster Housing**
The Aster Neighbourhood Officer has been contacted and she has stated that the trees are on the Council land. Dorset Cllr Brooks will liaise with the Dorset Council legal services to obtain a definitive view on the land transfer.

- 14. Maintenance of noticeboards - Wareham Mens Shed**
The Wareham Mens Shed has been served a three month eviction notice by Care Dorset. It was suggested that the matter should be raised by Dorset Cllr Brooks and for the Parish Council to write a letter. The Highwood and Holme noticeboards are currently being worked on. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Dorset Cllr Brooks.
- 15. Grounds maintenance tender.**
Tenders were received from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, T. Lee Landscaping, Woody's Clearance and Leo O'Connell Services. The quotes ranged from £13700 per annum to £3770. It was proposed by Cllr Child and seconded by Cllr Quinn to use T Lee Landscaping as it was the cheapest and over the years his work has been of a high standard. **Action:** The Clerk to notify the contractors and arrange for Tim Lee to sign the contract.
- 16. Installation of the defibrillator outside Holme for Gardens**
The defibrillator has been installed free of charge by Purbeck Electrical. The door code has been forwarded to the Councillors and it will be emailed to Holme for Gardens. The defibrillator has been registered to the Circuit website whose database is used by the emergency services.
- 17. Flooding and Mains Sewer Proposal for East Stoke**
- i) A resident has suggested that the village pound should become a pond to alleviate the flooding. It was discussed that the horse pond on the northern side is scheduled to be dug out along with the field to the south; however this cannot be done until the lambing season is over. The ditch on the northern side needs to be deeper as it is quite shallow at the moment. Network Rail have agreed to clear the blocked culvert. The Highways Team were working on the southern side gulleys on 3rd April.
 - ii) Four positive responses were received for the Mains Sewer Consultation, with none against the proposal. It was noted that the responses were from 4 different areas of the Parish. The Farrer Estate has its own treatment works however it was suggested that the consultation and newsletter should be sent to Westcoast.
 - iii) The flooding issue at Highwood has eased although it was noted that the road surface is now breaking up.
- 18. Highways Issues**
- a) **Update on issues**
The potholes that were reported have been repaired. The ones in Church Lane between the A352 and the level crossing have been reported along with the road disintegrating by the bridges.
 - b) **Speed Indicator Device**
The Speed Indicator Device is working well and will be moved week commencing 8th May.
 - c) **Other issues**
None
- 19. Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration**
Dorset Council Call for Sites - Dorset Council are interested in receiving submissions for sites that may have the potential for new homes (including for the settled and Traveller communities), employment land, mitigation for habitat sites, renewable or low carbon energy. Closes 1st June. **Noted.**
- 21. Correspondence Received**
- a) DAPTC E-News 1st March 2024. Information on the May Elections. **Noted**
 - b) Nomination Forms - 2 May Election | Update. How to request a copy of the Electoral Register. **Noted**
 - c) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. Round 4 of the Household Support Fund has now closed. **Noted**
 - d) Election 2024 Toolkit Update - All Clerks Dorset Council Area. The nomination form is now held on the DAPTC Elections 2024 webpage. **Noted**
 - e) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Traffic Management Notice, Temporary Closure Of B3070, West Holme. It will come into operation on 25th March 2024 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 27th March. It was commented upon that some people ignored the road closure signs.
 - f) Upcoming Training & Events in March at a Glance. Various Councillor online councillor development courses can be found on the DAPTC website. **Noted**
 - g) Briefing note for Councillors - Families First for Children Pathfinder. The Families First for Children Pathfinder is a national programme to test some of the most significant

reforms to the Stable Homes Built on Love strategy. **Noted**

- h) Purbeck Local Plan. The new local plan is adopted the existing Purbeck local plan will be in place. **Noted**
- i) DAPTC E News - 15th March. The deadline for all nomination forms to be submitted is 4pm on 5 April. **Noted.**
- j) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. Extra funding for road maintenance has been reallocated from the HS2 government funding. **Noted.**
- k) Proposed Temporary Closure Of Church Lane, East Stoke. The closure has been requested to provide Openreach engineers with safe access to their underground infrastructure to provide a customer with service. These works are programmed to commence between 09:30 and 15:30 on 2nd May 2024 until 3rd May 2024. **Noted.**
- l) DAPTC E-News 22 March 2024. Details of the external audit will be emailed to clerks at the end of the month. **Noted.**
- m) Proposed temporary closure B3070, West Lulworth. The closure has been requested to provide Openreach with safe access for engineers to work in the Underground structure to provide new customer service. These works are programmed to commence overnight from 21:00 until 07:00 between 13th May 2024 until 14th May. **Noted.**

22. 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 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Miss E Maidment Salary | £275.97 |
| Dorset Council Pension Fund | £78.42 |
| Re-imburse E Maidment for newsletters | £68.00 |
| T Lee Landscaping | £942.50 |

- b) **To review and approve 2024 Risk Assessment**

This was agreed and duly signed by the Chair

- c) **To review and approve the Fixed Asset Register**

It was brought up that amounts needed to be re-examined due to the lifespan of certain products. The Fixed Asset Register will be considered a working document and will be reviewed again throughout the year. The Chairperson then proceeded to sign the register.

Action: To be discussed at the next meeting and the Clerk to find out about the lifespan of the SID.

23. Items for information or next agenda

- a) Cllr Cady thanked the Councillors for delivering the newsletters and the Easter Eggs.
- b) It was asked if there have been any updates regarding the village hall. There hasn't been as it is all linked with the SANG.
- c) The fence posts along the grass path are rotten. The farmer will be notified.

24. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

Due to the election on 2nd May the meeting has been postponed for two weeks. The meeting will consist of both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Dorset Councillor will be invited along for a Question and Answer session. Refreshments will be provided. It will be held at Longthorns Campsite on 16th May. Parish Councillors need to sign their Declaration of Acceptance in the presence of the Clerk by Friday 10th May. There will be an informal meeting to sign these on Friday 10th May between 5 to 6:30pm. Cllr Child will be away on this day and will sign his form beforehand.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:25

Chairman:

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