



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

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman) Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chairman) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Graeme Langley
APOLOGIES	Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Keith Evans Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson
IN ATTENDANCE	1 Member of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

**1. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2024/25**

- a) To elect a Vice-Chairman for the coming year  
Cllr Neill Child was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Chris Evans
- b) To receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.  
Cllr Child duly signed his Declaration Acceptance of Office Form.

**2. Public participation period for 15 minutes**

**3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Barry Quinn and Cllr Keith Evans. Dorset Cllr Wilson was delayed due to train disruptions.

**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 16th May 2024**

The minutes from 16th May 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/2024/02429 - Willowbank, Bindon Lane, BH20 6AS. Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of replacement outbuilding.**  
The Parish Council does not support this application as the site is already overdeveloped and it is situated in the AONB.

**9. Update of Previous Applications or planning information**

No updates

**10. Dorset Council Report**

The following report was sent by Cllr Wilson

- Flooding Concerns: This matter has been brought to the attention of DC Flood Management Team. A call has been arranged for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Wilson will update further.
- Road Damage: This matter has been followed up with DC Highways with the following response: *I raised a works order on the 20th February 2024 for this location. Works order 14244954. The team was unable to complete this due to the nature of the defect and I have requested for D.C Assets Team to investigate to see if a larger*

*scheme can be available. I have sent a further email today to chase up for you.*

- Tree Ownership and Inspection: This matter has been brought to the attention of DC Highways. Further information is required to ascertain ownership of the trees in question. Cllr Wilson to inspect on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Dorset Council**  
The first meeting of the new full Dorset Council took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The agenda focused on the election of leadership positions, including the Cabinet (listed below) and committee Chairs. The first public meeting of the confirmed Cabinet takes place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The agenda includes a proposal to maintain the £2m cost of living support fund to continue the targeted programme of support activities (includes food vouchers and debt support).

### **Cabinet Members and Portfolios 2024/25**

Nick Ireland Leader / Governance, Performance and Communications, Environment, Climate Change and Safeguarding

Richard Biggs Deputy Leader, Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up

Simon Clifford Finance & Capital Strategy

Ryan Holloway Corporate Development, Transformation, Digital & Change

Jon Andrews Place Commissioned Services

Clare Sutton Children's Services, Education & Skills

Steve Robinson Adult Social Care

Gill Taylor Public health, Environmental Health, Housing, Community Safety and Regulatory Service.

Shane Bartlett Planning and Emergency Planning

Ryan Hope Customer, Culture and Community Engagement

- Camp Bestival Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July (see attached)
- Langton Matravers 20mph zone projected to come into force in July 2024.

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

There have been multiple instances of motorcyclists speeding along A352 during the evenings. **Action:** The Clerk to request the police speed van.

#### **12. Hethfelton**

The entrance has now reopened, and matting has been placed in the parking area. It was asked when it will be graded back up because it is difficult to walk along the tracks. The woods are still quite wet, and the water is slowly trickling away past the Hethfelton properties.

#### **13. Middlefield/Aster issues**

Dorset Cllr Wilson will visit the site on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **14. Maintenance of noticeboards - Wareham Mens Shed**

The Holmebridge noticeboard has been removed and it is currently being worked on.

#### **15. Highways Issues**

##### **a) Update on issues**

The water near Kemps is from a septic tank soakaway. The developer will be contacted as it has not been adopted by Wessex Water. It was commented upon that the field near the railway line is very wet and it never used to be.

**Action:** The clerk to contact Highways for additional information and inquire about the availability of diagrams or maps to determine the drainage locations.

##### **b) Speed Indicator Device**

This is working well.

##### **c) Other issues**

i) The Clerk reported numerous potholes along Church Lane.

ii) On the A352 at the bend the ditches need to be dug out before the Winter.

**Action:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

iii) The verges along the A352 have been cut back.

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

Dorset Council Contaminated Land Strategy 2024. As a unitary council, they are now updating precursor councils' strategies and unifying them into a single Dorset

**17. Correspondence Received**

- a) Councillor Expenses and Election Costs. Following the announcement from No. 10 and the General Election on 4 July – the elections team have advised that invoices for the election will now get processed in September. **Noted.**
- b) DAPTC E-News 17 May 2024. Councillors are encouraged to sign up for the E-News. **Noted.**
- c) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. Cllr Nick Ireland has been appointed as Leader of Dorset Council, with Cllr Richard Biggs as Deputy Leader. **Noted.**
- d) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Closure Of Various Roads, Wool & East Stoke. This Order will enable Dorset Council to carry out carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works. This will come into operation on 12th June and is expected to finish by 26th June. The effect area in East Stoke will be Bindon Lane Bindon Lane from the junction with Highwood to outside Long Coppice. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC E-News 24 May 2024. The pre-election period starts on Saturday 25 May 2024 at 00.01hrs. Guidance from the Local Government Association can be found here: Pre-Election Period Restrictions. **Noted.**
- f) Noise complaint from a resident. **Action:** The Clerk to write to owner of the property involved.
- g) Dorset Council's latest news - local news and more. Free NHS Health check for 40 - 74 year olds. **Noted.**

**18. Finance**

- a) **The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Cady and Cllr Child to approve the payments.**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£275.97
Dorset County Pension Fund	£78.42

- b) To consider and approve Fixed Asset Register.  
The fisherman's bench is on private land so will not be included. **Action:** Cllr Child will take photos of the other benches and the Clerk will obtain rough replacement quotes.
- c) To consider grant requests form the Purbeck Film Festival and Citizens Advice.  
It was agreed that £60 would be donated to each organisation.  
Cllr Cady and Cllr Child will authorise the bank transfers.

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

The damaged fence by the Parish Land entrance has been repaired, and the invoice will be added to next month's agenda along with a reimbursement for Cllr Cady for the War Memorial plants.

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

Due to the election, the next meeting will be postponed until 11th July.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.37

Chairman:

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