

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.00 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Jenny Manuel
Jenny Strowbridge
Annie Lovelass

In attendance: Unitary Cllr Laura Miller
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

21/22/049 Public Participation Period

No members of the public were in attendance

21/22/050 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld, Cllr Jesty and Cllr Hauteville Bell

21/22/051 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

21/22/052 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 21st September 2021

A change was made 21/22/040/a from Glebe to Grey. It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 were an accurate record of that meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

21/22/053 Unitary Councillor Report

- i) The monthly update has been circulated via email.
- ii) A cabinet reshuffle has taken place which came into effect on Monday 18th October. Cllr Laura Miller has moved from Adult Social Care and Health to Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, which includes bin collections, DAPTC and cultural institutions. Cllr Wharf will be the Portfolio Holder for Care (Adult Social Care and Health). There have been issues in the past with Dorset Council working together with Town and Parish Councils and these problems will try to be resolved.
- iii) A consultation on libraries is currently taking place and will close on 7th January. The current library strategy is 11 years old and over those years, there have been significant changes in public behaviour and digital technology. Cllr Miller would like to reiterate that there will not be library closures as the budget will not be reduced but it is seeking ways of encouraging more people to use the service. It has been found that people trust the libraries for advice and these types of functions could be expanded. Other possible uses could be creating working hubs and moveable shelves so the space can be utilised for talks and meetings.
- iv) The majority of Dorset does not have any issues with bin collections apart from the area covered by the Wareham Depot. A depot manager from Weymouth is now giving peer support to colleagues. An additional round has been created in Weymouth but it is not needed on a Friday afternoon therefore it will be redeployed to Bovington. To improve recruitment, flexible working is now available to people who do not want to work full time. Route optimisation is also being conducted to see whether the routes can be improved. It was discussed that two lorries are used to empty the bins at Mount Pleasant as a small one is required to access some of the properties. Cllr Manuel had a bin damaged by one of the refuse workers kicking it. Cllr Miller will contact DWP to order a new one.

- v) The County budget is overspent by 4 to 5 million but this is reasonable considering the covid implications. It has been acknowledged that Dorset itself is poorly funded by Central Government.
- vi) There was a fault on some car park machines whereby they were unable to take cash payment but this was rectified within 48 hours. It was confirmed that it was not permanent and machines will continue to accept cash.
- vii) Electronic charging points are being installed throughout Dorset including approximately 80 in the Purbeck area. It was discussed that there are very few in the rural districts and overnight tourists would expect these facilities in their holiday accommodation. Cllr Miller will check the numbers.

21/22/054 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

P/TRC/2021/03735 - Coxs Quarter Mount Pleasant. T1 Ilex aquifolium - Pollard back to original hedge height. T2 Various overgrown Fraxinus excelsior, Crataegus monogyna and Prunus spinosa hedging trees - Pollard back to original hedge height. T3 Fagus sylvatica - Fell to ground level. **No objection. Noted.**

21/22/055 Highways and Footpaths

a) **Bypass update**

Cllr Hauteville Bell sent an email to Cllr Miller about the bypass. There has been no progress made due to it being difficult to resolve. The key issue is cost as it has to be of highway standard. It was discussed that it is probably of better quality than a lot of roads as it has been reinforced due to armoured vehicles using it.

b) **Signage Improvement**

Highways have advised that the signage should not change from "double bends" to "sharp bend" as the road layout has not changed and does still contain a double bend. They have offered to replace the sign with a yellow background and "reduce speed now" message as it is considered to have a greater visual impact than the current signage. Concerns were raised that this would not be suitable and it was agreed that some members of the Parish Council should have a site meeting with the Senior Technical Officer. **Action:** Cllr Miller to arrange

21/22/056 Telephone Kiosk update

Cllr Barnes has been painting the library telephone kiosk and he was formally thanked for all of his hard work. It was agreed that it will be too much work for a volunteer to paint the other kiosk and to explore the possibility of having it painted professionally. The Clerk will obtain quotes and then make a decision.

21/22/057 Camp Bestival

Cllr Barnes and Cllr Lovelass attended the online Camp Bestival debrief on 9th November. The issue of lack of security within the village was raised as they were not as visible compared to previous years. It was acknowledged by the Camp Bestival team that the village made them feel welcomed and were duly thanked. The residents' hotline was only 6 times. There was a concern for the welfare of marshalls as some were not provided with food and drink. Cllr Miller will raise this with the Licensing Team. The Residents Meeting in April will be conducted online. There are plans to have video conferencing available in the Terrace Room for people who are unable to access Microsoft Teams.

21/22/058 Correspondence

- a) Correspondence Report - to receive and note the items on the report
- b) Camp Bestival 2021 Debrief - Community & External Partners. This meeting was held online on the 9th November. **Noted.**
- c) Highways Winter Service - Salt bins and Dumpy bags - 2021/22 season. As per previous years, Dorset Highways will be initially filling grit bins for free - both community and strategic. This will start in mid October. **Noted.**
- d) Citizens Advice Housing Poster. Dorset Council is merging the old district council housing waiting lists to create a new register. It is imperative that people

re-register otherwise they will be removed from the list and lose their accrued entitlement. The deadline is 1st December.

People will be contacted before they are removed from the list. It was confirmed that the list is not for people who are already housed but for the ones who are in the process of bidding.

- e) Free trees for planting projects. Eforests are offering to supply a minimum of 150 trees for projects.
The tree near the commemorative stone needs to be reported.
- f) Dorset Council Town & Parish Precept Requests 2022/23. The deadline for submitting a precept request is 31st January 2022. **Noted.**
- g) Disruption to cash payments in Dorset Council car parks. If a machine is currently unable to accept cash payment, drivers will still need to pay for parking via a cashless method. **Noted.**

21/22/059 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- a) LetsTalkLibraries. The consultation will be a conversation with communities, employees and partners, to better understand what they value and need from the service, now and in the future. Closes on 7th January 2022. **Noted.**
- b) Share your views on childcare in Dorset. We're asking parents and carers, including family members and foster carers to help us understand the needs when it comes to childcare provision for children from 0 to 14 years old. This includes care for a young person up to age 18 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Closes on 19th November. **Noted.**

21/22/060 Finance

a) **Payment Schedule.**

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Manuel and seconded by Cllr Strowbride. The cheques were signed by Cllr Manuel and Cllr Barnes apart from Cllr Barnes' cheque which was signed by Cllr Manuel and Cllr Weld to sign later.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>Amount/£</i>	<i>For</i>
Miss E Maidment		£217.58	Oct-Nov 21 Salary
DAPTC		£34.50	Councillor Training
Reimburse Cllr Barnes		£53.22	Rivets and gold paint
Reimburse E Maidment		£5.99	A4 Paper

b) **To receive the second Quarter bank reconciliation**

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were circulated with the papers for this meeting. The Receipts and Payments cashbook balance of £13058.73 agreed with the reconciled bank balance as of 30th September 2021.

c) **To receive the second quarter budget report**

The second quarter bank budget report was duly noted. It was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Manuel to keep the precept at £2867.

21/22/061 Items for inclusion on next agenda

- a) There will be a Young Carers Festival the week commencing 25th November.
- b) It was agreed that the Jubilee Committee will be separate from the Parish Council. It was suggested that the c=Courtyard be used and to have it on the Sunday. There was a proposal to give each child who lives in the village a commemorative coin. Westminster Coins do a coin that has a card included for £4.15. It was agreed to find out all the costs and the number of children before a formal decision is made.
- c) There have been issues with people trying to book the covid booster in Wareham as the national booking system is being used. The problems have

now been resolved as people will now receive text messages from their GP surgeries.

21/22/062 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The following dates have been suggested for the next six months: Monday 24th January, Monday 28th March and Monday 23rd May

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.19hrs.

Chairman: Date: