



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST STOKE HELD ON
THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026 AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

PRESENT	Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chair) Cllr Chris Evans Cllr Fenella Lewin Cllr Graeme Langley
APOLOGIES	Cllr Neill Child (Vice Chair) Cllr Barry Quinn Cllr Keith Evans Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson
IN ATTENDANCE	2 Members of the Public Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public participation period for 15 minutes

- i) A member of the public read a letter from Highways concerning the closure of Church Lane, from the River Laboratory to the level crossing in both directions. Dorset Council will implement the closure to recover stone from the watercourse and rebuild the stone parapet downstream. Cllr Cady explained that when Dorset Highways issues Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, they must specify a maximum duration for which the order can remain in force. The 18-month period is a legal allowance to account for any unforeseen delays or changes to the work schedule. The closure will start on 15th June, and the completion of the work is currently anticipated by 26th June.
- ii) A resident inquired about the status of reinstating a bus shelter at Stokeford. A bus shelter previously existed but was destroyed during a storm a few years ago. She emphasised the need for a new shelter that includes seating and mentioned that she has gathered a petition with over 80 signatures from residents and holidaymakers. The Parish Council fully supports the construction of a new bus shelter and has been discussing the matter, although these discussions have been delayed due to circumstances affecting a Councillor's availability. Quotes have been collected, and options will be reviewed at the next meeting. In response to a request from the Parish Council, a new bus stop sign has been installed to help clarify the location for bus passengers who were unsure of where the stop was. Dorset Council proposed marking the road as an official "pull-in" area, but the Parish Council requested that this not be done, as the space is often used for parking by visitors to the cemetery. Funding options will be explored including ESWCC and the Dorset Council Leverage Fund.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received, and the reasons were approved from Cllr Barry Quinn, Cllr Neill Child, Cllr Keith Evans and Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2026.

The minutes from Thursday 7th May 2026, were duly proposed as a true account and were duly signed by Cllr Rebecca Cady.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

The Library Consultation will be publicised.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **P/CLE/2026/02. Luckford Wood Camp Site, BH20 6AP.** Certificate of Lawful Use

Existing Provision of decking associated with reception to caravan site and an all-weather enclosure for mobile sanitary/toilet block facility.

The Council has no objection to the application but would prefer the mobile sanitary/toilet block to be a less visually prominent colour or screened to better integrate with the surrounding natural environment.

- b) **P/FUL/2026/02105 Masters Hyde Pit:** The construction of two glass reinforced plastic (GRP) enclosures for housing electrical equipment.
No comments or objections.

8. Update of Previous Applications or planning information

None.

9. Dorset Council Report

Dorset Cllr Wilson's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- i) The Dorset Council's Emergency Planning Team currently uses the Ward Member as the primary point of contact during emergency situations, although communication arrangements are under review. If there are future incidents, information will be cascaded to the Parish Clerk. It was noted that the site of the event was listed as East Lulworth when it was largely impacting East Stoke.
- ii) The proposed Community Land Trust (CLT) development at Harman's Cross for up to 25 affordable rented homes. Two residents' meetings have been held and a range of concerns raised.
- iii) Consultation on the proposed merger of St George's Primary School, Langton Matravers, with St Mark's School, Swanage. A six-week consultation is underway.
- iv) No significant highways updates were reported for East Stoke. However, concerns have been raised regarding non-urgent A351 works undertaken during the half-term period. Overnight works on the B3351 Corfe Castle–Studland Road are scheduled for late June.
- v) The Studland Ferry Company will introduce an ANPR system from 1 July. Existing paper tickets will need to be exchanged for digital tokens.
- vi) Dorset Council supported a submission to the boundary review commission which included an enlarged 'Purbeck Ward' that would incorporate East and West Lulworth. Public consultation has now closed and it will be for the boundary commission to take on board the feedback and produce a report. Change would take effect from the 2029 local elections.
- vi) The Capital Leverage Fund for community capital projects is now open.

10. Bus Shelter

Discussed 2026-6-354.

11. Finger Post

A damaged fingerpost at the junction of Meadow Lane and the B3070 was discussed. Dorset Council no longer has funding available for the restoration of fingerposts; therefore, Cllr Quinn has contacted the Dorset Fingerpost Restoration Project for advice and support. The replacement lettering costs £6 per letter; however, additional work is required, including repair of the post, repainting, and the installation of a new bracket. It was agreed to obtain a quotation from DFRP for the required works and to approach the Men's Shed to see whether they would also be able to provide a quote. The item will be included on the next agenda.

12. Police issues to report or update on issues reported

None.

13. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

No updates.

a) Speed Indicator Device

This will be moved.

c) Other Issues

It was discussed that there appears to be fewer deer on the roads compared to previous years.

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

- a) Proposed Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order. Dorset Council is seeking views on renewing the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control in public spaces. To be completed by Cllr Langley.
- b) Environment Agency Stakeholder and Customer Survey – Alternative completion option available. A word version is now available. The survey will remain open until 11.59pm on Sunday 7 June. **Noted.**

15. Correspondence Received

- a) Dorset Council Town and Parish Council Forum – Planning and Building Control: Tuesday 16 June 2026. In-person forum, Tuesday 16 June, 10 am-12.30pm, Corn Exchange, Dorchester. If you are unable to attend in person, we also have the option of a virtual event in the afternoon on the 16 June (2.30pm - 4.30pm). **Noted.**
- b) How we are building Dorset's future resilience, what it is like to foster and much more in this week's edition. Dorset Council are producing its first comprehensive Supported Housing Strategy to meet the needs of residents. **Noted.**
- c) Summer Bus Services. During the summer months the following bus services will operate 30, X54 and X50. **Noted.**
- d) PTAG News - May 2026. The next Purbeck Transport Action Group meeting will be on Wednesday 10 June. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC AGM - Saturday 30 May 2026 10am. As in previous years the AGM will be online via Zoom. **Noted.**
- f) The Great OutDorset at Upton Country Park, how we are protecting our heathlands and much more in this week's edition. Air quality testing targets action to protect Dorset's heathlands. **Noted.**
- g) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Traffic Management Order C80, Bovington. Due to unforeseen circumstances this project has been deferred. Stakeholders will be notified in due course. **Noted.**
- h) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Overnight Road Closure Rushton Lane, East Stoke. It will come into operation between 00:15 and 06:00 on 5th June and remain in force for 5 days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 5th June. **Noted.**
- i) Parish Council Survey 2025 - Overview. The report very much reflects the different outlook between parish meetings, parish councils and their counterparts in towns. **Noted.**

16. 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 & Allowances	£328.12
Re-imburse E Maidment for McAfee subscription renewal	£79.99
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£81.53
Re-imburse E Cady for plants	£38.00
Lloyds banking charge (Direct Debit)	£4.25

- b) Cllr Chris Evans has not received her card reader. **Action:** Clerk to contact Lloyds.
To agree donations to the Purbeck Film Festival and Citizen's Advice.
It was agreed to donate £50 to each organisation. The payment will be added to next month's agenda.
- c) **To consider and approve the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2026.**
This was duly approved and was signed by Chair and Clerk
- d) **Parish Council Annual Return**
To complete, approve and sign Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return.
This was duly approved and was signed by Chair and Clerk
- e) **Approval of Annual Statement of Accounts**
 - i) To note the restatement of the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2026 and notes to these accounts.
This was duly approved and was signed by Chair and Clerk
 - ii) To consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences
This was duly approved and was signed by Chair and Clerk
- f) **To note the publication of the Public Rights Notice on the website.**
It was duly noted that the period to inspect the accounting records will commence on 14th June and end on 15th July.

17. Items for information or next agenda

Apologies were received from Cllr Langley.

With no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.01

Chairman:

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