

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Annie Lovelass
James Weld
Fiona Fryer

In attendance: Dorset Cllr Baker
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

25/26/071 Public Participation Period

No members of the public were in attendance.

25/26/072 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Wathen, Cllr de Hauteville Bell and Dorset Cllr Beddow. Cllr Northover has written an email of resignation to the Clerk. The Clerk will notify the Dorset Council Election Team and the vacancy will then be advertised.

25/26/073 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

Cllr Weld - Camp Bestival.

25/26/074 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January were an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

25/26/075 Unitary Councillor Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting.

- i) From Monday 23rd March, Dorset Council will introduce a booking system at their recycling centres in Dorchester, Wimborne, Shaftesbury and Sherborne. Wareham will continue with the current system, whereby people can just turn up.
- ii) Between December 2025 and February 2026, Dorset Council reported a 92% increase in pothole reports and a 54% rise in other highway defects due to severe weather. In response to the unusually high number of issues across the county, the council has announced that priority repairs to flood-damaged roads will be scheduled later this year. Residents are encouraged to report potholes and road defects through the Dorset Council website.
- iii) Regarding the collapsed culvert, Cllr Barnes has observed that the area has been dug out, but no work has been done in the past few days. He has inquired about any updates on when the repairs will be completed. **Action:** Dorset Cllr Baker to obtain update.

25/26/076 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

No updates.

25/26/077 Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Bypass update**
No update
- b) **Community Speedwatch**
Due to the road closure, the speedwatch sessions will not be held. They will resume once the road has reopened.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device**
No update.
- d) **Road Markings**
No update.
- e) **Signage Improvement**

No update

25/26/078 Camp Bestival

Cllr Lovelass attended the wash-up meeting at the end of last year. Since then, there have been no further updates.

25/26/079 Articles for Lulworth Parish News

Cllr Lovelass will submit a piece about PAWS, the Purbeck Arts Week, which will take place from 23rd May to 7th June.

25/26/080 Seating/ Park Benches

During the last meeting, it was proposed to have several benches placed around the village, including near the library. Cllr Barnes will coordinate with Cllr Wathen.

25/26/081 Summer Event

Cllr Wathen and Cllr Lovelass will coordinate, and it was suggested to hold it at the Weld Arms.

25/26/082 Correspondence

- a) Are blocked drains to blame for recent flooding, have your say on proposed speed limit reductions and much more. Latest news from Dorset Council. **Noted.**
- b) Ground water flooding: Amber warning issued for Dorset. This was in place on 31st January. **Noted.**
- c) Sent on behalf of the NDA - NDA stakeholder survey - coming soon. The consultation starts on 9th February and will run for four weeks. **Noted.**
- d) Urgent Closure Of Grange Road Church Knowle. The works are expected to be completed by 03-02-2026. **Noted.**
- e) Dorset Council Town & Parish Council Forum - Planning and Building Control. Slides from the seminar. **Noted.**
- f) Fwd: Fw: News release - Dorset communities urged to prepare for groundwater flooding. The warning was for Thursday 5th February. **Noted.**
- g) NEWS: How is Dorset Council responding to flooding? Update from Cllr. Nick Ireland. Crews are currently out day and night, fixing urgent issues, and officers have been asked to look at bringing forward extra investment for places that flood repeatedly. **Noted.**
- h) Purbeck Film Festival Application for Funding 2026. Request for funding letter. **Noted.**
- i) Car park resurfacing, care leavers ask us to 'put yourself in our shoes', extended library hours in Gillingham and plans for Shore Road Swanage. The resurfacing includes Park Street and Governors Lane in Weymouth and Durngate Street, Dorchester. **Noted.**
- j) Sent on behalf of the NDA - NDA Strategy published. The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) strategy can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nda-publishes-latest-nuclear-decommissioning-strategy>. Cllr Barnes to attend to find out about the pipeline.
- k) DAPTC AGM - New Date Saturday 30 May 2026. This change has allowed Dorset Council additional time to take the draft Statement of Reasonable Expectations (SoRE) through its internal service areas and, importantly, through its governance and elected-member decision-making processes. **Noted.**
- l) BCP & Dorset Council Employment Land Study to Inform Local Plans. The final draft of the Local Plan consultation will be released in late March.
- m) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Emergency Temporary Closure Of B3070, East Lulworth. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along B3070, EAST LULWORTH from junction with Povington Lane to a point approximately 90 metres to the west. The Notice is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to highway users. It came into operation on 28 February 2026 and can remain in force for up to 21 days. This Notice will enable Dorset Council to carry out carriageway works due to a collapsed culvert. **Noted.**
- n) Invitation: Dorset Council Monthly Climate Webinars for Town and Parish Councils. The first session will be on Tuesday 31st March 12:00pm – 1:30pm. **Noted.**

25/26/083 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- a) Dorset Council Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2027. Dorset Council is consulting on proposed updates to the Seaside Pleasure Boats Byelaws 2013, which are set to become the Dorset Council Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2027. These changes aim to improve safety, protect the environment, and ensure that everyone using Purbeck's coastal waters can enjoy them responsibly. <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/place/purbeck-byelaws-consultation/>. Closing date 15th April. **Noted.**
- b) Ptag Meeting Notes & Survey Form. Questionnaire/survey to gather feedback on Transport Needs in Purbeck. Responses need to be returned by email by 1st May. **Noted.**
- c) Beaver - Wild Release. Consultation on the potential for wild beaver release in the River Hooke and Frome Catchment, Dorset. Public consultation on the potential for wild beaver release in the River Hooke and Frome Catchment | Dorset Wildlife Trust. **Noted.**

25/26/084 Finance

a) Payment Schedule.

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Weld

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	For
Miss E Maidment	000573	£190.20	Salary
To note the following			
Income Tax paid 23rd January		£115.60	
Bank Service charges		£5.75	

b) To receive and approve the Fixed Asset Register

The laptop will be added and will be approved at the next meeting.

25/26/085 Items for inclusion on next agenda

The noticeboard at the bus shelter is decaying due to a lack of an air gap. Cllr Barnes Offered to fix it, and plywood can be sourced from the workshop.

25/26/086 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th May. Since it will be both the APM and APCM, it will start at 7 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:55hrs.

Chairman: Date: