



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST STOKE HELD ON
THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025 AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

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

1. **Public participation period** for 15 minutes
 - a) It has been confirmed that the Black Dog Inn has decided not to renew its license. The owners plan to submit a planning application to make alterations to the building and will also notify the authorities of a "change of use." The sign will remain as a landmark feature.
 - b) A complaint was made regarding the lack of police response after a ball bearing was shot through a window, penetrating double glazing. The incident was reported to the police, but it took them a week and a half to contact the resident.
 - c) There have been reports of transit vans looking into people's gardens.
 - d) While waiting for the school bus, some girls under 16 were flashed at by a stalker. All of the above incidents have been reported to the police. **Action:** The Clerk and Cllr Wilson will email the police to request increased patrols.
2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and the reasons were approved from Cllr Quinn, Cllr Keith Evans and Cllr Langley
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 4th September 2025**

The minutes from Thursday 4th September, were duly proposed as a true account and were duly signed by Cllr Rebecca Cady.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.
7. **Dorset Council Report**
 - a) **The monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting.**
 - b) i) The rescheduled Eastern Planning Committee met on 24th September and approved the Binnegar Hall application. They agreed that the Community Hall should be included in the first stage of development, and this requirement will now be incorporated into the terms of the s106 agreement. Additionally, the committee determined that a larger percentage of affordable properties should be designated as 'socially rented,' increasing the proportion from 10% to 50% of the 40% affordable properties in the development. In practical terms, this means that up to 10 properties will be available for social rent.

- ii) The SANG application was deferred further due to the lack of agreement between the officers and the Members on the provision of parking on the same side of the A352 as the SANG. Members have requested the addition of four parking spaces at the eastern entrance to the SANG. This is to prevent non-Binnegar residents from needing to park within the estate and crossing the A352. The request is based on the understanding that the SANG will benefit the entire community. Officers will present a revised proposal at a future meeting, with the date to be confirmed.
 - c) A resident followed up with the Minerals and Waste Planning Officer regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment for Hethfelton Woods. The officer explained that the scoping document produced by Hansons should not be a cause for concern at this stage. Dorset Council expects it will be some time before H&H submits a formal planning application. Additionally, Natural England will require them to provide evidence of mitigations for both the loss of open access land and to direct residents away from sites with specific designations, such as SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest). Therefore, there will be further opportunities to ensure that Hanson provides the necessary alternative spaces. It was noted that the area is smaller than what was originally planned.
- 8. **Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
None
- 9. **Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
 - a) **P/FUL/2023/07467 - Land South Of A352 Wareham Road Binnegar.** Use of land as Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) with associated access, landscaping, infrastructure and alterations to road. This will be considered by the Eastern Planning Committee on 24th September 2025.
Discussed 2025-10-345/9/b
 - b) **6/2018/0228 - Binnegar Hall, BH20 6AT.** Redevelopment for up to 48 Dwelling houses & Village Hall including access improvements, parking & landscaping. This will be considered by the Eastern Planning Committee on 24th September 2025.
Discussed 2025-10-345/9/b
- 10. **Churchyard Maintenance**
The new fence has been erected, but there is uncertainty regarding whether the new sign has been attached to it.
- 11. **Remembrance Sunday**
Cllr Quinn has been arranging the event, and the new PA system will be used. If he is unable to attend, it has been suggested that Cllr Langley should lead. **Action:** The Clerk to order the 2 wreaths via the Wool RBL.
- 12. **Autumn Newsletter**
Cllr Wilson will write an update about the Farrer Estate. Other articles will include Wessex Internet, Hawkins Trust and Remembrance Sunday.
- 13. **Any Police issues to report or update on issues reported**
There was a minor RTA at the Holmebridge junction.
- 14. **Highways Issues**
 - a) **Update on issues**
No updates.
 - b) **Speed Indicator Device**
No updates
 - c) **Signage on A352 Layby**
Awaiting quote from Highways
 - d) **A352 Bus Stops**
The Clerk has emailed Dorset Council to request that the "Sunnydown" bus stop be renamed to "Holmebridge." Additionally, the Clerk has asked for two bus stop signs to be installed at the St. Mary's Church stop. In response, Dorset Council indicated that they would need more letters of support to demonstrate public backing for these changes. Cllr Lewin has already emailed her support, and Cllr Wilson will do the same shortly.
 - e) **Other Issues**
None.
- 15. **Consultations for consideration or New Items for Discussion/Consideration**
 - a) Dorset Council Local Plan Options consultation 2025 - 18 August to 13 October 2025.
The Local Plan will be Dorset Council's response to the Government's commitment to

addressing the shortage of housing, to enable economic growth and deliver essential infrastructure to enable this growth. It will also set out how planning decisions will seek to conserve and enhance the environment, including measures to address climate change. There are no allocations within the East Stoke boundary; however, there is a site at Worget. The 'Tier 2' (Town) opportunity sites identified in the DLP for development are located in Wareham (~600 homes) and Wool (~850 homes). Policy H14 within the Purbeck Local Plan, the consultation document is silent on whether this policy would be adopted under the DLP, which would supersede the Purbeck Local Plan. Cllr Wilson considers this policy to be key to a drive towards the availability of affordable houses for local people. He has been informed that it may be considered at the policy development stage (and the Housing team are looking at this), but there is a move to simplify planning policies, and therefore it is not certain that it would be adopted under the DLP.

Affordable Homes is addressed as a strategic objective of the plan (section 2.2.2), but there is no detail on how this will be achieved, and importantly, what will change from the approaches adopted today that have mixed success. For example, there hasn't been a mention of exploring different suitable construction techniques that might deliver lower cost developments.

The delivery of appropriate infrastructure is dealt with at only a cursory level (section 3.7, Question 8) and what is there does not sound like much of a change to the current approach.

- b) DAPTC Action Briefing note - Assertion 10 and updating your town/parish account information. Assertion 10 is a new requirement in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2025/26. It focuses on Digital and Data Compliance, previously covered under Assertion 3.
The Clerk attended the webinar on 19th September.
- c) The Dorset Council Local Plan consultation is live. It's running at the same time as the Local Transport Plan consultation, which extends across both BCP and Dorset Council areas. The closing date is 31st October.
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing>. **Noted.**

16. Correspondence Received

- a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure B3070 At Holme Level Crossing. It will be closed between 19:00 and 23:59 on 23rd September 2025. **Noted.**
- b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Overnight Road Closure A352 Wool Level Crossing, Wool. This took place on 16th September. **Noted.**
- c) Message for Mayors & Chairs in the Dorset Council Area. Invitation to Fresh Start Event – Devolving Dorset Thursday 30th October, 9:15-15:30.
Not attending due to the cost of the event.
- d) e-News 16 September 2025. DAPTC has negotiated with Dorset Council's Planning Team for a process whereby parish and town councils can request an extension to the 13th October 2025 deadline for the Local Plan consultation. **Noted.**
- e) Save the date | The NDA group Virtual Stakeholder Summit 2025. The National Decommissioning Authority summit will take place on Monday 3rd November. **Noted.**
- f) Communities, climate, get involved and see what's on. New 20mph zones are being introduced in five Dorset towns and villages this autumn, following applications submitted by the respective town/parish councils. **Noted.**

17. Finance

- a) **To note the following receipt**
Second half of precept £4875
- b) **The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically. Cllr Cady and Cllr Child to approve the payments**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment	£303.72
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£86.31
Tim Lee Landscaping	£942.50
Steve Brown (fencing)	£50.00
The D'Urberville Centre (room hire)	£6.00
HugoFox (webhosting)	£143.86
- c) **Online banking additional authoriser**
Authoriser information to be re-sent.
- d) **To consider quotes for the [.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) email address**

Hugofox offers a monthly subscription of £2.49 plus VAT, which includes 10GB of storage, distribution lists, and links to Gmail accounts. Parish Online is a free service, but it charges £24 per year for 10GB of storage. Netwise charges £24 plus VAT annually for the same storage capacity. Domain name costs £60, and there is a one-off setup fee of £50. It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Chris Evans to use Hugofox, as they are the current website provider and offer these included services. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the company.

e) To receive the Second Quarter Bank Reconciliation

The Receipts and Payments Cashbook balance was £38059.92 agreed with the reconciled bank balance as of 30th September 2025.

e) To receive the Second Quarter Budget Report as of 30th September 2025

The second quarter budget report was noted and £5399.39 has been spent.

18. Items for information or next agenda

The Binnegar Quarry Liaison Meeting has been postponed until November when the restoration has been agreed.

19. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th November. Cllr Quinn sends his apologies.

With no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.54

Chairman:

Date.....