

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025
at 7pm at the Harness Room, Lulworth Castle.

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Annie Lovelass
Chris De Hauteville Bell
James Weld
Louise Wathen
Fiona Fryer
Nicky Northover

In attendance: 1 Member of the Public
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

1. Welcome from the Chairman

Mr Matthew Barnes welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dorset Cllr Beddow and Dorset Cllr Baker

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 13th May 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

4. Report by the Chairman

The Chair expressed gratitude to his fellow councillors for their support over the past year and is looking forward to working with them in the coming year.

- The last 12 months have been very busy. The 6th June marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and around 30 people gathered at the Centenary Memorial for a small commemoration event that included candle lighting and the reading of a poem written by one of the residents.
- A village photographic exhibition took place at St. Andrew's Church, followed by a couple of "Art in the Church" events in November of last year and April this year.
- Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a solution to the Bypass issue on the horizon. However, the white lines along that stretch of road are scheduled to be redone this year, which may make the junction more noticeable when traveling eastward. Additionally, ongoing efforts to implement Speed Identification Devices (SIDs) With the 30 mile an hour speed limit signs being the ideal locations. It is hoped that this would help slow down traffic at the western end of the Bypass.
- New deer warning signs have already been approved by Dorset Council and will be installed soon.
- The village continues to face various dog issues.
- The greatest success over the past year has been the establishment of the Community Speed Watch team, which now includes 14 volunteers. The Parish Council would like to extend their gratitude to the Dorset Police No Excuse team for their ongoing support especially Janice and Maria, whose help and advice have been invaluable. The police camera van has also been actively monitoring the village.

- Lastly, the Chair thanked everyone involved in organising the VE-Day 80 celebration and beacon lighting at the Weld Arms on 8th May, which was attended by around 40 people.

5. Comments/Questions

- a) James Weld thanked Matthew Barnes for all his hard work.
- b) The Community Speedwatch Team reported 43 incidents over 21 sessions, resulting in 28 letters being sent out. A total of 566 vehicles were monitored over 21 hours. The Police Camera Van has visited the village 5 or 6 times, including on Bank Holiday Monday, where 6 tickets were issued in under an hour. The fastest speed recorded was 55 mph between the exit gate and the phone box.
- c) A resident raised concerns about the increasing problem of dog fouling in the field behind the Weld Arms. The Parish Council has written to all residents and displayed posters to address the issue. It was noted that the field does not have official public access and will soon be cut for hay. It was agreed that the signs need to convey a stronger message, warning of a £1,000 fine for violations. The Estate will print and display the new signs.
- d) It was inquired when the residents' meeting for Camp Bestival will take place. The Camp Bestival website indicates that it will be in July, but James Weld will contact them to confirm the details. This information will be publicised to the residents.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: