



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF EAST STOKE HELD ON
THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2025 AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

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

- 1. Public participation period** for 15 minutes
None
- 2. Apologies**
Apologies were received and the reasons were approved from Cllr Quinn, Cllr Keith Evans, Cllr Langley and Dorset Cllr 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 6th November 2025**
The minutes from Thursday 6th November, were duly proposed as a true account and were duly signed by Cllr Rebecca Cady.
- 6. Matters arising from the minutes**
There has been no response from the letters sent regarding the power outage.
- 7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received**
None
- 8. Update of Previous Applications or planning information**
An amendment to P/FUL/2023/07467 Proposal: Use of land as Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) with associated access, landscaping, infrastructure and alterations to road Location: Land South Of A352. Due to it being received after the agenda had been distributed, it will be asked if the Parish Council's response can be deferred until after the January meeting. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Planning and to question whether it will be going to the Planning Board.
- 9. Dorset Council Report**
Dorset Cllr Wilson's report was circulated prior to the meeting and key points were read out.
 - a)** A seasonal reminder of the on-line portal to report on Drainage, Pothole or Vegetation issues in the area.
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>
 - b)** The Sandbanks Ferry Inquiry report was released on Thursday 6th November. The proposal for a road toll was rejected at this stage due to unresolved operational concerns. The proposed ferry toll increase has been adjusted downward from £1.75 to £1.18 for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists. Additionally, a bulk ticket option for pedestrians and cyclists will continue, offering a 10% discount for purchases of 50 tickets and a 15% discount for purchases of 100 tickets. Discounts on bulk tickets for cars will

decrease over time, as outlined in the order.

- c) The Dorset National Landscape Management Plan 2026 - 2031 will be presented to the Dorset Council Cabinet on 9th December. The Management Plan focuses on nature recovery, climate resilience, inclusive access, and sustainable development, structured around four priority themes: Working Landscape, Exploring and Engaging, Planning, and Ways of Working.

10. Police issues to report or update on issues reported

None.

11. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues

No updates.

b) Speed Indicator Device

The SID is working well

c) Signage on A352 Layby

A new quote has been received for £887, and it was unanimously agreed for this to proceed. **Action:** The Clerk to contact Highways to confirm the works.

d) Other Issues

The damaged deer sign has been reported. It was noted that there was another deer carcass on the road.

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

- a) Dorset Council Garden Waste Service Satisfaction Survey. As a thank you, you can enter our prize draw to win one of five free annual garden waste subscriptions. Just opt in at the end of the survey.

<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/waste/satisfaction-survey/consultation/intro/>
Consultation closes 22nd December. **Noted.**

13. Correspondence Received

- a) Dorset Council Town & Parish Precept Requests 2026/27. The deadline for submitting a precept request is 31st January 2026.
Dorset Council will be circulating the tax base in the next few weeks.
- b) DAPTC Subscriptions 2026/27. DAPTC is proposing a subscription increase of 3.5% for member councils. **Noted.**
- c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Urgent Temporary Closure Of B3070 Main Road, West Lulworth. It will come into operation between 09:30 and 14:30 on 1st December. **Noted.**
- d) Proposed Temporary Closure Of B3070 At Holme Level Crossing. These works are programmed to commence between 23:45 and 06:00 from 26th January 2026 until 28th January 2026. **Noted.**
- e) Purbeck NPT Newsletter - November 2025. The next meet the Team event will be between 5-7pm on Fri 12 December at Poppies Tearooms, Bovington. **Noted.**
- f) A strong community response, it is never too late to get on your bike and much more. The Local Plan and Local Transport Plan consultations, held throughout late summer and early autumn, attracted more than 10,000 responses in total. **Noted.**
- g) Briefing on English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill & the Wessex Partnership. The Partnership is made up of Dorset, BCP, Somerset and Wiltshire Councils. **Noted.**

14. 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	£289.92
Dorset Council Pension Fund	£91.11
Hugofox Ltd (Clerk's email)	£35.86
Lloyds Standing Charge (Direct Debit)	£4.25

- b) **Online banking additional authoriser**

No update

- c) **To consider donation to RBL for wreaths**

It was proposed by Cllr Cady and seconded by Cllr Evans to donate £50 to the national RBL. This will be added to next month's agenda.

15. Items for information or next agenda

The Hawkins Trust gifts will be ready for distribution from 14th December.

16. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th January. Cllr Quinn sends his apologies.

With no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.22

Chairman:

Date.....