



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st APRIL 2021

PRESENT Cllr Rebecca Cady (Chairman)
 Cllr Neill Child (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr Barry Quinn
 Cllr Tessa Wiltshire
 Cllr Chris Evans
 Cllr David Purshouse
 Cllr Graeme Langley

APOLOGIES None
IN ATTENDANCE Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks
 Liz Maidment (Parish Clerk)

1. Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2. Apologies

No apologies received

3. Granting of Dispensation

No applications for a dispensation had been made.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 4th March 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March were approved as a true account.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) The Rowan Lodge at the Farrer Estate will probably be renamed, Maple Lodge.
- b) Dorset Council will be made aware that there is a footpath on the other side of the hedgerow. There have been complaints about the odour from the carcasses. Cllr Brooks will speak to DWP about the policy to see whether it can be reviewed. Deer culling is the responsibility of the landowners. A meeting is already planned to discuss drainage and the deer issue will also be discussed.
- c) A resident of the tower used a digger to tidy up the boundary area, although it still needs to be raked. The two possible options for a boundary marker are either hedging or paling fencing, these will be costed and then a decision will be made. It was noted that hedging might be cheaper, but there would be ongoing costs to maintain it. The householders at the church are allowing people to visit family graves within their boundary however they must seek permission beforehand. Grass seed will be used but it was agreed to leave a gap in order to install the new boundary marker. Cllr Cady will purchase the grass seed.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

None received.

8. Update on Previous Applications or planning information

No updates.

9. Report from Dorset County Councillor

- a) Over Easter Dorset Council will be delivering food parcels and this will be co-ordinated by the schools. If anyone knows of families in need, please can you contact Cllr Brooks.
- b) Plans are underway for opening up Dorset for tourists. Due to the restrictions to overseas travel, the Council is expecting large numbers. A joint venture with BCP Council, the Police, NHS have organised mitigating procedures that will be in operation throughout the season which is expected to last until October. There will be a strong messaging campaign this month, that will include signage on the major trunk routes stating that people are welcome to visit but not to stay the night. The demographic has significantly changed and is now mainly young, male, East Europeans. A lot of villages near popular beaches have offered to open up toilet facilities at village and church halls. The Police will be deploying additional manpower to help prevent antisocial behavior and wild camping. The 28 day camping rule which allows landowners to permit camping on their property without planning permission has now been extended to 56 days. This has resulted in the Council being inundated and they have advised Parish Councils to be vigilant to make sure all pop-up campsites have had their licences granted.
- c) Phase 1 of the new car parking policy is now in operation and it consists of increasing the all-day charge from £2 to £8 in Lyme Regis and West Bay, implementation of Sunday charging, where this isn't already in place and extending morning charges in Pubeck to begin at 8am. There is a possibility that the second phase will be in 3 tiers. In the tourist hotspots, the charges will be higher and there are currently discussions about starting resident permits.
- d) A press release has been distributed advising members of the public to only visit the household recycling centres if waste cannot be stored safely at home, this is due to a rise in visitor numbers.
- e) The potholes in Church Lane near the crossing have been marked up and will be repaired. There also appears to be a water leak which maybe a burst pipe or a naturally occurring spring.
- f) A new business has been set up in East Stoke and Dorset Council are aware of it.
- g) The bin at the cemetery needs to be emptied. **Action:** Cllr Brooks to contact DWP.

10. Police Issues to report

There have been reports of motorbikes in the quarry. Cllr Quinn will raise it at the next liaison meeting.

11. Hethfelton Woods

No update

12. Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

These meetings will be held via zoom on Thursday 6th May. It was agreed not to have a speaker at the meeting. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, has confirmed that the government will not extend the legislation on holding virtual meetings, therefore there will be no online meetings beyond 7th May. The Parish Council will have to find an alternative venue as the River Laboratories have been sold and there is uncertainty as to whether the new owners will hire out the conference room. The Clerk will investigate what other halls/conference rooms can be used. DAPTC have confirmed that if another venue cannot be found then the Parish Council can meet outside the Parish. The next face to face meeting will be on Thursday 3rd June which will have to abide by social distancing rules. Dorset Council is planning on responding to the ruling by suggesting that they would prefer a

hybrid approach whereby the meeting is conducted physically but people can also attend remotely.

13. Highways

a) **Update on issues reported**

The damaged fence at the Wood Street/Bindon Lane junction has now been replaced.

b) **Woolbridge resurfacing**

The works have been publicised on social media and electronic signs are being displayed at the roundabout.

c) **Deer carcasses**

No update

d) **Camp Festival**

No update

e) **Other Issues**

There are now signs to the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund. The two triangular warning signs are obscured by foliage and this will need to be cut back.

Action: Cllr Brooks to contact Highways.

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

a) Draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. They are asking for feedback on their new draft strategy to tackle the pressures of homelessness and rough sleeping. The consultation closes on 30th April.

Action: Cllr Langley to respond.

b) DAPTC E-News 26th March 2021 - Virtual Meetings Update. No virtual meetings will be allowed after 7th May. DAPTC receives an annual grant to support our activities and this year as part of the final assessment of the agreement it requires our membership to complete a 'satisfaction survey'. The consultation closes on 5th May.

Action: The Clerk to respond. A hybrid meeting would be beneficial.

15. Correspondence Received

a) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Woolbridge Roundabout, Wool. The road will be closed from 9:00am Friday 23rd April to 6:00am Monday 26th April 2021. **Noted.**

b) Household recycling centres once again straining under increased visitor numbers. Do not visit a household recycling centre (HRC, or "the tip") right now unless your waste cannot be stored safely at home. **Noted.**

c) Temporary closure of East Stoke Level Crossing. It will come into operation on Sunday 21st March 2021 and will remain in force for five days. However, it is anticipated that the works will take place between 00.01hrs and 08.00hrs on Sunday 21st March 2021 only. **Noted.**

d) Dorset Council celebrates receiving £19 million of funding to reduce its carbon footprint. The money will go toward switching heating systems away from fossil fuels to heat pumps, improving energy efficiency through measures like insulation, LED lighting, and the installation of solar panels on building roofs. **Noted.**

e) Car park Notices. Extend morning charges in Purbeck to begin at 8am. **Noted.**

f) DAPTC E-News 5th March '21. Pressure keeps being applied on the virtual meeting front with central government. **Noted.**

g) Census 2021. To encourage publicity of the census within the local communities. **Noted.**

h) New campaign to stop people from trying to recycle disposable nappies. National survey reveals that more than one million UK nappy users are putting them in their recycling bin. **Noted.**

i) Jurassic Classic Sportive - 22nd May - Event Plan. The event starts and finishes at the Tank Museum. Part of the route includes the Woolbridge roundabout and the Holme Lane/B3070 junction. **Noted.**

- j) Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 12 March. The Council Tax bills are being sent out from the week commencing 8th March. **Noted.**
- k) Waste Enforcement Team takes action to remove abandoned vehicles. For a vehicle to be considered “abandoned”, it must be parked on public land/highway (such as a residential road) and not be taxed. **Noted.**
- l) Dorset Council proposes reducing its office space in Dorchester to save money. Dorset Council’s Scrutiny Committee will meet on 25 March to discuss recommendations to reduce the number of council-owned offices in Dorchester. **Noted.**
- m) Committee to discuss climate strategy and consultation. On Thursday 25 March, Councillors on Dorset Council’s Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee will look at the latest version of the Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan, as well as the findings from the recent public consultation. **Noted.**
- n) Purbeck Citizens Advice Merger Update. The Trustees of Purbeck Citizens Advice have agreed to merge with East Dorset Citizens Advice. The merger will create a new and larger organisation who will deliver advice services under the new name of Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck. The new body will become effective from 1st April 2021. **Noted.**
- o) DAPTC E-News 19th March '21. Opening Up Dorset for Summer - Dorset Council are looking to engage Chairs and Clerks on the likely challenges as we head towards Easter and the Summer months. **Noted.**
- p) Have people in your community benefitted from faster broadband? Anyone who would like a better internet service should call their preferred internet provider from the list on the Openreach website (<https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fttp-providers>) and choose a package that suits them. **Noted.**
- q) Summer Visitor Opening - 5pm 31st March 2021. A meeting to update Parish Councils on planning done by Dorset Council for a potential influx of visitors. **Noted.**

16. Finance

- a) The following payments were duly approved.

	Amount	Chq Number
Miss E Maidment February Salary	£226.26	000795
Dorset County Pension Fund	£65.84	000796
T. Lee Landscaping (Grounds Maintenance March 2021)	£802.50	000797
Re-imburse R Cady for plants	£33.25	000798

The cheques to be signed by Cllr Quinn and Cllr Child.

- b) To review and approve the 2021 Risk Assessment.
Cllr Cady thanked Cllr Langley for producing the risk register and it will be circulated to the other Parish Councillors. It was agreed to formally approve it at the next meeting.

17. Items for Information or next agenda

- a) Cllrs Cady, Quinn, and Child to apply for logins to the Lloyds online account. It is hoped that authorisation will be approved by the next meeting.
- b) The newsletters will be collected by Cllr Quinn.

18. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday 6th May at 7 pm. Cllr Brooks sends her apologies.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.03.

Chairman: Date.....