



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EAST STOKE HELD
ON THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2021 AT LONGTHORNS CAMPSITE

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

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

1. Public Participation Time

None

2. Apologies

None

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 Thursday 6th May 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2021 were approved as a true account.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Cllr Wiltshire has emailed the Forestry Commission with the suggestion to install fire beaters but has not yet received a response. Dorset Council has not done an outright ban on disposable barbeques however they are working on ways of having them in certain locations.
- b) The noticeboard for the Farrer Estate has now been brought. Cllr Cady will organise the purchasing of the paint and posts. Cllr Child will contact the Farrer Estate to investigate a suitable place to have it.

7. Planning Applications or Planning Information received

- a) **PDD/2021/0001 - Environmental Services Group Ltd, Farmhouse, Church Lane, BH20 6BB.** Conversion of offices to 2 no. dwelling houses - please see existing and proposed floor plans which show natural light to all rooms (no external changes required).
No objections. The planning department will be advised that the Parish Council had difficulty opening up the Highways document.
- b) 6/2021/0281 - Stokeford Heath and Worgret Heath. 3 Replacement poles. **No objections.**

8. Update on Previous Applications or planning information

6/2021/0021 - Wistaria Cottage, Binnegar, BH20 6AT. Single storey side extension.

Approved. Noted.

9. Report from Dorset County Councillor

Chairman's Initials

2021-6-291

- a) The Covid case rate in Dorset remains low and is one of the lowest in the South West. In the past week, there were five hospitalised cases. Diligence needs to be continued as there is a threat from the Delta variant. The South Western Ambulance Service (SWASFT) declared a critical incident over the bank holiday weekend due to extreme pressures. Members of the public are advised to only phone 999 for genuine life threatening emergencies.
- b) The DWP depot in Wareham has been working on strategies to improve the current level of service. Problems have arisen due to householders having more packaging due to an increase in online shopping. Once the recycling lorries are full they are required to return to the depot to empty them and this results in not enough time to complete the remaining rounds. There are currently severe staff shortages due to sickness and difficulties in recruiting as the wages are lower than in other local areas. Investigations are currently being carried out to acquire a larger waste site in Dorset.
- c) Dorset Council has been working with partner agencies to welcome visitors to the County. The previous weekend was busy and it is envisaged that the influx will continue with the season is expected to last until November. There will be more enforcement officers compared to last year. Fifty five penalty notices have been issued including in Lulworth and Studland.
- d) The Environment Consultation received lots of constructive comments. There have also been numerous comments submitted on the Local Plan.
- e) One of the proposals for the Working Together Protocol: Dorset Council and Town & Parish Councils are to have a dedicated enquiry phone and email for purely Clerks.
- f) There is a Certificate of Lawfulness being investigated in Holme Lane.
- g) A catering business is subject to an enforcement.
- h) There are ongoing discussions about a sign along the A352 as it is not classed as official. The warning signs there are obscured by foliage.
- i) Trees have been cut down at a property along the A352. Cllr Brooks will check to see if there is a TPO and it was noted that even without a TPO they should not have been cut down during nesting season.
- j) There has been flytipping at the bin by the old bus stop on the A352 and also at the Highwood junction. It was suggested that an agricultural camera could be installed to identify the offender.

10. Police Issues to report

It was suggested that Police speed checks need to be conducted along the A352. It has been observed that motorbikes travel along there at high speed just before 6am. Various Parish Councils have invested in SIDS, which cost approximately £3000. There are community grants available but it was noted that the Parish Council would not be eligible to apply to ESWCC but instead would have to set up a separate group. **Action:** The Clerk to contact the Police and recommend that they park around the Binnegar Lane area.

11. Discuss a new noticeboard for the Farrer Estate

Discussed 2021-6-29 6b

12. Churchyard update

The options for a boundary marker have not been completely agreed upon by all of the neighbours. According to Arnold Baker, it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to keep the Churchyard "neat and tidy". The grass seed has started to come through but more is needed in the corner. The water butt tap is dripping and will be looked at. It was commented upon how lovely the flower trough now looks.

13. Parish Land update

The Charity Event at the Black Dog raised £4000. A risk assessment was written by the Parish Council as the land was used as an overflow car park. The insurance company agreed that it is permitted to use it for events as long as it is assessed beforehand and that the organisers have public liability insurance. It was suggested that the land could be put up to tender again as previously it has been used for grazing although it was noted that it is of poor quality.

14. Councillor Vacancy

David Purshouse has decided to resign from his role as Parish Councillor. The vacancy will be publicised via email and Facebook and to be particularly promoted to the new Farrer Estate residents.

15. Highways Issues

a) Update on issues reported

No update.

b) Damaged bridge in Church Lane

This is still waiting to be repaired.

c) Camp Bestival

At the moment it is still planned to go ahead. Other festivals have been cancelled as their insurance hasn't covered cancellation due to covid. Cllr Child attended the meeting and local traffic management was the main item on the agenda.

e) Other Issues

- i) The pull-in south of the level crossing on Church Lane has badly pitted again and needs to be maintained. This has been reported by the Clerk.
- ii) The Church Lane sign is broken. **Action** The Clerk to report it online.

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

Working Together Protocol: Dorset Council and Town & Parish Councils for comment by 11 June. The protocol intends to provide clarity on how Dorset Council and Town & Parish Councils will work together positively to deliver services locally. Cllr Cady to respond.

17. Correspondence Received

- a) Camp Bestival SAG - Community & External Partners Meeting. This was held on the 18th May. **Noted.**
- b) New funding Opportunity - Dorset Council Community and Culture Project fund Now Open. It aims to kickstart new activities and projects that support disadvantaged, marginalised and under-served groups in the Dorset council area. The closing date is 11th June. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC Training e-news May 2021. This includes new Councillor Induction courses. **Noted.**
- d) DAPTC E-News 7th May 2021. Guidance on return to physical meetings. **Noted.**
- e) Summer bus services. The Breezer 30, Jurassic Coaster X52 and X54 will all run a two hourly service. **Noted.**
- f) Connecting Rural Dorset - Dorset Council Engagement Events. DAPTC are working with Dorset Council's Digital Place Team to run quarterly presentations to establish regular engagement of parish councils on Fibre Broadband/Voucher Schemes/Gigabit Project and 5G. **Noted.**
- g) Joint Campaign for Keeping Dorset Safe - No BBQs or Fires Campaign. Dorset Council is banning BBQs and fires at its Country Parks and on Dorset Council land that is deemed to be a high fire risk. **Noted.**
- h) Proposed temporary 30mph speed limit - Tank Museum events, 2021. To take place Friday 24th - Sunday 25th July 2021 (for "Tiger Day 15"), and Thursday 16th - Monday 20th September 2021 (for "Tankfest 2021"). **Noted.**
- i) DAPTC E-News 14th May 2021. Includes information on the COVID Recovery in Dorset - Briefing 3rd June 2021 at 4pm. **Noted.**
- j) Update on the sinkhole on the A35. It is hoped that the road will re-open on 20th May. **Noted.**
- k) The Queen's Green Canopy. The QGC is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee." **Noted.**
- l) Temporary Event Notice for your area. A Temporary Event Notice has been received for a private charity event at Longthorns Farm on 9 and 10 July for the sale of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment. The timings are Friday 12 noon until midnight and Saturday 11am to 11.30pm. **Noted.**

- m) Temporary road closure - B3070, Main Road, West Lulworth. It will come into operation on Tuesday 8th June 2021 and will remain in force for 5 days. However, it is anticipated that the works will take place between 21.00hrs and 06.00hrs for two nights, starting on Tuesday 8th June.
Noted.
- n) Proposed temporary closure of the A352 at Wool Level Crossing. These works are programmed to take place over four consecutive nights, between 00.01hrs and 05.30hrs, starting on Tuesday 20th July 2021.
Noted.

18. Finance

- a) **The following receipt was duly noted**

Burial Fees	£130.00
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- b) **The following payments were duly approved and will be paid electronically.**

	Amount
Miss E Maidment Salary	£226.26
Dorset County Pension Fund	£65.84
DAPTC Subscriptions 2021/22	£150.80
Re-imburse R Cady for noticeboard and stain for war memorial planter	£145.99
- c) **Parish Council Annual Return**
To complete, approve and sign Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return (enclosed).
It was resolved that Section 1 of the Annual Return and the explanation of differences were approved. Section 1 was then signed by the Chairman.
- d) **Approval of Annual Statement of Accounts**
 - i) To note the restatement of the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2021 and note to these accounts. This was unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.
 - ii) To consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences. It was unanimously agreed that all the answers to the statements were "yes" except for the one regarding Trust Funds as the Parish Council is not the sole trustee of any trust funds. Section 2 was then signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the Internal Auditors recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.

19. Items for information or next agenda

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee there will be a four day weekend. It was suggested to hold a village tea party. An article asking for ideas could be circulated via Facebook and the newsletter.

20. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Longthorns Campsite on 1st July. Cllr Child sends his apologies.

With no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30

Chairman:

Date.....

