

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Thursday 18th September 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
James Weld
Annie Lovelass

In attendance: 4 Members of the Public
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

25/26/029 Public Participation Period

- i) A member of the public attending the village's VJ celebration felt that one of the speakers worded their speech incorrectly. She believed it implied that no one from the village fought in the 2nd World War. She would like to formally confirm that 25 individuals with ties to the village served in the war, and their names were read out during the meeting. Fortunately, no one from East Lulworth lost their life in the 2nd World War.
- ii) Concerns were raised regarding the Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation, particularly about the impact on local services, such as the doctor's surgery, and whether the boundary settlements would be adjusted. It was discussed that a long-term plan extending over 50 years should have been in place, and that when council houses are sold, the proceeds should be reinvested.

25/26/030 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Wathen, Cllr Fryer, Cllr de Hauteville Bell and Cllr Northover, Dorset Cllr Beddow and Dorset Cllr Baker

25/26/031 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

Cllr Weld, Item 8 Camp Bestival.

25/26/032 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th July 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July were an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

25/26/033 Unitary Councillor Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting.

25/26/034 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

None

25/26/035 Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Bypass update**
No update
- b) **Community Speedwatch**
Unfortunately, there has been an issue, and a session hasn't run for a couple of months. The Community Speedwatch Coordinator will be out on the 15th of October.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device**
The survey has been conducted, and we are awaiting results. The invoice will be slightly larger than originally anticipated, as the Chair requested that the survey be extended to include the August Bank Holiday.
- d) **Road Markings**
This work has not yet been completed due to a backlog of scheduled tasks. It was observed that there are now temporary numbers on the road, which may be related to this work.
- e) **Signage Improvement**

No update

25/26/036 Camp Bestival

The following concerns were raised:

- i) A significant amount of litter was left after the festival.
- ii) There were incidents of speeding on the C14 Coombe Road.
- iii) The security personnel stationed near the bus shelter were not adequately supported by their company; they were not provided with food, a chair, or toilet facilities during their 14-hour shift. It was noted that other areas, such as the Blue, White, and Black gates, had portable toilets available.

The date of the wash-up meeting has not been confirmed; however, at the meeting, these issues will be raised by the Parish Council representative.

25/26/037 Articles for Lulworth Parish News

Cllr Lovelass has submitted an article.

25/26/038 Correspondence

- a) Purbeck INT Health & Wellbeing Fair Thu 2nd Oct. Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team will be holding a drop in session on Health & Wellbeing Fair at The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, on Thu 2nd October. **Noted.**
- b) Citizens Advice EDP Quarterly Newsletter & Dorset Energy Report. During this time we helped over 1800 residents with over 7000 issues. **Noted.**
- c) Proposed Temporary Closure Of B3071 High Street, Wool. These works are programmed to commence between 09:30 until 16:00 on 2nd October 2025. **Noted.**
- d) Dorset Leisure Strategy: Working Together Webinar | Tues 9 Sept | 4pm to 5pm. DAPTC's next Working Together Webinar will hear from Dorset Council on the development of a new Leisure Strategy, to shape the future of leisure centres and facilities in the DC area. **Noted.**
- e) NDA - REMINDER - NDA group Draft Strategy 5 Webinar. The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority will hold the webinar on Friday 4th September. **Noted.**
- f) Dorset is Changing, preventing homelessness, and what's on. The Key4Me scheme has supported over 100 households into secure housing, and the prevention rate has risen to 80%. **Noted.**
- g) e-News 27 August 2025. The Dorset Council Local Plan consultation is now live. It's running at the same time as the Local Transport Plan consultation which extends across both the BCP and Dorset Council area. **Noted.**
- h) Grants available for community projects on electrical safety. Apply now. Run by Electrical Safety First, the campaigning name of the Electrical Safety Council. **Noted.**
- i) Preparing for the 2025/26 AGAR – FREE .gov.uk Email Package Available. To support councils in meeting best practice standards, Parish Online is offering a FREE email package. **Noted.**
- j) Information on Ironman, new smart street lighting, and what's on. IRONMAN is taking place in and around Weymouth and Dorchester on Sunday 14 September. **Noted.**
- k) 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.**

25/26/039 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- 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.
Cllr Barnes, Cllr Lovelass, and the Clerk will collaborate on a joint response on behalf of the Parish Council, expressing that the proposed numbers are unrealistic. Although there are no houses planned for East Lulworth, residents

will still utilise services and infrastructure in Wool, and due to the additional number of people, this will become overstretched.

- 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. As part of the protocol it was agreed to have a [.gov.uk](mailto:gov.uk) email address which will be used by the Clerk. Various companies offer this service however it was agreed to use the current web hosting company, Hugofox who charge £2.49 per month for the service. Other providers were Parish Online which has a free service but does not include distribution lists, link to gmail accounts and additional storage would be £24 and Netwise for £24 + VAT.
- c) The Dorset Council Local Plan consultation being 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.**

25/26/040 Finance

a) To note the following receipt

Refund for Defib Pads £64.19

The pads were the wrong size for the defibrillator. New ones have been ordered from Community Heartbeat and these have been installed. The Clerk is now waiting for an invoice.

b) Payment Schedule.

The following payment schedule and pay increase was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Weld

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>For</i>
Miss E Maidment	000563	£305.80	Salary
Miss E Maidment	000563	£18.92	Backpay
Miss E Maidment	000563	£3.90	Postage
HugoFox	000564	£143.86	Webhosting

The Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2025/26 has been published, and the Clerk's hourly salary will rise from £13.47 to £13.90. Backpay to be awarded from 1st April.

c) To consider and agree on annual insurance.

Quotes were received from Zurich for £277, Community First £305.47 and Clear Council said that the cheapest ones they offer are for £680. It was proposed by Cllr Weld and seconded by Cllr Lovelass to continue with Zurich.

- i) Issue cheque for insurance
A cheque was issued to Zurich for £277.

d) To consider purchasing a new laptop. To replace the Clerk's one that was purchased in December 2014.

The laptop is now over 10 years old, and both the brightness setting and the battery are not functioning properly. In the 2025/26 budget, £500 has been allocated for web hosting, software, and hardware. Cllr Barnes proposed, and Cllr Lovelass seconded, that the Clerk should obtain quotes for a new laptop to be discussed at the next

meeting.

25/26/041 Items for inclusion on next agenda

It was suggested that another carol singing event should be organised.

25/26/042 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7:30pm.

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:13hrs.

Chairman: Date: