

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Courtyard

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chair)
Louise Wathen (Vice Chair)
Annie Lovelass
Fiona Fryer
Chris de Hauteville Bell
Trevor Bowman

In attendance: Liz Maidment (Clerk)

26/27/020 Public Participation Period

None.

26/27/021 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld, Dorset Cllr Beddow and Dorset Cllr Baker

26/27/022 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

26/27/023 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5th May 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May were an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

26/27/024 Unitary Councillor Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

26/27/025 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

None.

26/27/026 Highways and Footpaths

a) Bypass update

There was no update on this item. It was agreed that it should remain on the agenda for future meetings. It was commented that when the road was closed, the area was noticeably quieter and more peaceful. However, since the road reopened, particularly during these summer months, there has been a significant increase in speeding traffic, which remains a concern.

b) Community Speedwatch

This will start after Camp Bestival

c) Speed Indicator Device

Ongoing

d) Signage Improvement

The signage work has now been completed. The horse warning sign has been relocated further along the road near Botany Wood, and the other post has now got a deer, horse, and double bend warning signs on it. The "SLOW" road marking has been repainted, and the white line markings will be repainted once the road resurfacing has been completed.

26/27/027 Articles for Lulworth Parish News

Cllr Lovelass reported that the Open Rose Garden event raised over £2,000. She will prepare a thank-you notice for the newsletter, and Cllr Bowman will write a short article on the CERP (Community Emergency Response Plan).

26/27/028 Camp Bestival

Cllrs Lovelass and Bowman attended the Camp Bestival liaison meeting on 6th July, where they raised concerns regarding speeding, security, and staff welfare.

Camp Bestival advised that several measures will be introduced this year. To reduce staff isolation, external security supervisors will manage smaller teams (approximately seven staff per supervisor, reduced from around 22). Four additional portable toilets will be installed at key locations within the village, and a dedicated welfare van will support staff working at external positions. "Grab bags" and "Meals on Wheels" trader vouchers will continue to be provided for staff.

The revised Black Gate resident access policy, which currently requires residents to accompany their guests, is under review following concerns that it places an unreasonable burden on less-mobile residents.

Traffic and safety measures were also discussed. "No Access" signs for Coombe Keynes will be installed from 15th July, new temporary 20 mph speed limit signs will be in East Lulworth, and social media messaging will be used to discourage U-turns.

At the Parish Council meeting, Parish Councillors expressed concerns that the temporary 20 mph speed limit may be difficult to enforce, as the required number and spacing of signs had not been done in previous years. It was noted that, for a temporary 20 mph speed limit, repeater signs should be placed at intervals of no more than 200 metres, with the first repeater sign also being within 200 metres of the terminal signs. The recurring issue of motorists ignoring the temporary traffic signals outside the Weld Arms was also discussed. It was suggested that Highways consider relocating the temporary traffic lights further along the road, outside Grey House, to improve driver compliance and road safety.

26/27/029 Village Bench at "A Bit"

The Millennium Bench was discussed, and it was noted that access is difficult due to its location on a steep bank. It was suggested that a working group be established to improve access to the bench and carry out maintenance to restore it.

26/27/030 Correspondence

- a) Hear about our new long-term transport plan; see what rating our Adult Social care received; and much more. The Overview Committee were asked to give their views on the final draft of the Local Transport Plan 2026 to 2041. **Noted.**
- b) Action Briefing / Register of Interests (RoI) Process Change. Every current serving councillor will need to re-validate their RoI to remove their home address - which is a requirement from 29 June 2026. **Noted.**
- c) Introducing Dorset Connect: Purbeck - our new style network for your neighbourhood. 'Dorset Connect' is a new brand bringing together people and organisations who are passionate about making a difference locally. Whether you represent a community group, charity, business, education provider, faith group, arts and culture organisation, sports and leisure service, health or social care provider, or a town or parish council — Dorset Connect offers a space to connect across sectors. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th July from 9.30 - 12 at Herston Village Hall. **Noted.**
- d) Community Connectors - Free training run by the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team. Wednesday 15th July 11am to 1pm at Wareham Family Hub. **Noted.**
- e) How our finances are improving; wildflower wonderland; and much more. A report going to Cabinet on 23 June shows the council ended the 2025/26 financial year broadly on budget, with a very small underspend of £169,000 from a total budget of £417 million. **Noted.**
- f) Revised Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for B3070 East Lulworth. Works scheduled July 10th to 13th, 2026, from 09:00 to 16:00 daily.

The Parish Council had written to Dorset Highways expressing concern that these dates fell immediately before Camp Bestival, with site preparations commencing from 19th July. In the week leading up to the event, numerous 35-tonne articulated lorries carrying equipment travel along the B3070 before turning onto the C48 at what is already a particularly tight junction. Heavy goods vehicle movements increase significantly during the following two weeks.

Dorset Highways responded that Gripfibre surfacing is designed to withstand high volumes of HGV traffic and that it had no concerns regarding articulated lorries damaging the surface. It also advised that September is generally not a suitable period for Gripfibre CAUTS works and therefore intended to retain the original programme while monitoring the road for any damage.

A Parish Councillor subsequently was told that the works have now been postponed until after Camp Bestival. **Action:** The Clerk to write to Dorset Highways to confirm that the works have been postponed.

- g) New Register of Interests (RoI) Process - is now live! - Action Briefing. Dorset Council launched a new Register of Interests process; councillors must validate and update records by July 24, 2026. Clerk to investigate
 - h) Introducing Dorset Connect: Purbeck - our new style network for your neighbourhood. The network meeting will be on 7th July from 1:00 to 3:30pm at Herston Village Hall.
- Noted.**

26/27/031 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

Community Emergency Response Plans. Request to complete a short survey to gain an understanding of the current position for community emergency response planning in the DC area, and to inform future support efforts.

Cllr Bowman presented a draft Community Emergency Response Plan for East Lulworth. The plan is intended to be activated following an emergency, when advance warnings are received of an anticipated event, or where emergency services require local support or are unable to attend immediately, for example during severe weather.

It was proposed that the primary Emergency Meeting Point (EMP) should be the Old Cricket Field (The Piggeries Field), located south of the Weld Arms, with the secondary EMP at the Old Football Pitch Field. These locations were selected because they provide a hardstanding surface suitable for emergency vehicles and are centrally located within the village.

Communication arrangements were then discussed. Under normal circumstances, communication could be managed via WhatsApp. However, if services were disrupted, two-way radios may be required, together with emergency "grab bags" containing high-vis and other essential equipment. Door-to-door notification may also be necessary. It was discussed whether separate arrangements may be needed to ensure adequate coverage for the Shaggs area.

Action: Cllr Bowman to liaise with the Estate to review and develop the CERP.

26/27/032 Finance

a) Payment Schedule.

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr de Hauteville Bell

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	For
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Miss E Maidment	000579	£296.80	Salary & allowances
Miss E Maidment Fee Reimbursed	000579	£52.00	Data Protection

The payments were combined due to Lloyds charging 50p per cheque

Community Heartbeat	000578	£98.34	Defib Pads
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- b) To receive a copy of the cashbook and the first budget report as of 27th May 2026.
This was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Lovelass. It was duly signed by the Chair. The cashbook balance as of 27th May 2026 was £12,136.65

26/27/033 Items for inclusion on next agenda

- a) It was agreed that arrangements for the Christmas event would be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- b) Cllr Barnes noted that the defibrillator pads and batteries at Shaggs are all within their expiry dates. The Estate has also purchased a new defibrillator, which will be installed beneath the Clock Tower in the Courtyard.
- c) Cllr Barnes and Cllr de Hauteville Bell said that they would be visiting Winfrith to observe the laser cutting at Dragon and asked if any other councillors wished to join them.

26/27/034 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd September at 7pm.

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:55hrs.

Chairman: Date: