

# ***EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024  
at 7.30p.m at the Harness Room, Lulworth Castle.

## **Councillors**

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)  
Annie Lovelass  
Chris De Hauteville Bell  
Louise Wathem  
Fiona Fryer

In attendance: 2 Members of the Public  
Maria Attwood, Community Speedwatch Coordinator  
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

### **1. Welcome from the Chairman**

Mr Matthew Barnes welcomed all those present to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

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

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

### **4. Report by the Chairman**

- The chairman provided a brief summary of key events from the past 12 months. Around this time last year, the village organised a big "Sunday Lunch" to celebrate the King's Coronation.
- A new replacement bench was purchased and placed at Amish Mell. The new bench comes with a 25-year guarantee.
- The Parish Council bid farewell to three Parish Councillors who stepped down: Jenny Manuel, Jenny Strowbridge, and Judith Jesty. Jenny Manuel had served as a Parish Councillor for 40 years and only resigned because she moved out of the village. The Chair thanked all three Parish Councillors for their hard work over the years.
- Two new Parish Councillors, Fiona Fryer and Louise Wathem, have been appointed and were thanked by the Chair.
- There was a site meeting with Highways to discuss Deer/Horse signage and the bypass.

Mr Barnes thanked everyone again for all their support over the last year.

### **5. Maria Attwood The Police Community Speedwatch Coordinator**

Various members of the Parish Council and the public raised concerns about speeding issues in the area. They noted instances of rapid braking when the speed limit changes, particularly near Mount Pleasant and at the

Bypass Junction. It was mentioned that the speeding is mainly done by local people at specific times but has never been reported. Maria Attwood suggested that it would be more effective for individuals to report the speeding rather than going through the Parish Council. As the more people that report the incidents the better as the police would then use this information to map out the problem areas and place their speed camera vehicles at those locations. The Dorset Roadsafe website provides guidance on how to report speeding, and they are also running a scheme called Operation Snap, which allows members of the public to upload their dashcam footage of dangerous driving.

Installing Speed Indicator Devices to reduce speeding was also discussed. The Chair highlighted the financial challenges the Parish Council faces in acquiring one, as our village only receives a small precept. Another option is, the County has acquired a group of 10 mounted autospeed cameras that will be used at various locations. These cameras record registration numbers and target high-speed drivers. One issue with these devices is that a small group of people vandalise them, claiming it infringes on their human rights.

The Speedwatch Coordinator expressed willingness to set up a group for East Lulworth, a setup fee of £300 would be required and there needs to be a minimum requirement of four volunteers for at least two hours a month. It's advised to vary the times of speed checks to prevent predictability. It cannot be done during adverse weather conditions as this would hinder the checks. Safe locations for the checks which were suggested include the junction at the bypass and by the garage. Volunteers would record vehicle make, colour, and registration number. It was agreed to launch a campaign to encourage locals to volunteer by promoting it in leaflets, the Parish News, and on social media.

## **6. Comments/Questions**

No comments or questions were received.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

Dated: .....