

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Monday 21st November 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Jenny Manuel
Jenny Strowbridge
Annie Lovelass
Chris de Hauteville Bell

In attendance: Dorset Cllr Laura Beddow
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

22/23/051 Public Participation Period

There were no members of the public in attendance

22/23/052 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Weld, and Cllr Jesty

22/23/053 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest or Grants of Dispensation.

22/23/054 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022 were an accurate record of that meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

22/23/055 Unitary Councillor Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) Some nearly 4 years ago the councils started the exercise to abolish the 5 District Councils and to create two larger authorities to reduce duplication and improve efficiency. It was asked how this is progressing and the following statement was received from the Chief Financial Officer. During its first 3½ years old Dorset Council has maximised the efficiencies of becoming a unitary council which has enabled it to re-invest in front line services. Since it was formed the Council has made savings of £77M. These savings have been reinvested predominantly in Social Care. Due to the rural nature of Dorset, it means that some of the costs are unavoidably high e.g travel to school, and the provision of home care. Other savings have included using a centralised out of hours number rather than each department having its own.
- b) Cllr Beddow is responsible for the Customer & Community Services, to gain more insight she has undertaken the loader training course and has done some bin rounds.
- c) Dorset Council has a small project grant, funding up to 80% of total project costs. It offers grants from £1,000 to £5,000 to support the council to meet its core priorities. In round 4 Cultural applicants can apply for projects that meet the council's cultural outcomes and priorities. Cultural applicants can be considered for a cost-of-living project grant but can only submit one application in this round.
- d) Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements 2024/2025 with effect from Monday 7th November 2022 to Sunday 18th December 2022. Details of the consultation will be available to view at 2024 to 2025 school admission policies - Dorset Council.

- e) The Council has appointed BCHA, a charitable housing association based in the south west, to lead the Pause Programme. Pause is a nationally evaluated programme which works with women who have experienced, or are at risk of, repeated pregnancies that result in their children needing to be removed from their care. The programme aims to give women the opportunity to pause and take control of their lives.
- f) £1.5 million has been awarded to continue supporting rough sleepers.
- g) Gritting crews are on standby from now until the end of March. Up to 22 main gritting routes are treated by Dorset Council's Highways Service when road surface temperatures are predicted to drop below one degree Celsius. It was commented upon that a grit bin has collapsed and now has rainwater coming in. **Action:** The Clerk to report it online.
- h) Dorset's Homes for Ukraine Response is now established as a council service, made up of and integrated with many front-line services. The next phase is the post-six-month long-term housing and re-matching support.

22/23/056 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

No planning applications were received.

22/23/057 Highways and Footpaths

- a) **Bypass update**
No update
- b) **Signage Improvement**
Ongoing.

22/23/058 Telephone Kiosk update

- a) Cllr Lovelass formally thanked Cllr Barnes for all of his hard work in fundraising for the defibrillator. Money raised has included £500 from Camp Bestival, £220.00 from Just Giving and £175.00 from the Jubilee Raffle. £200 will come from the CIL allocation, £479.76 from Section 137 and £250 will be used from the maintenance budget for the fitting. As a Parish Council, we are entitled to claim back VAT therefore the cost of the defibrillator is £1830. The Third Quarter accounts will show the breakdown of these costings.
- b) There is a delay in the delivery due to an increase in demand for defibrillators in recent months and this demand has outstripped supply. When it does arrive, Cllr Barnes will be given instructions via telephone as to how to install the equipment. Monthly checks are required and they need to be submitted online via the WebNos Governance system. Cllr Manual suggested that the Parish Council should donate to the Lulworth First Responders for doing the defibrillator checks. It was agreed to discuss this at the beginning of the next financial year.

22/23/059 Camp Bestival

Cllr Lovelass attended the Community & External Partners Debrief on 2nd November. The lack of security in the village was raised as a concern and the need to have the one way system manned as drivers ignored the signage.

22/23/060 Dog Fouling

All households have now received the letter. There has been positive feedback and no bags have been left recently.

22/23/061 Defibrillator Training

This will be organised with Stephen Pack. It is hoped that the Harness Room can be used.

22/23/062 Correspondence

- a) Dorset AONB - Community Tree Scheme. The project will focus primarily on support for the planning stages (rather than directly on providing and planting trees) including training to build knowledge within communities. **Noted.**

- b) Dorset Highways - Salt bins and Dumpy bags 2022/23 season. All community bins that are emptied over the winter season after the initial fill will be charged as per last year. **Noted.**
- c) DAPTC E-News 14 October 2022. It is advised to allow for additional time to discuss the 2023/24 budget. **Noted.**
- d) Dorset Council latest news - Local news, cost of living help and more. Dorset Council submits proposals for three potential Investment Zones including a site adjacent to the existing Dorset Innovation Park. **Noted.**
- e) DAPTC AGM 2022 - Saturday 19 November at 10am. This year's meeting will be held online. **Noted.**
- f) Dorset Council Town & Parish Precept Requests 2023/24. The deadline for submitting a precept request is 31 January 2023. **Noted.**
- g) NJC Pay award email - all clerks and chairs. Agreement on the new pay scales for 2022-2023 with backpay to be awarded from 1st April 2022. **Noted.**
- h) Monthly firing times. The new timings are published on the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lulworth-firing-notice>
Noted.
- i) Dorset Council latest news - Local news, cost of living help and more. Help and Kindness have been working to map warm welcomes across Dorset. The nearest is the Not Just Sundaes Community Cafe in Wareham. **Noted.**

22/23/063 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

No open consultations

- a) A laurel hedge belonging to a property is obscuring the sightline at a junction.
Action: The Clerk to write to the Estate advising that it must be cut back.
- b) It is required that the Parish Council needs to formally ask the MOD to place a bench at Amish Mell. **Action:** Cllr de Hauteville Bell to obtain an email address and will forward it to the Clerk.
- c) The Estate has done quite a bit of printing for the Parish Council. If printing is done in the future it was questioned if the Parish Council should cover these costs.

22/23/064 Finance

a) Payment Schedule

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Strowbridge. The cheques were signed by Cllr Manuel and Cllr Barnes.

Payee	Cheque number	Amount/£	For
Miss E Maidment	000520	£255.86	Oct - Nov Salary
Miss E Maidment	000521	£66.66	Backdated pay Apr-Sep

b) To note the second quarter bank reconciliation

It was questioned what the £64.80 was on the maintenance budget. The running costs for the defibrillator are included in this category. Last month replacement defibrillator pads were purchased for £64.80. It was duly signed by the Chair. The current balance is £11773.49.

c) To receive the second quarter budget report

This was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Manuel and was duly signed by the Chair.

22/23/065 **Items for inclusion on next agenda**

The King's coronation will be on 6th May 2023. An event will be organised by the Social Committee. The park cannot be used as there is a wedding on the Saturday and on the Sunday it is the Dorset Motor Show. It was suggested that they could use the football field instead.

21/22/065 **Date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2023

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

Chairman: Date: