

EAST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Lulworth Parish Council held on
Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Harness Room

Councillors

Present: Matthew Barnes (Chairman)
Louise Wathen
Annie Lovelass
Nicky Northover
James Weld
Fiona Fryer
Chris de Hauteville Bell

In attendance: 1 Member of the Public
Liz Maidment (Clerk)

25/26/001 Election of Parish Council Chairman for 2025/26

a) To elect a Chairman for the coming year

Cllr Lovelass proposed Cllr Barnes as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Northover. Cllr Barnes was the only nomination for Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Barnes was elected Chairman for the coming year.
It was resolved that Cllr Barnes was elected Chairman.

b) To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Matthew Barnes accepted the position of Chairman and duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

25/26/002 Election of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2025/26

a) To elect a Vice-Chairman for the coming year

Cllr Weld proposed Cllr Wathen as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr de Hauteville Bell. Cllr Wathen was the only nomination for Vice-Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Wathen was elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
It was resolved that Cllr Wathen was elected.

b) To receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Louise Wathen accepted the position of Vice-Chairman and duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

25/26/003 Public Participation Period

A resident has written to the Parish Council requesting an update on Aster and the situation regarding a dog that has been roaming around the village. The Dog Warden has contacted the dog's owner; while legally they do not have to keep the dog on a lead when on the road, they do need to have control of the animal. Witnesses have reported seeing the dog entering gardens in Mount Pleasant and chasing chickens.

An email was sent to the owner, but two days later, the owner was observed playing frisbee with the dog near the Castle, with sheep in the adjacent field. It was discussed that the tenancy agreement stipulates that residents must be responsible pet owners. **Action:** The Clerk to ask Dorset Cllr Beddow for an update regarding Aster.

25/26/004 Apologies

Apologies were received from Dorset Cllr Beddow and Dorset Cllr Baker

25/26/005 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensations

None

25/26/006 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 13th March 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March were an accurate

record of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr Barnes.

25/26/007 Unitary Councillor Report

No report.

25/26/008 Planning Applications, Planning appeals or Tree Works

No information was received prior to the agenda being published. **P/TRC/2025/02637**

Proposal: Various tree works as per submitted schedule. Location: Lulworth Castle received 14/5/2025. **Noted.**

25/26/009 Highways and Footpaths

a) **Bypass update**

No update

b) **Community Speedwatch**

Discussed during the APM.

c) **Speed Indicator Device**

Cllr Barnes will email Highways to arrange the traffic survey.

d) **Signage Improvement**

The Collision Reduction Officer is meeting the works team to obtain an update the week commencing 19th May.

25/26/010 Articles for Lulworth Parish News

Cllr Lovelass submitted an article about the VE day evening.

25/26/011 Correspondence

- a) 6-Week Reminder - Winfrith SSG Meeting - Tuesday 13th May 2025. The next meeting of the Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group will be at 1.45 on 13th May at Winfrith Village Hall.
An East Lulworth resident attended the meeting.
- b) New Chief Executive, ambitious bus services improvements, VE celebrations and much more. Dr Catherine Howe has been appointed as the new Dorset Council Chief Executive. **Noted.**
- c) News release: Last chance to apply for VE Day street party road closure. The deadline for applying was 11th April. **Noted.**
- d) Road Safety Signage in Dorset Council area - update from PCC David Sidwick. A one-year trial of road safety signage across North Dorset has been successful. **Noted.**
- e) Resident engagement project. The project is about engaging with local residents who live in social housing and to understand their views & feedback, specifically regarding downsizing. **Noted**
- f) Extended childcare hours, more support for extra care residents and a new chief executive. Local primary schools as well as registered childcare providers, are offering new or expanded before and after school childcare hours. **Noted.**
- g) A Country Journey 2025 Can you help? East Lulworth. A 175-mile multi-day hike around Dorset to support Dorset Wildlife Trust's nature recovery work.
Cllr Barnes has been in contact with the organiser.
- h) Goodbye from Lisa at DAPTC. She will leave DAPTC on 23rd April. **Noted.**
- i) PTAG MEETING. The next meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group will be held in Swanage Town Hall next Wednesday, 23 April, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Noted.**
- j) Funding opportunities for community groups, rediscovering High Angle Battery and the latest on Maumbury Junction. Dorset Council has retained its leading position as the number one unitary and disposal authority in England for recycling rates. **Noted.**
- k) News release: New funding opportunities for local community groups. This fund offers small grants ranging from £1,500 to £5,000 to support organisations who want to start new activities or events that make a real difference to the lives of Dorset residents, especially those who are marginalised or disadvantaged. **Noted.**

25/26/012 Consultations and New Items for Discussion

- a) How can Dorset Council work better with the VCS in Dorset? This is your

chance to have your say by answering a few quick questions. **Noted.**

25/26/013 Finance

a) Payment Schedule.

The following payment schedule was proposed by Cllr Lovelass and seconded by Cllr Northover

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>For</i>
Miss E Maidment	000558	£296.34	Salary
ICO	000559	£52.00	GDPR Renewal

The invoice for the annual subscription for the Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils was received on 14th May. As there is a 30 day deadline, it was agreed that the cheque should be signed at the meeting.

DAPTC	000560	£100.00	Subscription
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- b)** To receive a copy of the cashbook and the final budget report as of 31st March 2025.
This was proposed by Cllr Weld and seconded by Cllr Lovelass. It was duly signed by the Chair. The cashbook balance as of 31st March 2025 was £11759.10.
- c)** To consider and approve the Annual Statement of the Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31st March 2025.
- d)** Parish Council Annual Return
To complete, approve and sign Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return.
Jackie Kent has completed the internal audit. The Chair duly signed the document.
- e)** 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 2025 and notes to these Accounts.
This was duly noted.
- ii)** To consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences.
This was duly noted and was signed by the Chair.
- iii)** To confirm no conflict of interest with the Auditor BDO LLP.
It was confirmed that there was no conflict of interest and the form was duly signed.
- f)** To note the Internal Auditor's letter.
No issues were raised in the letter and it was duly noted.

24/25/014 Items for inclusion on next agenda

Once the Camp Bestival residents' meeting is confirmed, details will be shared with the residents.

24/25/015 Date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th July 2025

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:40hrs.

Chairman: Date: