

# ***WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at West Lulworth Village Hall  
on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 at 7.30p.m.

## **Councillors**

**Present:** Mr P Simpson (Chairman)  
Mr J Davey (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs V King  
Mr D Knight  
Mr N Miller  
Mrs E Rudd  
Mr M Whittle

**In attendance:** District Cllr Barry Quinn  
County Cllr Mike Lovell  
3 Members of the public  
Mrs Julie Wright (Clerk)

## 11/12/223 **Presentation from the Dorset Castles Research Group (DCRG)**

The DCRG is a small group dedicated to researching, investigating, dating, documenting and publishing findings relating to early Norman castles in Dorset.

Mr Roger Hills, Chairman of DCRG, gave a short presentation on the lost medieval village of East Lulworth project. Initially there were 21 potential castle sites in Dorset. This has been narrowed down to the proposal to investigate the lost castle and medieval village of East Lulworth. The area DCRG is interested in is west of St. Andrew's Church as there is very reliable documented evidence that there was a manor house here which could be the lost castle. A preliminary grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has been granted.

Mr James Weld is interested in the Ornamental gardens as they were designed by his ancestor Margaret Weld.

Geophysical surveys will be carried out to see if there are any archaeological remains here. At this time is not planned to carry out any archaeological excavations.

Part of the project is outreach to the community which was why Mr Hills was speaking at this meeting. The Purbeck School will be involved in the project by helping on the site and producing a display for the project which will be on display in West Lulworth Village Hall.

It is hoped that the full funding application to HLF will be submitted later this month and that work will start August/September for a month with the project finishing in the middle of next year.

There will be an invitation for residents to visit the site to see the work that is being carried out at East Lulworth.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hills for taking the time to inform the Parish of this project.

11/12/224 **Public Discussion Period**

Mr Halsall reported that the Alexanders, a biennial plant, are taking over. Is it possible to control this? There was a conflicting view whether Dorset County Council would use herbicides to remove it.

The new finger posts look wonderful but what does 'Lulworth cv.w' mean?

**Action:** The Clerk will send a thank you to the DCC Rangers for their installation and enquire what the above abbreviation means.

11/12/225 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted and approved from Mrs M Colvin and Ms C Matthews.

11/12/226 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**

Personal declarations were made by Mrs King and Mr Davey regarding agenda item 8 a) 'Alpine', Sunnyside. Mr Miller declared a personal interest in the planning application 6/2012/0203 but this is not a prejudicial interest.

11/12/227 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 were approved and signed.

11/12/228 **New Planning Applications**

a) **6/2012/0176** –School Lane (Lulworth CE VC First School), West Lulworth BH20 5SA. Replace existing chain link/palisade fencing and gates with vertical bar fencing and gates.

After the proposal by Mr Miller and being seconded by Mrs Knight, it was **resolved** that the Parish Council had **no objections** to this application.

b) **6/2012/0203** - (Conservation Area) Bindon Road (Land adj. Lulworth House), West Lulworth BH20 5RU. Erect detached dwelling.

The Clerk will inform the Planning Officer that at the time of this meeting no letters have been sent to the neighbours regarding this application.

It was proposed by Mrs King that the Parish Council recommend refusal of this application, this was seconded by Mr Knight and the motion carried. Mr Miller did not vote on this application.

The reasons for refusal are:

- Too big - it was noted that the pre-planning application advice was for a 2 bedroom property. This is not in keeping with the Conservation Area.
- This property will increase the need for parking but has the effect of reducing the existing parking area.
- The property is overlooked by Lulworth House and this proposed development will overlook houses further down the road.
- There will be access problems for the refuse lorries.
- There is concern at present as there are toads (unidentified species) in Bindon Road allotment gardens. The Ranger has been informed and will be investigating them.

11/12/229 **Other Planning Issues or Information received**

a) Email from Nickie Johnson, Clerk to Wool Parish Council about the Purbeck District Council Planning Policy Development Panel recommendations.

Site visits happen rarely.

The Parish Council does not support the recommendation that has been made for site meetings to be closed to members of the public in future. There have been incidents in this parish where residents or parish councillors have given an insight into the proposed development site at these meetings that the planning officer has not been aware of.

**Action:** The Clerk will write with these comments to Mr Steve Mackenzie, PDC's Chief Executive, with copies to Ms Downton, District Cllr Quinn, Nickie Johnson, Wool Parish Clerk and Cllr Peter Wharf, Chairman of the Planning Board.

- b) **6/2012/0127** - Construction of meteorological mast (100 metres high above mean sea level) - Consultation by the Marine Management Organisation Ref - MLA/2012/0058.

PDC have responded to this application as they are a consultee and they have made the comments that this mast is not being erected in the area where the wind farm will be. This item is for the Parish Council's information.

- c) **Wreck to Reef Project**

Tonnes of stone are to be dumped and two ships will be scuttled to become diving wrecks. The location for which is on prime fishing ground in Weymouth Bay.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to David Jenkins, DCC's Chief Executive, with a copy to Richard Drax, MP, asking why the fishermen have not been notified and why there has been no consultation on the Wreck to Reef Project.

11/12/230 **Updates on previous issues Planning Issues or New Planning Issues to report**

- a) 'Alpine'.

The information on the ownership of the land has been sent to the solicitor for comment. The planning application has still not been determined. The query over ownership of the land is a neighbour dispute. Cllr Quinn will enquire what is happening with this application.

11/12/231 **New arrangements for PDC Tree Officer**

PDC will be joint working with Dorset County Council in providing a tree service. The technical administration support is provided by Jenny Key who has started work at PDC this week. James Bennet is the new Tree Officer who is based at DCC but will work at PDC two days a week.

11/12/232 **Finance**

- a) Payment schedule

The following payment schedule was approved for payment having been proposed by Mrs Rudd and seconded by Mr Miller. Mr M Whittle abstained from voting. This motion was carried unanimously.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque number</b>
Mr M Whittle (domain name renewal)	£11.99	000613
DAPTC Financial Update	£20.00	000614
DAPTC Localism Act Update Event	£60.00	000615
Mr D Wheatley (Annual website hosting fee)	£195.00	000616
SMP (Playgrounds) Ltd	£1086.36	000617
Village Hall Rent (01.01-31.03.12 incl)	£34.50	000618

**It was resolved** that the above payment schedule was paid.

b) **March's Budget report 2011/12**

The Chairman went through the year's expenditure and it has remained well within budget.

No comments were made on this report and March's Budget report was **noted**.

11/12/233 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

a) **County Cllr Lovell's Report**

i) There has been a briefing regarding the service for older people. Following the Day Services consultation earlier in the year the County Council will be looking at working with another company and the day service care will be kept in house.

ii) Winter Maintenance. The consultation on Consultation on Community Involvement in Snow Clearing Operations has been extended to 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr Simpson had responded to this consultation by saying that the Parish does not wish to be involved in the proposed snow plough scheme.

iii) B3070 from Church Road to Lulworth Cove. Cllr Lovell has requested that this road is resurfaced as it did not appear on the Dorset Highways Capital Programme - April 2012 to March 2013.

iv) Rusting Gate at Cove. This has been reported on-line and the PEM number given to Danny Allen to investigate.

b) **District Cllr Quinn's Report**

i) The money has been returned from the Icelandic Bank.

ii) The Purbeck Heritage Committee has been scrapped. This has been replaced with a Purbeck Heritage Network.

iii) The 'About Purbeck' magazine has been delivered.

**Action:** The Clerk will submit an invoice for £100 to Claire Lodge for the delivery of the magazine.

v) Waste Bin. A single bin has been delivered to replace the one taken from opposite the war memorial. District Cllr Quinn has been to the SITA depot and selected the best double one which is in better condition but not new however SITA will steam clean it before delivery.

c) **Traffic in Villages Toolkit** from the Dorset AONB.

In this booklet there are various scenarios that give ideas for the design of roads and junctions to help reduce the speed of traffic and of psychological traffic calming.

This booklet will be circulated and the ideas discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.

11/12/234 **Consultations and new items for discussion**

a) **Buses**

Mrs King reported that the 103 bus will run until 9<sup>th</sup> June. People need to write to the County Council to stress how important this bus service is. The X43 will be running and at present First bus will not be operating a commercial service. There will be a County Council Cabinet meeting in May to look at how to proceed with the bus services that will no longer be provided after June.

b) **HMRC PAYE**

A letter has been received from HMRC stating that the Parish Council does not need to operate PAYE. This will be kept on file.

- c) **DCC Highways** Consultation on Community Involvement in Snow Clearing Operations. See minute 11/12/214 a) ii).
- d) **Replacing Parish Council computer.**  
A suggestion has been received from East Lulworth Parish Council that one computer is bought and shared between the three parish councils of East Lulworth, East Stoke and West Lulworth. This was thought to be a good idea and was agreed in principle. Mr Simpson will discuss this proposal further with the other two Parish Councils.
- e) **Resident's Car Park**  
Mr Davey has received complaints about the Heritage Centre Staff parking in the resident's car park all day when they can park in the main car park for free. This restricts the places for residents and contravenes the 2 hour limit. The Rangers are parking their vehicles here too. This also restricts the places available to the coastguard when they are called out on an emergency.  
There seems to be some disagreement on who can use these parking spaces.  
**Action:** Mr Simpson will speak to Mr James Weld to clarify this issue.

11/12/235 **Annual Parish Meeting**

- a) **Feedback**  
The presentation by Nick Higginbottom on the 'March 2012 Night Sky' was very interesting. The Parish Council need to progress the Dark Skies Policy.  
**Action:** The Clerk will add the Dark Skies Policy on the next agenda.
- b) **Lights at the Army Camp.**  
This issue will be raised with Major (Rtd) John Barr when he attends another meeting of the Parish Council.

11/12/236 **Feedback From Meetings Attended**

- a) **Flood Workshop**  
This was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March.  
The Clerk reported that Ms Matthews and Mrs Colvin attended this event. The workshop was to inform the Parish Councils and Flood Wardens via presentations of Dorset County Council's 'Dorset Local Flood Risk Management Strategy' and the details of the Property Level Protection schemes from the Environment Agency. Maps of the Parishes were provided for you to put down areas where flooding occurred, who has been informed and what should be done about these issues.  
**Action:** The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda for Ms Matthews to report.

11/12/237 **Ongoing Actions and items for discussion/update from previous meetings**

- a) **Waste Bin** (opposite War memorial). See minute 11/12/214 b) v).
- b) **Olympics**  
There will be afternoon tea in the village hall from 3pm where people can share their photographs of the torch relay and there will be a display of the school's sporting activities throughout the year. The school children will be running across the hills to Winfrith. A press release should go out about the school children's event.

It was **unanimously agreed** that the Parish Council would pay the rent for the hire of the village hall for the afternoon tea.

c) **Jubilee Celebrations**

i) Bonfire on Hambury Tout.

It is hoped to have a bonfire on Hambury Tout to conclude the Jubilee celebrations on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council will be organising this event. The Lulworth Estate will help with the risk assessment required by Natural England and the insurance company for this event.

ii) Mugs.

Mugs will be given to all children under 12 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012. A form needs to be sent to all households in the parish to find out the number of children in each. A guesstimate is that there are 80 children. It was agreed to purchase 100 mugs. The mug should have a picture of the Queen on it.

A letter of congratulations should be sent from the Parish Council to Her Majesty the Queen on achieving her Diamond Jubilee.

**Action:** Mr Simpson will look into the costs of buying the Jubilee mugs.

**Action:** The Clerk will write a letter of congratulations to Queen Elizabeth on the achievement of sixty years on the throne.

11/12/238 **DAPTC Training Courses**

a) Councillors Making Your Council Meetings Work, Dorchester DYA, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm – 4pm, £20.

No one will be attending this training.

b) Clerks training on General Power of Competence, Dorchester DYA, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12noon, £20.

It was agreed that the Clerk could attend this training.

11/12/239 **Footpaths**

a) Dungy Head

This is on-going.

b) East to West Lulworth

There was nothing to report.

c) Any other issues to report

No other issues to report.

11/12/240 **Correspondence**

a) Correspondence report – April 2012

All the following correspondence had been circulated to councillors between meetings. This report was noted.

1. Dorset Countryside news for March and April 2012.

2. Olympics.

i) Information from Activate Performing Arts and how they would like to be involved in events over the Torch Relay days. They are hoping to create a large group piece for young people to be performed as a Flashmob at an outdoor event during the Olympic torch Relay celebrations.

ii) Information about a funding and support opportunity from ‘Superact’ linked to the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The contribution cost is £475.

3. The dog warden service is returning to Purbeck District Council.
  4. Funding for projects in the Dorset AONB - closing date 23rd April. About £40,000 is available to support environmental and community projects across Dorset.
  5. A letter from Dorset Police which gives the outcome of the Dorset Police Enquiry Office Review.
  6. Dorset Highways Capital Programme - April 2012 to March 2013.
  7. Information from Came and Company about the insurance requirements for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.
  8. Great Dorset Beach Clean on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The posters have been displayed on the notice boards.
  9. Purbeck District Council Bulletin April 2012.
- b) **St Johns Ambulance** re defibrillator. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not invite the St Johns Ambulance to demonstrate a defibrillator.
- c) **DAPTC Circular 03/12.** A copy of the circular was distributed to all Councillors.

11/12/241 **Items for information and Items for next agenda**

Items for the next agenda are what can be done about the Alexanders (biennial plant), an update on Resident's Car Park and the skip in Church Road.

11/12/242 **Date of the next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.30pm in West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.45pm.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....