

WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at West Lulworth Village Hall
on Monday September 3rd 2012 at 7.30p.m.

Councillors

Present: Mr P Simpson (Chairman)
Mr J Davey (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Colvin
Mrs V King
Mr D Knight
Ms C Matthews

In attendance: Mrs Julie Wright (Clerk)

12/13/079 **Public Discussion Period**

No one made any representations.

12/13/080 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs E Rudd, Mr M Whittle, District Cllr Quinn, County Cllr Lovell, the Wareham West Safer Neighbourhood Team and Major (Rtd) Barr.

12/13/081 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**

Personal declarations were made by Mrs King and Mr Davey regarding agenda item 9 as the District Cllr's report included an update on the planning at 'Alpine', Sunnyside.

12/13/082 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on August 6th 2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday August 6th 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

12/13/083 **Updates on Previous Planning Applications**

a) **6/2012/0367** - School Lane (Hillside House), West Lulworth, BH20 5SA.
Alterations to fenestration and replacement of existing porch. **Approved.**

12/13/084 **Tree Works Applications**

a) **TWA/2012/0109** – Main Road (Bindon House), West Lulworth. **Description:** (T1) Ash – fell. **Conservation Area:** West Lulworth Conservation Area.
The Parish Council has no objections to the ash tree being felled.

12/13/085 **Updates on Tree Works Applications**

a) **TWA/2012/0065** - The Castle Inn, Main Road, West Lulworth. **Description:** Maintenance work to 19 trees around car parking area, including some to be felled; mix of Macrocarpa, False Acacia and Ash. **Tree Preservation Order:** District of Purbeck (West Lulworth) TPO 1970 (TPO 188) and West Lulworth Conservation Area.
The Clerk had contacted Jenny Key and the Tree Officer is waiting for a reply from the agent to clarify the proposed works to several of the trees, for example the ones which state crown clean or fell.

12/13/086 **Finance**

a) Payment schedule

The following payment schedule was approved for payment having been proposed by Mrs Colvin and seconded by Mrs King. This motion was carried unanimously.

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
Mr C Vallance (Cutting of footpaths/hedge. Bill 16)	£184.00	000648
Mrs J Wright (August/September salary)	£383.11	000649
DCC Pension Payments (August)	£51.91	000650
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It was resolved that the above payment schedule was paid.

b) Receipts

The following receipt was **noted**.

Interest on Playground Account £0.19

c) August's Budget report 2012/13

August's Budget report was **noted**.

d) Swing Seats

The Clerk had circulated prices for replacement swing seats with the papers for the meeting.

It was agreed to defer a decision to see if there was room for a baby seat swing within the play area.

Action: This item will be considered at the next meeting.

12/13/087 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

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

No report.

Action: The Clerk will ask for an update on the resurfacing of the main road to the Cove. It will be reported that the posts have not been replaced so the car park sign has still not been re-erected.

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

i) Cove Bins.

PDC reported that these are being emptied twice a day. There are still times that these bins are not emptied and evidence is required of dates/times.

It was reported that the staff that usually empty the bins have been transferred to other duties.

Action: Mr Davey will organise sheet with dates/times and one of the business owners at the Cove will log when the bins are being emptied.

ii) Cove Toilets

These toilets need to be kept clean until ownership is transferred to the Weld Estate. This is especially so during the busy summer season.

PDC should be monitoring the cleaning of the toilets.

Action: The Chairman and Clerk will write to PDC with these concerns and asking that the cleaning of the toilets is monitored.

iii) Tree Officer

The Tree Officer, James Bennett, which PDC shares with Dorset County Council (DCC), provides cover on Tuesdays and Thursday each week. When he is in Purbeck he is out on the ground quite a lot.

iv) 'Alpine'

The skip has now been moved. There are still concerns from the residents of Sunnyside over access due to the garage wall encroaching onto the road. The Bindon and Sunnyside Residents Association will write to the Weld Estate and send a copy to the Parish Council and PDC.

v) Synergy Estate Tour

A problem was raised at the July Parish Council meeting regarding the misuse of the land behind the houses in Morey's Close that was picked up during Synergy's estate tour in June. Rosemary Sherratt from Synergy is investigating the matter.

It was also reported that Synergy were going to send a map which shows who is responsible for grass cutting etc in West Lulworth. This has not been received.

12/13/088 **Consultations and new items for discussion**

a) Cove emergency telephone

The emergency telephone has not been used in over three years and this cost the Parish Council £237.88 during 2011/12. Most people now have mobile phones to call the emergency services.

It was proposed by Mr Knight, seconded by Ms Matthew that on the basis that the telephone has not been used in over three years that the Parish Council no longer pays for the emergency telephone at the Cove.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council no longer pays for the emergency telephone at the Cove.

b) Email from Mike Langford re traffic

Mr Langford raised the concern that he does not feel safe walking around the village due to the speed of traffic and the narrow roads. Drivers are using West Road as a 'rat run'. The pavements and road signs are overgrown with vegetation and uncut hedges. Mr Langford made the following points to address these concerns:

1. Bigger, modern, more prominent signage. This is something the Parish Council does not want in the Conservation area. The sign opposite the Castle Inn gives the motorist directions to take West Road to go to Durdle Door. The signage could be improved by asking all traffic for the Cove and Durdle Door to go straight ahead. There would then need to be a sign just before Hambury corner directing traffic to turn right to Durdle Door.

A meeting is needed with Highways if they could change the signage for Durdle Door.

2. Hedgerows cut more regularly and kept off the pavement. Enable clear vision of the signage.

Owners have responsibility cut back their hedges to allow safe passage for pedestrians.

Action: The Clerk will ask DCC for their leaflet 'Hedges, Trees and the Highway'. A leaflet drop will be carried out in West Road to see if this prompts owners to cut back their hedges. If the hedges are not cut back then DCC will be informed.

3. Parking restrictions on Church Road and West Road. This has already been looked at previously.
4. Speed limit enforcement, especially in the summer when West Lulworth has the traffic volume of a small town. The enforcement of speed is the responsibility of the Police.
5. More allocated parking, especially for holiday homes. If at least two cars can't be accommodated within the curtilage of the property then refuse the planning permission.
The Parish Council have tried for this when responding to planning applications.
6. Size of some of the coaches, put in a park and ride keep them out. This would not solve the problem as people would then use another coach to get into the village.
Action: Mr Simpson will respond to Mr Langford about the issues he has raised.

12/13/089 Affordable Housing Report

The Chairman wrote an article for the Parish News about the PDC Housing Needs report.

Mrs King tabled the next steps to be taken including the need for a Public Presentation to explain the affordable housing report and the way forward. The public want to see some sort of action and are tired of filling in forms. A parish plan is especially useful when applying for grants. The presentation could include the following:

1. The present situation- second homes, the decreasing number of children and increasing number of over-60s etc.
2. Updating the Parish Plan - a simple supplement to include the affordable housing report from PDC.
3. Explanation of Neighbourhood Plans.
4. Affordable housing, including Purbeck's Affordable Housing policy and the current Joint Tenancy Strategy Consultation.
5. The New Localism Bill, Purbeck District Core Strategy and the delivery of social housing and affordable local market housing in rural areas.
6. Land ownership in Lulworth.
There are many areas for the location of affordable housing - Weld Estate land, Glebe field and in the gardens of private housing.
7. The possible ways forward.

It was agreed that the next step would be to call a meeting of the original Parish Plan group to update the Parish Plan.

It was thought that the items above could be included in a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting when more would be known about the Localism Bill.

Action: Mr Simpson and Mr Davey will have a meeting with Mr James Weld to find out if the Estate has any housing plans for the village.

12/13/090 **Ongoing Actions and items for discussion/update from previous meetings**

a) **Wreck to Reef Project**

A letter has been sent to Mr Walsh and he will be replying to the Parish Council on his return from holiday in mid-September.

b) **Alexanders** (biennial plant)

Action: Mr Simpson still needs to speak to the Lulworth Estate about this issue.

c) **Cove Toilets**

See minute 12/13/087 b) ii).

d) **Television Reception**

This is not just an issue in West Lulworth as many parts of Poole and Weymouth cannot receive all of the free channels.

e) **Dark Sky policy survey**

The Clerk had written to the owners of Pebble Beach Cottage about the complaints received about their external light.

There is no progress on the survey to report.

12/13/091 **Best Kept Village**

An invitation had been received to the Best Kept Village presentation evening, Friday 21st September, at Corfe Mullen Village Hall at 7pm.

Action: The Clerk will respond that Mrs Rudd will attend the presentation evening.

12/13/092 **Highways Issues**

a) Invitation to a meeting about winter plans. Monday 10th September, 3pm-5pm and Tuesday 11th September 7pm - 9pm at the Charminster Depot.

No one will be attending this meeting.

b) Dorset Highways Satisfaction survey. Closing date 19th October 2012.

Action: Mr Simpson will respond on behalf of the Parish Councillors and raise all the outstanding issues in the village.

c) Issues to report

It was reported that the road surface on the C8 at Marley Wood is very smooth and is in need of resurfacing. In icy weather cars have left the road here.

The damaged road surface on the B3071 just before the turn off to Belhuish Farm has not been repaired.

Action: The Clerk will report this road surface on the C8 and enquire when the road surface on the B3071 will be repaired.

12/13/093 **DAPTC Training Courses**

a) Clerks Seminar, 18th September, Kingston Maurward, 10am – 4pm, £30.00.

It was agreed that the Clerk could attend the Clerks Seminar.

b) Councillors - Powers and Duties, 20th September, Dorchester Youth Association, 7pm -9pm, £20.00.

This training course has been cancelled due to a low number of delegates.

- c) Budgeting/Precepts, 27th September, Stoborough Village Hall, 2pm – 4pm, £20.00.
No one will be attending this training.
- d) Councillors – Making your Council meetings work, 9th October, Dorchester Youth Association, 7pm - 9pm, £20.00
No one will be attending this training.

12/13/094 **Footpaths**

- a) Dungy Head
This is on-going.
- b) East to West Lulworth
Action: Mr Simpson and Mr Davey will speak with Mr Weld about the footpath when they have their meeting to discuss housing with the Estate.
- c) Other footpath issues
There were no issues to report.
- d) Update on previous issues reported
 - i) Thanks were expressed to Mr Norman Miller for cutting the verges back at Hambury corner.
Mr Simpson will speak to the owner of the field about removing the hedge to improve visibility at the junction of Church Road and Main Road.
 - ii) The rope at Stair Hole has still not been replaced.
 - iii) DCC and English Nature are liaising regarding the installation of some signs asking people not to climb in certain areas.

12/13/095 **Correspondence**

- a) Correspondence report – September 2012
All the following correspondence had been circulated to councillors between meetings. This report was noted.
 - i) Funding is available from Dorset County Council's Community Fund.
 - ii) Details about the annual Volunteer Awards Evening on 25th October for volunteer groups in the community.
 - iii) Information on the Purbeck Good Neighbours scheme from Dorset POPP. Poster on notice boards.
 - iv) September and October Purbeck Events Lists.
 - v) Purbeck District Council (PDC) Bulletin September 2012.
- b) DAPTC Circular 07/12. A copy was received by all Councillors.
- c) DAPTC Summer Newsletter. A copy was circulated to all Councillors.

12/13/096 **Items for information and Items for next agenda**

- a) Items for Information
 - i) The Clerk reported that the notice board by the shop needs re-varnishing.
Action: Mr Simpson will ask Mr Rigler to carry out this work.

- ii) Mr Simpson had received a letter from the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust which thanked him for the £56.53 donation. This donation was the money left from the village's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

12/13/097 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday October 1st 2012 at 7.30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.07pm.

Chairman:

Date: