

# ***WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at West Lulworth Village Hall  
on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.30p.m.

## **Councillors**

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

**In attendance:** District Cllr Barry Quinn  
PC N Spencer  
Mrs Julie Wright (Clerk)

### 11/12/164 **Housing Needs Survey**

Mrs Chris McDermott, Senior Housing Officer at Purbeck District Council (PDC) spoke about the housing needs survey. A covering letter about the survey will be sent out. This will be signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council. The letter includes the statement that any information provided is confidential and the results of the survey are anonymous. The letter does not state what is meant by affordable housing and an explanation will be included when the survey is distributed. The report from this survey should be available at Easter.

It is hoped that affordable local housing could be built on an exception site. The housing is allocated to those who have a parish connection to West Lulworth first and then offered to the neighbouring parishes.

The Parish Council agreed that the survey should be carried out. The survey will go out to all households on the electoral register and this includes the Army Camp.

The Chairman thanked Mrs McDermott for coming to the meeting to explain this survey.

### 11/12/165 **Public Discussion Period**

PC N Spencer reported on crime in the village. There have been three crimes (1 assault, 1 theft and 1 possession) and one incident of anti-social behaviour.

There are twelve keen members of the Community Speed watch and funding to purchase a laser gun and reflective vests are available from PDC.

### 11/12/166 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Mrs M Colvin, Ms C Matthews and Mr M Whittle.

### 11/12/167 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**

Personal declarations were made by Mrs King and Mr Davey regarding 'Alpine', Sunnyside.

### 11/12/168 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2011**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 were approved and signed.

11/12/169 **Outreach Post Office Service**

Mr Walker, Secretary of West Lulworth Village Hall Committee, has received a reply from Mr Goff about the number of residents that use the Post Office. On average the West Lulworth Outreach Post Office has an average transaction rate of 35 customers per week.

It was proposed by Mrs Rudd and seconded by Mrs King that the Parish Council supports the Village Hall in providing services for the community and will provide a grant towards this of £420 per annum. However this will be reviewed in six months as the Post Office may not be viable to be open on Tuesdays and firm evidence will be required that the PO needs to open for three days a week. This motion was carried – **resolved.**

**Action:** The Chairman will contact Mr Walker and inform him of the Parish Council's decision.

11/12/170 **Hambury Stores**

As requested by Cllr Matthews this was put on the agenda to enable a discussion about ways to help the shop. There had been no response to the Chairman's request for her ideas on what help was required. The Council noted that a number of factors may have led to the decline in usage, including decisions by the owner to close the Post Office, disallow posters, ticket sales or prescription collections from the shop together with banning a number of villagers from using it. The closure last winter and the availability of only a limited range of papers in the morning from 9.00am had also affected villagers buying habits. The tone of the letter circulated in the village from the owner encouraging use of the shop was not felt to be helpful. In conclusion, Councillors believed that the shop could and should have a viable future but this would be decided more by the way the shop was run than by anything the Parish Council could do.

11/12/171 **Updates on previous Planning Applications**

No updates had been received since the last meeting.

11/12/172 **Updates on previous Planning Issues**

a) 3 Shirley Close

i) Wall between 3 Shirley Close and 30 Main Road

It was noted that the fence has been taken down and a wall is being erected between these two properties.

ii) 3 Shirley Close Garage

This property is being used as a holiday home. The garage has been converted to an extra living space, a loss of a car parking space. A condition (20) of this planning approval was that there would be a parking space provided. PDC are not going to pursue enforcement action on the breach of planning conditions. A query was raised over the definition of a holiday home - a second home holiday home and a holiday home that is rented out.

**Action:** District Cllr Quinn will seek clarification on the definition of holiday home.

b) 'Alpine'.

The Clerk had written to Mr Steve Mackenzie, Chief Executive at PDC, regarding the planning application of the garage at 'Alpine'.

Mr Mackenzie had replied stating that the application would not be referred to the planning board at the Parish Council's request. In his letter he stated that 'Having seen the ease with which a recycling lorry passed the partially built site, I can't see that there are real issues of access caused by the development'.

No decision has been made on this application.

Ms Downtown, Planning Services Manager, will be writing to the Parish Council about how the previous planning application was dealt with. The Parish Council will wait for this response before any further action is taken.

11/12/173 **Update on Tree works applications**

a) **TWA/2011/0184** - West Road (The Rectory), West Lulworth, Dorset, BH20 5RY. (T1) Horse chestnut and (T3) Sycamore - Crown lift to 4M and clean both, (T2) Horse chestnut and (T5) Beech- fell both and (T4) Sycamore - Crown lift to 4M. Tree Preservation Order: District of Purbeck (Glebe Road, West Lulworth) TPO 1983 (TPO 187 and West Lulworth Conservation Area). **No objections.**

b) **TWA/2011/0200** – School Lane (Wilton Cottage), West Lulworth, Wareham, BH20 5SA. (T1) Bay tree reshape. (West Lulworth Conservation Area). **No objections.**

11/12/174 **Finance**

a) Payment schedule

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque number</b>
Lulworth Estate A Fund (rent for play area)	£50.00	000598
Mr D Wheatley (website maintenance)	£60.00	000600
Mr C Valance (6 mths bus shelter and cutting footpath	£123.00	000601
Rent for Village Hall (Oct – Dec inclusive)	£36.00	000602
Mrs J Wright (Dec/Jan salary)	£383.11	000603
Clerk's Pension Payments December	£51.91	000604
Clerk's Pension Payments January	£51.91	000605

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

Mr Miller reported that the gate to the small play area needed a replacement closing mechanism for the gate. Mr Miller has contacted a company about the cost of these parts to repair the gate. The Clerk will be contacted by the company with a price for the parts.

b) December's Budget report 2011/12  
December's Budget report was **noted**.

c) Purchase of mugs for the children at West Lulworth and Winfrith First School.  
The Parish Council could buy mugs for village children attending West Lulworth and Winfrith First School if the other parishes agree.

It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to make a decision. Mr Simpson will speak to the Head teacher to see if the PTA are buying commemorative mugs and talk to the other Parishes.

In principle it was agreed to purchase the mugs.

d) **Draft Budget 2012/13**

£1,000 was added to the budget for footpath maintenance and improvements giving the total income required from the precept for the financial year 2012/13 as £14, 000. It was proposed by Mr Miller and seconded by Mrs King that the precept for the financial year 2012/13 was £14,000. This motion was carried unanimously and **resolved**.

e) **Purchase of a seesaw for the small play area**

Mr Knight had produced a report on the new prices on the seesaws that the Clerk investigated last year and also prices from other suppliers of wooden seesaws - these were more expensive than the prices from the last meeting.

A possibility is to purchase a springer rather than a seesaw. The price of these is cheaper and Councillors were of the view this would be a better use of funds as these devices can only be used by small children. The Chairman has applied for funding to help towards the purchase of a seesaw or springer from Dorset Community Action.

11/12/175 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

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

No report.

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

i) **Boundary Commission Purbeck Electoral Review.**

A community governance review will not take place this year. A working group has been set up to look at possible warding patterns for 24, 25 or 26 District Councillors. PDC will move to all out elections which means that there will no longer be the requirement for three District Councillors per ward. The draft report from the Boundary Commission is due in April 2012.

ii) **Eric Osmond has received an MBE in the New Years Honours.**

iii) **Grants are available from Synergy. Mr Mike Langford from Shirley Close sits on this areas panel as the representative from West Lulworth. Cllr Quinn will put forward the request that the Parish Council are seeking funding for a seesaw for the small play area.**

11/12/176 **Highways**

DCC Capital Maintenance Programme 2012/13 - the proposed list of works was **noted**.

11/12/177 **Consultations and new items for discussion**

a) **School Lane - Extension of 30mph speed limit**

The signs are already present for 30mph in School Lane.

b) **Draft consultation document 'Supporting People Partnership Strategy for**

**Dorset'** this includes Changes to Supporting People programme at the National level and in Dorset. Closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**No response.**

c) **Draft C-SCOPE Marine Plan – closing date 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Action:** Jon Davey will look at the Marine Plan and report back at the next meeting.  
The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

- d) **Synergy Housing Survey** to shape community investment programme  
The Clerk had completed this survey but wanted to know the aims and objectives of the Parish Council. The response was that the Parish Council aims to ensure a sustainable future for the communities in West Lulworth.

11/12/178 **Ongoing Actions and items for discussion/update from previous meetings**

a) **Lengthsman Scheme**

It was noted that money would not be available in future years from DCC to fund the Lengthsman. The alternatives are to purchase hours from Bere Regis Parish Council's Lengthsman or continue with Mr Clyde Valance who already does most of the work of a Lengthsman. Mr Valance does a good job and work will continue to be carried out by him and his son.

b) **Flooding and drain clearing**

Mr Mepham had responded to the Parish Council's request for DCC's policy on gully clearing. Urban road gullies are to be cleansed once every two years. Rural road gullies are to be cleansed once every year. Problem road gullies are to be cleansed as necessary. In an area such as West Lulworth where there are flooding issues, the PMU will also be aware and clean gullies on each visit

c) **Government's decision on the proposals to modernise the Coastguard Service.**

A letter was received from Mr R Drax MP who concurred with the Parish Council's view and hoped that the fight to save the Portland search and rescue helicopter is successful.

11/12/179 **Footpaths**

a) **Dungy Head**

This is on-going.

b) **East to West Lulworth**

Nothing to report.

c) **Any other issues to report**

Mr Simpson will speak to Maddy Pfaff about footpath 9 and that the gorse needs cutting.

11/12/180 **DAPTC Training Courses/Events**

a) **Financial Update, 24<sup>th</sup> February, Dorchester, 9.30am-12.30pm, £20**

The Clerk will attend this training course.

The Clerk is applying for a bursary which if successful will cover half the cost of the Clerk's training costs this year 2012.

b) **Localism Act Update, 1<sup>st</sup> March, Kingston Maurward, 10am-4pm, £30**

Mr Simpson and Mrs King will be attending this event.

11/12/181 **Feedback from Meetings Attended**

a) **PDC Planning Board meeting**

No report.

11/12/182 **Olympics 2012**

- a) To consider who could lead the celebrations

Mrs King distributed a programme of events 'Lulworth Season 2012' (this is linked to the 'Cultural Olympiad' and the Jurassic Coast Earth Festival. The programme details eight events to be held from May – August 2012.

The Parish Council gave their full support to Mrs King's programme of events.

- b) A FREE workshop will be held on 31st January 2012 at 9am – 1pm, The Ocean Room, Weymouth Pavilion, for the communities on the Olympic Torch route. Mrs King and Mrs Rudd will be attending this meeting.

**Action:** The Clerk will book places on this workshop for Mrs King and Mrs Rudd.

11/12/183 **Correspondence**

- a) Correspondence report – January 2012

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

1. A letter from Cllr Mrs Lindsey Dedden, Chairman DAPTC, showing the services the DAPTC provides to Parish and Town Councils. In the letter it states that for the next financial year 2012/13 subscription rates will increase by 1%. The other document enclosed was 10 good reasons to be a member of the DAPTC.
2. Dorset Highways Winter Service Plan 2011/12. This includes the Winter Service Policy and the Winter Service Operations.
3. A briefing from digital UK regarding the switchover to digital.
4. The minutes from the last Purbeck Olympic Networking Group meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November.
5. Dorset Countryside News and Events for January and February 2012.
6. Purbeck District Council (PDC) Information bulletin for January 2012. This had information that PDC will be holding training sessions on Neighbourhood Plans in February.

- b) DAPTC Training Calendar 2012. A copy was distributed to all Cllrs

- c) DAPTC Circular 15/11 – A copy of this circular was distributed to all Cllrs.

11/12/184 **Items for information and Items for next agenda**

- a) Neighbourhood Plans

11/12/185 **Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm in West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.28pm.

Chairman: ..... Date: .....