

# ***WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at West Lulworth Village Hall  
on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.30p.m.

## **Councillors**

**Present:** Mr P Simpson (Chairman)  
Mrs V King  
Mr D Knight  
Ms C Matthews  
Mr N Miller  
Mrs E Rudd  
Mr M Whittle

**In attendance:** District Cllr Barry Quinn  
2 Members of the public  
Mrs Julie Wright (Clerk)

### 12/13/001 **Election of Chairman**

a) Mr Simpson was proposed as Chairman by Mr Miller and seconded by Mr Whittle, no other nominations were received.

**It was resolved** that Mr Simpson was unanimously elected as Chairman.

b) The Chairman, Mr Simpson, duly signed his Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office form and took the Chair.

Mr Simpson stated that this would be his last year as a Parish Councillor as he would be resigning next year.

### 12/13/002 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed by Mr Knight and seconded by Mrs Rudd that Mr Davey was elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year. No other nominations were received. Mr Davey had stated that he would accept the role of Vice-Chairman if elected at this meeting.

**It was resolved** that Mr Davey was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

### 12/13/003 **Public Discussion Period**

a) Mr Ron Scholes spoke about the television reception.

The switchover to digital TV for those who receive their television signal from the Lulworth relay transmitter has meant they do not receive all of the available free channels; those who receive the signal direct from the Isle of Wight transmitter do. Mr Ron Scholes has written to Mr R Drax MP, Dorset County Council (DCC) and Purbeck District Council (PDC) about this issue. There have been several replies and the commercially broadcast channels are the ones which are not available.

A standard reply letter was received by PDC from Digital UK on this issue.

The MP had stated that a petition is required to show local support.

b) Mr Halsall supported Mr Scholes' comments.

Mr Halsall spoke about the 'Alpine' application on behalf of the Bindon and Sunnyside Residents Association.

- c) Police – there have been five crimes in the area from 1<sup>st</sup> March to date. Two calls regarding anti-social behaviour.  
Older children are playing in the younger children’s play area during the evening.  
The elderly residents are afraid to go out at night in this area. The Police and Synergy are visiting this area tomorrow and will find out the concerns the residents have.

12/13/004 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Mrs M Colvin, Mr J Davey, County Cllr Lovell and Major (Retd) J Barr.

12/13/005 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**

Personal declarations were made by Mrs King agenda item 10) a) ‘Alpine’, Sunnyside. Mr Whittle declared a personal interest in the planning application 6/2012/0220 but this is not a prejudicial interest.

Ms Matthews declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application 6/2012/0254.

12/13/006 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 were approved and signed.

12/13/007 **Area representatives for the Purbeck Area DAPTC meetings**

Two representatives can serve on the committee from each council.

It was proposed by Mrs Rudd, seconded by Ms Matthews that Mrs King and Mrs Colvin continue as the representatives at the area meetings. Mr Miller will be the reserve representative if Mrs Colvin or Mrs King cannot attend. This was unanimously approved.

**It was resolved** that Mrs King and Mrs Colvin are the Parish Council representatives on the Purbeck Area DAPTC Committee.

12/13/008 **Appointment of officers**

a) **Tree Officer**

The nomination of Mr Knight as the Tree Officer was proposed by Mr Whittle, seconded by Mr Miller and was unanimously approved.

**It was resolved** that Mr Knight was appointed as the Council’s Tree Officer

b) **Rights of Way Liaison Officer**

The nomination for Mrs Rudd to continue as RoW Liaison Officer was proposed by Mr Miller, seconded by Ms Matthews and was unanimously approved.

**It was resolved** that Mrs Rudd remains the Rights of Way Liaison Officer.

c) **Flood Warden**

The nomination for Mr Whittle as the Flood Warden was proposed by Mr Miller, seconded by Ms Matthews and unanimously approved.

**It was resolved** that Mr Whittle is the new Flood Warden.

d) **Transport Officer**

The nomination of Mrs King was proposed by Mr Miller, seconded by Mrs Rudd and was unanimously approved.

**It was resolved** that Mrs King continues as the Parish Council’s Transport Officer.

12/13/009 **New Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2012/0220** - Beech Close (3), West Lulworth, BH20 5SW. Erect single storey side extension.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council had **no objections** to this application.

*Ms Matthews left the room.*

- b) **6/2012/0254** - Church Road (Hambury Stores), West Lulworth, BH20 5SG. Retain storage shed.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council had **no objections** to this application.

*Ms Matthews returned to the meeting.*

12/13/010 **Updates on previous issues Planning Issues or New Planning Issues to report**

- a) 'Alpine'.

Both of the applications 6/2011/0667 and 6/2011/0675 have been declared invalid. PDC carried out a Land Registry search. The information received showed that the land was not owned by Dr. Lancaster.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to PDC Planning asking that enforcement action is taken to remove the garage wall encroaching onto Sunnyside. A copy will be sent to Mr Kelly at the Lulworth Estate.

12/13/011 **Finance**

- a) Payment schedule

The following payment schedule was approved for payment having been proposed by Ms Matthews and seconded by Mr Whittle. This motion was carried unanimously.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque number</b>
Lulworth Estate A Fund (Footpaths/bus shelter)	£3.00	000620
Mr C Valance (Grass cutting play area)	£72.00	000619
Mrs J Wright (Apr/May salary)	£383.11	000621
DCC Pension Payment	£51.91	000622
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Insurance (Broker Network Ltd)	£782.94	000624
BT phone Bill (Emergency phone at Cove)	£59.47	000625
Village Hall Grant (2 months of £420/annum)	£70.00	000626

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

- b) Receipts

The following receipts were **noted**.

First half of the Precept from PDC	£7000.00
Interest on Playground Account	£0.18

- c) April's Budget report 2012/13

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

d) Statement of Accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and supporting statement  
It was proposed by Mr Knight that the Annual statement of Accounts of the Receipts and Payments for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and supporting statement were approved. This was seconded by Ms Matthews and the motion carried unanimously. It was **resolved** that the Annual statement of Accounts of the Receipts and Payments for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and the supporting statement were approved

e) Annual Return year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

i) Statement of Accounts Section 1 of Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences

The cashbook balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 was £12, 930.67 and this agreed with the end of year bank reconciliation.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 the following amounts were held with one unrepresented cheque (current account) at the yearend of £51.91.

Current Account	£8,419.71
Playground Account	£4,507.13
National Savings Account	£55.69

It was proposed by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Knight and **it was unanimously resolved** that Section 1 of the Annual Return, end of year bank reconciliation and the explanation of differences were approved.

ii) Section 2 of the Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement)

The Chairman read out the statements from the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2). The answers to all of the statements were 'yes' apart from the one on Trust Funds as the Parish Council is not a sole managing trustee. This section was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

#### 12/13/012 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

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

No report.

It was noted that the rusting gate at the Cove has been repainted.

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

i) The Wind Farm Appeal is awaiting the outcome from the Planning Inspector.

ii) Following the elections there has been no change at PDC. It is still a hung council with 12 Conservatives, 10 Liberal Democrats and 2 Independent District Councillors.

iii) The Core Strategy has been submitted to the Secretary of State and is being examined in public. Following the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) being approved, the Core Strategy may need to include further housing as the NPPF shows 4,000 new homes in Purbeck (Core Strategy 2,400).

iv) The report from the Boundary Review was due at the end of April. Following the elections the Boundary Commission have raised some queries with PDC. The report from the Boundary Commission is now due at the end of May.

#### 12/13/013 **Consultations and new items for discussion**

a) **Review of the Mobile Library Service**

The current service works well for this area.

b) **Draft PDC Seaside Pleasure Boat Byelaws**

In Lulworth Cove there should be a maximum speed of 5 knots due to the families that use this area.

**Action:** The Clerk will send these comments to Mr Hart at PDC.

c) **Dark Sky Policy**

Mr Knight had spoken to Mr Hart at PDC about a byelaw for lights, this is not an option. External lighting on properties could cause a hazard as the lights are in peoples' eyes when driving. Led light bulbs are better for lower energy usage. Mr Knight wants to progress the dark Sky policy by preparing a survey which will be sent to all households. What do people want to see in a policy? There would be a preamble to the survey with an explanation and why the Parish wants it with the positive benefit to tourism. The Parish Council were in agreement that a survey should be produced.

**Action:** Mr Knight will draft a survey for the next meeting.

d) **Television Reception**

Cllr Quinn reported that Mr Phil McStraw had written to Mr Bill Taylor, Digital UK, for their view but had received a standard letter in reply.

Approximately ten per cent of the country will not receive all of the free channels.

How much of Purbeck is affected? Parts of Weymouth cannot receive all of the digital channels through an aerial. The only way to receive all of the channels is by a freesat box or a satellite dish.

It was stated that the multiplexes are in place to relay the signal on the transmitter but these are not switched on.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to Mr Taylor at Digital UK with copies to Mr Angus Campbell, Leader of DCC and Mr R Drax, M.P.

e) **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. County of Dorset Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way.** Dorset County Council (A Restricted Byway at winfrith Newburgh and West Lulworth (Winfrith Drove)). Definitive Map and Modification Order 2012.

This was **noted**.

12/13/014 **Ongoing Actions and items for discussion/update from previous meetings**

a) **Waste Bin** (near War memorial)

The double bin has been delivered to replace the single one opposite the war memorial.

b) **Replacing Parish Council computer.**

East Stoke Parish Council would not be purchasing a joint computer with East Lulworth and West Lulworth Parish Councils. At present there is no immediate need to purchase a replacement lap top.

c) **Resident's Car Park**

The Rangers are allowed to park their vehicles in this car park. All other Heritage Centre staff should be using the main car park.

d) **Annual Parish Meeting - Lights at the Army Camp**

A comment was made that there were no lights on in Vale Road in the evening.

e) **Jubilee Celebrations**

i) **Mugs.**

Mugs will be given to all children under 12 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012. A form is being delivered to the households to find out the number of children in each. Mr

Simpson has ordered 108 mugs (cost £435.92) these will have the traditional picture of the Queen on the front and the Lulworth Skipper on the reverse. The timetable for the Jubilee events was circulated. The events include a right royal Quiz .In early November the trees will be planted.

ii) Beacon

A risk assessment will be carried out. The beacon will be lit at 10.15pm.

**Action:** The Clerk will inform the insurance company of this event.

f) **Wreck to Reef Project**

Mr Miller and other fishermen have met with Mr Neville Copperthwaite, Marine Consultant and Project Coordinator for this project.

One square kilometre of seabed is currently being leased, one mile south of Ringstead Bay, it has been stated that fishing will not be restricted in that area. Stone has been dumped to form an artificial reef which will be stocked with lobsters. This was given approval from the MMO in Poole. To start the lobster project £20,000 funding is needed from DCC.

There is a plan to scuttle two ships to form further artificial reefs – these are to help with the diving industry. The first one will be next year.

Fishermen use this area in the winter months when they cannot get out into deeper water.

**Action:** The Clerk and Mr Miller will write to Mr Copperthwaite about the affect these proposals will have on local fishermen. Copies will be sent to Mr David Jenkins and Mr R Drax, M.P.

g) **Alexanders** (biennial plant)

The Alexanders are destroying the traditional vegetation.

**Action:** The Clerk will write to DCC Highways to see if they will help with this issue.

h) **Church Road Skip**

The Clerk had contacted Dorset Direct who has followed up the query of the skip's removal by asking if the skip is still there. An affirmative answer was given and the Clerk is awaiting their reply.

**Action:** Ms Matthews will contact Environmental Health at PDC about the skip.

12/13/015 **Feedback From Meetings Attended**

a) **Flood Workshop**

**Action:** The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda for Ms Matthews to report.

12/13/016 **DAPTC Training Courses**

a) **New Chairman**, Dorchester DYA, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm - 9pm, £20

No one will be attending this training.

b) **Councillors – Employment Issues (Discipline & Grievance Procedures)**, Dorchester DYA, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2-4pm, £20.

No one will be attending this training event.

c) **Planning Issues – with your District Council**, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30 - 4.30pm, Stoborough Village Hall, £20.

Mrs King will attend this training event.

12/13/017 **Footpaths**

a) **Dungy Head**

This is on-going.

b) **East to West Lulworth**

There was nothing to report.

c) Other footpath issues

The Lulworth cv.w abbreviation means Lulworth Cove West.

12/13/018 **Correspondence**

a) Correspondence report – May 2012

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

- i) PDC has decided to end the Purbeck Community Housing Group meetings as the attendance at these meetings has reduced. From April 2013 a yearly newsletter will be sent out to advise of the work that has been undertaken and the achievements which have been made in Purbeck in the previous year.
- ii) Details of welfare benefit surgeries at Age UK Dorchester.
- iii) Events lists of what's happening in Purbeck during April, May and June.
- iv) DCC Highways stated that from 1 April 2012 the Parish Maintenance Units will no longer operate. For any highways problems/issues DCC Highways would like these to be reported online or via Dorset Direct on 01305 221020.
- v) Village SOS Re-Opens for Funding.
- vi) Spring Newsletter 'Parish Matters' from Came and Company.
- vii) A press release from the Environment Agency regarding 'South West declares environmental drought' with the request to use water wisely.
- viii) Final programme for The Lulworth Season-Summer, 2012.
- ix) Dorset Countryside news for May and June 2012.
- x) A letter regarding DCC's grass cutting regime.
- xi) Funding from the Dorset County Community Fund.
- xii) PDC Bulletin May 2012.
- xiii) The Dorset Local Access Forum needs to recruit new members.
- xiv) Letter from Andrew Brown regarding Highways stating that Parish Councils need to support and consult with local residents regarding parking restrictions, speed limits, traffic calming etc before Highways will prioritise the restrictions. Other initiatives - Highways want local councils to get involved with managing roadside verges and highway maintenance.

b) **DAPTC Circular 04/12 and 05/12.** Copies of these circulars were distributed to all Councillors.

12/13/019 **Items for information and Items for next agenda**

a) Items for the next agenda are:

- i) Pensions Discretions Policy
- ii) Buses
- iii) PDC Planning Applications letter from Bridget Downton
- iv) Dark Sky survey

b) Application for tree works.

**Location:** 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.

**Action:** The Clerk will respond that the Parish Council appreciates that the condition of some of these trees means that they are required to be felled. However as these are in a TPO area the Parish Council would want to see suitable replacement trees planted in their place.

c) Items for Information

- i) Overgrown vegetation is impairing visibility at the junction of Church Road and Main Road (B3070). The Clerk will report this online.
- ii) The drains need clearing as they are getting blocked up. The Clerk will report this online.
- iii) One of the new fingerposts is leaning over. Mr Simpson will speak to Maddy Pfaff about this.
- iv) There is a burger van operating on the British Legion car park. The advertising board, which has been placed the footway, has made it difficult for pedestrians to use the footway.

12/13/020 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.30pm in West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10.05pm.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....