

WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at West Lulworth Village Hall on Monday 2 June 2014 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: Mr J Davey (Chairman), Mr N Miller (Vice-Chairman), Mrs V King, Mrs M Colvin, Mr M Whittle, Ms C Matthews, Mr E De Chazal, Mrs S Jackson, Mrs C Neal.

In attendance: County Councillor Mike Lovell
District Councillor Barry Quinn
Miss E Blake (Clerk)
5 members of the public

14/15/001 Election of Officers/ Acceptance of Office

All Councillors accepted their office after an uncontested election.

14/15/002 Election of Chairman/Vice-Chairman

Cllr King proposed Cllr Davey to continue as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Miller and unanimously agreed. No other nominations were proposed and Cllr Davey accepted the office.

Cllr Colvin proposed Cllr Miller continue as Vice-Chairman and Cllr Jackson seconded. All agreed and Cllr Miller accepted the office.

14/15/003 Delegation of Councillor's Responsibilities

- a. Tree Officer – Cllr Matthews
- b. Footpath Officer – Cllr De Chazal
- c. Transport Officer – Cllr King
- d. Playground Officer – Cllr Miller
- e. Flood Officer - Cllr Whittle
- f. IT Officer – to be considered at next meeting
- g. Two representatives for Purbeck Area of the DAPTC – Cllrs King and Jackson.

14/15/004 Reviews

To be carried out at the next meeting.

14/15/005 Public Questions and Discussions Period

Mr Phil Roberts asked if the Parish Council (PC) would consider changing the seating layout in order that members of the public could see and hear all of the Councillors more easily. A request was made that a notice be displayed of who the Councillors are and what their roles are. Cllr Davey stated there is a list of Councillors currently on the notice board and the roles were to be designated at this meeting. Updated details will be put on the PC website.

Mrs Sylvia Hawkins, a resident of School Lane, enquired if the PC would be holding a special meeting to discuss the school proposal as had happened previously when the Glebe Field site was considered. Cllr Davey responded that after the consultation is complete a planning application will be put in and if needs be an extraordinary meeting will be called. Mrs Hawkins commented that the pathway in front of the houses is a service path and not a footpath and the access is already diabolical due to the Youth Hostel, current school site and B&B's which all require delivery services (lorries). She added it was a bottle neck and congested.

Mr Andrew Lance read out a letter he has sent to Dorset County Council and this is attached to these minutes.

District Councillor Quinn clarified queries on what would happen to the land the school was currently sited on with the information that the planning application will be determined by the

County Council and District Council should have a consultative role. Cllr Davey wondered if there is a planning brief for the site but Cllr Quinn stated there is not as it is owned by the County Council. There is no provision within the District Council's Local Plan. Cllr Lovell stated if there was to be housing on the site it would have to be 50% affordable due to the planning policy. Cllr Davey ended by adding local people have concerns with the traffic that may be generated from further development at School Lane.

14/15/006 Apologies

None received.

14/15/007 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Davey and Miller declared an interest in the Boat House application.

14/15/008 Minutes

The minutes from the meetings held on Monday 12 May were amended to replace the word 'hedges' with 'verges' on page 770 (13/14/210 section e) and, along with the amended minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 7 April 2014, were agreed as being a true and accurate representation of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

14/15/009 Reports from District And County Councillors

a) Cllr Colvin congratulated District Councillor Quinn on his re-election.

b) County Councillor Lovell gave details of 'Ask Dorset' which are stands appearing at various places across the County asking people what they value and what they would like to happen. County Councillors and Officers will be there with one scheduled for Wareham centre on Saturday 14th June at 9:30am to 12:30pm. Scheduled dates can be found on the County website (Dorsetforyou.com/have-your-say) or at your local library.

The Council still have to find another £43 million over the next two years and this gives an opportunity to say how funds available should be spent.

c) District Councillor Quinn has investigated controls over the recent "Wiggle" cycling event which has taken place in villages. As the event was non-competitive the Police and/or Council do not have to be informed and have no control unless any offences are committed. Cllr Lovell noted that the events are detailed on the Wiggle website and Cllr Whittle believed that cyclists are unable to be prosecuted for speeding as that offence only applies to motorised vehicles. Cllr Whittle had observed bunching of cyclists which made it difficult for other road users. County Council believe proper legislation is needed to be put in place and encourage Parish Councils to lobby their local MP, particularly as the British Cycling organisation are hoping to get legislation put in place to make it easier to arrange events due to the increased interest in cycling after the Olympics success.

Cllr Jackson has observed cyclists overtaking other cyclists in 'non-time trial' events and thought there should be some obligation on the cyclists to ride safely, she believed that the very nature of a qualifier would propel cyclists to ride faster which was especially concerning due to this time of year having more tourists and increased traffic.

Cllr De Chazal added that he was concerned for children in the village and suggested noting any unsafe cycling in future events.

Cllr King stated the issue was discussed by other Parishes at a recent PTAG meeting. Cllr Quinn agreed to forward a copy of the email he received from County Council for Cllr King to forward to PTAG.

d) The Weld Estate planning application for the Beach House café was turned down and this has

meant any major refurbishment of the public toilets may be delayed until an alternative plan is devised. Purbeck District Council (PDC) is obtaining quotes to carry out some minor refurbishments, such as new cubicle doors, in order to tidy up the toilets. A full refurbishment is expected to cost circa £80,000 and will not be carried out by PDC as the Weld Estate may demolish and replace the toilets as part of their future plans. The water seeping under the toilets has now been identified as coming from the Pump House and Wessex Water are to carry out repairs.

e) A walkabout was carried out in the village with officers from the Highways department. An action list has been drawn up mainly relating to the drainage problems.

f) Cllr Quinn contacted DWP about the removal of the bottle recycling bin at Lulworth Cove car park and was informed it has already been removed. It will not be replaced by DWP due to the costs and private ownership of the site. Cllr Matthews expressed her disappointment that plastic bottles from the public in Lulworth will now go to landfill in spite of it now being accepted for recycling. She wondered if it was worth talking to the Weld Estate about it and Cllr Quinn responded that it costs more to send waste to landfill so recycling bottles could save money.

g) Incorporating the Dark Skies Policy within PDC's Local Policy is to be discussed with PDC officers.

h) Mr White has not yet responded regarding a lease on the new bus shelter.

i) Mr Allen is pursuing enforcement action on the overgrowth at 5 Main Road.

j) There is an emergency planning event to be held at DAPTC's AGM. A Parish Council can produce its own Community Resilience Plan which can then be lodged at PDC, a template plan can be found online.

Cllrs Quinn and Lovell left the meeting.

ACTIONS: Clerk to distribute dates and sites of 'Ask Dorset' stands and detail on the notice board. Clerk to check for future cycling events on cycling websites. Cllr Quinn to forward cycling email for Cllr King to forward to PTAG. Clerk to contact the Weld Estate to supply a plastic bottle recycling bin at Lulworth Cove car park. Clerk to get further detail on Community Resilience Plans.

14/15/010

Planning Applications / Updates on Previous Planning Applications

6/2014/0220 – Main Road (The Boat House), BH20 5RQ. Change of use from boat/workshop store to gallery, exhibition rooms and meeting rooms.

Cllr De Chazal thought a gallery sounded a lovely idea but wondered if it would be a long term use. Cllr Jackson expressed concern at the size of building being able to accommodate many guests and wondered if the concrete area at the front of the building would be closed off but Cllr Davey stated that would not be allowed. She thought it inevitable that people would spill out onto the front thus making it difficult for other people to access that side of the beach.

Cllr Miller suggested there were several fishermen who could make use of the building and it had previously been promised to them for giving up the shed until development was proposed.

Cllr Jackson commented that the building regularly floods from the sea and Cllr Miller added that the water runs through when it rains and there is considerable damp on the southern wall due to the collapsing bank.

Cllr King was concerned that there used to be a small concrete jetty that had afforded some protection from the sea (where wheelchairs used to sit) there but this was removed when refurbishment took place recently.

Cllr Jackson commented that Lulworth Castle had initially been proposed to be open to the public but was now mainly used for private parties.

Cllr Davey believed there would be an amount of traffic for any meeting and Cllr Matthews

added that if there was to be a wedding reception it was customary for people to arrive by car or buggy. Cllr De Chazal suggested the road should be traffic free and Cllr Miller confirmed that between May and September the road is closed to traffic. Cllr Davey ended with the observation that with so many ongoing proposals it is hard to see what the future will entail for the Cove and how any development will fit in with surrounding businesses.

6/2014/0236 – Britwell Drive (Lovat House), BH20 5RS. Erect rear extension. Certificate of lawfulness proposed. Cllr Davey queried why no plans were sent to the PC and there is no requirement for the PC to comment on this application.

6/2014/0238 – Lulworth Camp (St Andrews Farmhouse), BH20 5QF. Remove hard cement based plaster from internal spine wall and replace with a lime based plaster. Cllr King expressed her satisfaction that the MOD was really looking after a listed building.

ACTION: Clerk to pass on the PC's views to PDC.

14/15/011 Applications for Tree Works / Updates on Previous Tree Works Applications

None

14/15/012 Finance

The following were approved for payment:

Playground inspections (Playsafety Ltd)	£156.00
Clerks wages (May)	£198.20
DAPTC Annual subscription	£199.28
Grass cutting (Mr Vallance)	£130.00

14/15/013 Consultations and New Items for Discussion or Report

a) Lulworth and Winfrith school consultation – a further consultation took place in the village hall prior to the PC meeting at the request of the PC and District Councillor. Cllr Jackson stated she was tired of receiving no response from County Council to letters she had sent as a resident of the Parish. Cllr Davey suggested the issue of a lack of acknowledgement be notified by the PC to the Chief Executive. Cllr Whittle believed the school were informed of updates.

Cllr Miller has been trying to get hold of the original plans for the school proposal from approximately six years ago. He believes the funds to build a hall onto the existing site are still ring-fenced. Cllr King recalled that she was a Governor at that time and the plans were presented but she was unsure that they ever progressed to District or County Council. Lulworth school was unable to achieve an 'outstanding' grade from OFSTED due to there being no large hall (the old hall having been made into a classroom). There was a promise from Weld Estate that as soon as plans went through they would give the land as far as the YHA for a playground but years passed as the talks were ongoing of which school to close.

Cllr Jackson had requested the local authority to provide a projection of the number of children to attend the school but they were unable to give a reply. Cllr King stated the number is derived from the number of live births within the area (including Chaldon). She added that the Lulworth Army camp was due to complete renovation of a large number of properties and it could be any number of MOD personnel moving into them as they are not just for the Army.

b) War memorial – Mr Ray Derrick has looked at the memorial which is badly cracked with no foundations or backing wall and the flagstones have subsided. It is repairable but will need to be done in sections. Cllr Miller suggested contacting the British Legion and war Memorial Trust for grants.

c) Hedges and verges – Cllr Matthews is sick of the overgrowth at the junction of Church Road and Main Road. There is no visibility and the stinging nettles are forcing pedestrians to walk on

the road. Cllr Matthews believed it affected the viability of the shop as it is not visible from the main road. Cllr Miller suggested it is the responsibility of the farm and suggested getting Libby to get John to cut it. Cllr Colvin noted that Highways had cut it once already this year and added that the British Legion notice board still needed to be removed as the club would not be reopening.

Cllr Matthews has complained online but had no response yet. She added that it was supposed to be a clear view fence and she wanted the hedge to be removed.

Cllr Davey commented that the issue was discussed at the meeting with the Highways officer that morning and it would be cut. Cllr Matthews worried that it was said the job was to be passed to the relevant people which did not necessarily mean it would be cut and suggested she would get it cut herself and forward the bill onto the PC. Cllr Colvin replied that the PC could not pay a bill if the work has not been approved beforehand.

Cllr Miller proposed that as an emergency measure the PC get the path cut and Cllr Matthews posed that the weeds would regrow and wondered whether the PC should employ a lengthsman to tackle the problem in the long term. Cllr Whittle thought that would mean doubling the precept to cover the cost and Cllr Matthews suggested reducing the amount of donations could help pay for it.

Cllr Miller suggested an email be sent to Highways indicating the urgency and Cllr Davey proposed that if no response was received by Highways by tomorrow then they should be contacted. Cllr Davey suggested Cllr Matthews speak to Libby about the issue and Cllr Neal informed the meeting that Libby normally cuts twice a year. Cllr Miller wondered if the Weld Estate would be responsible as for road safety the hedge should be cut.

The Chairman took a vote on whether the Weld Estate should be contacted about the hedge and the majority agreed.

d) Play area inspection results – no issues were raised. Cllr Miller informed the meeting that the new swing has now been installed and payment would be required.

Cllr King has been trying to get a copy of the Synergy map, showing who the land belongs to around the playground in order that it is easy to identify who to approach if any problems arise.

e) Request for Clerk to contribute to Parish News – The Parish News has asked local Clerks to write a summary of ongoing issues. All Councillors agreed this was acceptable, Cllr Davey requested a copy be sent to him.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Chief Executive of Dorset County Council to enquire why no acknowledgement is made to letters sent. To obtain three quotes for repairs needed to the memorial. Clerk to follow up with Highways and contact Weld Estate about the hedge.

14/15/014

Ongoing Actions/ Updates from Previous Meetings

a) New Parish email address – the new email address has been set up by DAPTC. The Clerk is to set it up on the new PC and let contacts know of the change.

b) New grit bin installed – the new grit bin has been received and will be installed shortly.

c) Bus shelter – no updates.

d) Notice board repairs – no update yet. Cllr Miller now has the second key to the notice board at the bus shelter.

e) Grant request from Lulworth & Winfrith School and grant request from Wessex Life. Cllr Colvin suggested that grievances towards the new school proposals be put aside and the PC should contribute to local causes and the children in the school. She proposed a donation of £200 towards the cost of a new pool, Cllr De Chazal seconded and all agreed.

Cllr Jackson thought that drugs prevention should be taught in school in lessons and suggested the PC do not donate at to Wessex Life project at this time. All agreed.

e) Insurance renewal – two quotes have been received, a renewal from Came & Company was £796.82 and Zurich gave a quote of £658.32. Zurich omitted a clause which protects Councillors and the Clerk for their no claims bonus should an accident occur while carrying out Parish business. Cllr Colvin proposed that coverage for travel is investigated further and in the meantime the PC renew with Came & Company. Cllr Jackson seconded, all agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to forward school donation and inform Wessex Life of no donation at this time. Clerk to forward payment for insurance and obtain information on coverage while travelling.

14/15/015 **Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr King informed the meeting that other areas have dropped the word ‘neighbourhood’ from their plans and wondered whether to rename the Neighbourhood Plan the ‘West Lulworth Development Plan’. A Development Plan is to notate how people see the area developing in the next ten years.

Cllr Colvin worried that naming it a Development Plan could mean the County Council start to look to put housing in the village as the term ‘development’ gives a connotation the village wants further development e.g. housing. Cllr Jackson concurred and added that to the lay person the term ‘development plan’ may be misunderstood. She suggested naming it ‘The Plan for West Lulworth’ and Cllr De Chazal agreed that is a more neutral name.

Cllr King stated this plan is different from the Parish Plan as that was community led with no PC involvement and this will be more PC led and we need to start looking for grants.

14/15/016 **Feedback from meetings**

Cllr King attended the recent PTAG meeting and mention was made of fracking. Cllr De Chazal noted that there was currently fracking happening at Wytch Farm, Wareham. Cllr Jackson was concerned that the PC would not be asked for its views.

Cllr King also attended the Tranquillity workshop which should see results published shortly.

14/15/017 **Training**

Cllr Davey suggested Councillors contact the Clerk if they wish to book onto any training course.

14/15/018 **Footpaths**

14/15/019 **Correspondence**

Grant request from NSPCC – to defer to the next meeting when a budget will be set for grants

14/15/020 **Items of information and Items for the next Agenda**

- Reviews
- IT Officer
- Cycling race lobby
- Grant budget
- Hedges and verges
- Update on summer bus (X43)

14/15/021 **Date of the Next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7 July 2014 at 7:30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10:12 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

Letter from Mr Andrew Lance sent to Dorset County Council

I'd like to express extreme scepticism about the need for the proposed project. No-one is opposed to the idea of upgrading the facilities of the school on the present site. But has the need been rigorously demonstrated for spending £2.4 m on a brand new school, with continuing leasing costs (how much) thereafter?

At the end of 2012 the County Council found that the school had adequate capacity for 79 pupils. Figures subsequently indicate that this total will not be reached in any of the next few years. Moreover, there must be considerable doubt about the numbers of Army children coming to Lulworth in future, given the reduction in Army personnel over the next few years (100,000 down to 82,000) and technical developments in modern warfare.

Our experience is that this project is for an entirely new school – has been pursued without prior consultation with the wider community, with the result that – not for the first time – people feel that they are being presented with a fait accompli. This has caused a good deal of avoidable anxiety and alienation in the wider community.

A number of solutions have been suggested for improving conditions at the school – for example, building on the existing site (for which adequate space seems available – of the two schools at Wool, and schools at Corfe Castle and Langton Matravers). Or having the youngest children being based at W. Lulworth and the older children at Winfrith, which has greater facilities. These suggestions have been dismissed by the authorities without, in my view, explanation or justification, despite repeated requests.

Given the pressure of growing population in England and the fact that we produce only 60% of our food needs, it seems particularly reprehensible and short-sighted that we should be contemplating building on a Greenfield site, on agricultural land.

Although the proposed site is rather less obtrusive than others which have been considered, the proposed building looks utterly out of sympathy architecturally and aesthetically with its surroundings – more like a factory than a school.

Finally, it would be useful to know, if the project goes ahead what is to become of the present school site? – more houses to become holiday lets is unfortunately the likely outcome.

For all these reasons I hope the council will consider the proposed project very carefully before deciding its position and maybe having to justify it further down the line.