

WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at West Lulworth Village Hall on Monday 3 November 2014 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: Mr J Davey (Chairman), Mr N Miller, Mrs V King, Mr M Whittle, Ms C Matthews, Miss S Jackson, Mrs C Neal.

In attendance: County Councillor Mike Lovell
PC Jephcott
Mr A Bird (Chief Executive, Lulworth Estate)
Miss E Blake (Clerk)
3 members of the public

14/15/083 Public Questions and Discussions Period

a) Mr Lance enquired about the MOD signs which were removed over a year ago.

County Councillor Lovell believed the MOD took the signs down as they were difficult to read without stopping but the Council is unable to enforce replacement signs.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain progress of reinstating the signs.

b) Mr Lance understands that the Regulatory Committee made the decision to agree the new school at Lulworth with ten votes to three. On the same day of the meeting a letter from Richard Drax was received which referred to an enquiry which was made to Sarah Tuff who acknowledged the lack of consultation. It was stated that the information on prospective sites was given to the Parish Council in January 2014 and a leaflet was given. Mr Lance has checked the minute and could not find anything about the consultation; he believes the Parish Council were only made aware of it when Cllr Lovell brought information.

Mrs K Lawrence interjected that she had hand delivered leaflets to various streets within West Lulworth and information appeared in the Parish News. Mrs Lawrence also clarified that the Freedom of Information request had answered Cllr Jackson's query of what had happened to the funds for modifying the original school.

c) PC Claire Jephcott was pleased to inform the meeting that there had been no significant crime in the Parish in the past few months. The Clerk was provided with leaflets detailing Dorset Alert which replaces the Ringmaster/ Community messaging system. Online registration allows users to choose the type of alerts they wish to receive.

PC Jephcott was unaware of the recent accident at the hill and what had caused it but would get back to Cllr Whittle with some details.

The front office at Wareham police station has closed but the station is staying open. Contact details are on the Dorset Police website.

ACTION: Clerk to place leaflets in notice boards.

PC Jephcott left the meeting at 7:48pm.

d) Mr Andrew Bird introduced himself as the new Chief Executive for Lulworth Estates, having been appointed two months earlier. Mr Bird is aware of the issue of dust at the car park but stated it would not be possible to tarmac it as water comes up from underneath which would result in lifting it in winter and he did not think it would be suitable for the area. It is hoped that trials of a product to dampen the dust can begin next year. The spray binds molecules together, alleviating the dust, and has been checked to ensure it is suitable in regards to the run off from the car park going into the sea.

The plastic bottle bank at the car park was removed as it is understood that it was not being utilised due to the increase in domestic recycling facilities. One weekend can see forty to fifty black rubbish sacks of rubbish from Durdle Door beach which is a massive cost balanced by car park fees and so a group of people are being brought together to address the litter problem.

Cllr Jackson enquired about the rubble left behind after the Beach Café was demolished. Mr Bird responded that there are insurance issues which restrict removal but it will be cleared as soon as approval has been received.

In response to whether there are any plans to renew the butchers shop and café Mr Bird informed the meeting that lots of planning applications have been submitted and he is in the process of sorting them out.

Initial investigations show that Lulworth Estates are not responsible for the land on which the war memorial sits but the maps may be outdated. Cllr King added that she has old postcards which show the wall when there was just a cottage with the wall surrounding it and Mr Bird asked that any evidence be brought forward.

A lot of correspondence has gone missing and there are lots of issues to work through but Mr Bird is very open and willing to respond to any queries. Cllr Davey suggested a liaison meeting to discuss various points which have arisen and this was agreed.

ACTION: List of issues to be drawn up and meeting arranged with Mr Bird.

8p.m. Cllr Matthews left the meeting for a short period.

14/15/084 Apologies

Councillors Colvin and de Chazal, District Councillor Quinn, Lt Col Waugh and Mrs Sue Bellamy.

14/15/085 Declarations of Interest

None.

14/15/086 Minutes

The minutes from the meetings held on Monday 1 October 2014 were agreed as being a true and accurate representation of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

14/15/087 Reports from District And County Councillor

Cllr Davey read out an update from District Councillor Barry Quinn who was unable to attend. The toilets were noted as being another matter that the Estate is involved in and the ladies has been closed recently.

County Councillor Lovell discussed the ongoing issues at Holmebridge crossing. All interested parties met but the Environment Agency did not attend. The bridge requires attention as it is filling up with silt and this is also a problem at East Stoke. There have been meetings about the railway signs and crossings and the rail regulator is now involved, barriers are still a problem. The Boundary Review is underway throughout the County. A proposal is to take East Stoke out of one area and put it in with Wool, Cllr Lovell would have to cover Chaldon Herring. Swanage may have to be split as it exceeds the number of electors for an area. Cllr Jackson expressed concern that the boundary proposals could increase Cllr Lovell's area and make it difficult for him to attend meetings at West Lulworth. Cllr Lovell's attendance was thought to be an important contact with County Council particularly given the lack of response recently from Dorset County Council.

There has been another environment meeting about the roads and it was decided that Cabinet would be asked for a further £100,000.

8:10pm Cllr Matthews returned to the meeting.

Cabinet has also been asked for an increase in the grass cutting budget as it was felt it was initially lowered too much. Cllr Lovell mentioned it is hoped purchase can be made of a machine that picks up grass as well as cutting it. He added that Blandford Bypass has special plants that cover the ground but prevent growth.

Cllr Whittle expressed concern that half of the signage in West Lulworth is not visible due to overgrown hedges and Cllr Lovell responded that he believes the problem is that there is just not enough staff in the countryside team.

Cllr Whittle has noticed that culverts have been cleared but not the drains; Cllr Lovell has been informed that it was thought the water table was too high but now something else is the issue.

Cllr Davey added that in School Lane two drains were cleared but not the middle ones.

Cllr Matthews informed the meeting that she had recently met Steve Davies who is part of the Countryside team responsible for grass cutting in the village. He was adamant that six cuts had taken place this year and will attend the next meeting to discuss ongoing issues. Cllr Lovell is aware of a change in management so thought it was a good time to push for action. He suggested it would be useful to have the dates and times of work which has been carried out although outside of the central area there should only be a maximum of two cuts per year. Cllr Davey responded that a lack of grass cutting caused people to walk on the road and Cllr Miller added it was a safety issue. Cllr Jackson mentioned parked buses caused walkers to be in the middle of the road and Cllr Lovell agreed yellow lines were needed.

The Clerk has had contact from Tony Burt at Highways and yellow lines are on the list to be implemented next year although only around Durdle Door. Cllr Davey noted the road to Winfrith had been specifically looked at on the walkabout and Cllr Lovell suggested that East Holme is due a meeting so they could come to West Lulworth at that time.

Cllr Jackson requested that sunken manhole covers be looked at and Cllr Davey asked that any road issues be emailed to the Clerk in order that they could be forwarded to Cllr Lovell. Cllr Miller mentioned a raised manhole just before the entrance to Vale Road, an issue with the drain outside the Londis shop and also outside St Patricks House.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm Steve Davies attendance at next meeting. List of road issues to be forwarded to Clerk.

14/15/088 Planning Applications / Updates on Previous Planning Applications

The proposed new school application (6/2014/0410) was passed with conditions attached. The conditions are in response to concerns of drainage, the height of the building and the colour of the roof. Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that Mr Chris Stokes has agreed to contact the PC when the conditions are discussed as there is no requirement to put forward concerns when the issues are discussed.

Cllr King felt it was time to discuss the issue of the school being federated on two separate sites which means minibus journeys are taken several times a day to transport pupils to and from Lulworth and Winfrith. It was thought that one site would be more preferable.

Mrs Karen Lawrence pointed out that in the Parish Plan 80% of residents supported the school and wanted it to be kept in the village. Cllr Jackson responded that the Parish Plan occurred when the status quo was being maintained and when the new application was submitted it raised the question of does there need to be a school in the village.

Cllr Davey thought the situation had been extremely sad and divisive across the village and agreed that the Parish Council should ensure that the conditions attached to the approval of the application should be followed.

14/15/089 Applications for Tree Works / Updates on Previous Tree Works Applications

TWA/2014/0190 Shirley Close (Trinity Barn), BH20 5FD. Cllr Matthews had no objection to the application to crown thin and believed it could actually enhance the tree. She proposed that stipulation be made that no more than 25% reduction, Cllr Jackson seconded and all agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to forward comments.

14/15/090

Finance

The following items were approved for payment:

DAPTC Planning training	£50.00
Clerks wages (October)	£198.20

The following receipts were noted:

Interest on Playground account (October)	£0.19
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14/15/091

Consultations and New Items for Discussion or Report

- a) CIL Priorities for Spending Update – minor amendments have been made which were noted.
- b) Electoral Review of Dorset County Council – to be detailed on the next Agenda.
- c) Risk Assessment – a copy has been provided to all Councillors for approval at the next meeting.

14/15/092

Ongoing Actions/ Updates from Previous Meetings

- a) Ware memorial quotes are in progress and will give estimates for the wall repair and additional costs for any foundation repairs which are unknown at present. Cllr King wondered if the war memorial does not belong to the Parish Council then there was no need to insure it. Cllr Davey added that is a reason to ascertain who does own it. Cllr Miller believes the PC are legally responsible for the cross (the structure) but not necessarily the land.
- b) Bus shelter update – a letter has been sent to the owners of the bus shelter detailing issues arising from the draft licence provided. Cllr Davey proposed that any response should then be forwarded to solicitors and Cllr Whittle seconded the motion.
Mr Bird offered to look at the plan of sale to confirm it was sold as part of the house sale.
- c) Hedges and verges – Cllr Matthews noted the hedge at the Church Road junction is still obstructing the path and Cllr Neal added there are now sycamores growing up.
- d) Remembrance Day – times for the parade have now been provided by Lulworth Camp. Cllr Jackson proposed a £35 donation and this was seconded by Cllr Whittle.
- e) Village maintenance – Cllr Matthews is hoping to have proposals of improvements to bring to the next meeting.
- f) Slide repair – the manufacturers are sending through costs for replacement panels on the slide. It is hoped the new ones will last longer although the initial panels have lasted ten years.
- g) Store banners will be removed shortly.

14/15/093

Neighbourhood Planning

Sue Bellamy, Purbeck District Council was unable to attend. It is hoped she can attend next months meeting.

14/15/094

Feedback from meetings

Cllrs Matthews and Jackson had attended a DAPTC planning training event. It was quite informative although not for specific queries.

ACTION: Cllr Jackson to write up relevant information from the event.

Cllr Whittle had attended the Bestival debrief which resolved to set up a sub-committee for Highway issues.

14/15/095

Training

Training dates have been circulated to Councillors.

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Highways

Cllrs Davey and Miller will draw up a list of issues arising.

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Footpaths

No new items.

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Correspondence

A petition was received from Lulworth & Winfrith School detailing support for the new school application.

A school admissions poster for 3 and 4 year olds is to be placed on the notice board.

14/15/099

Items of information and Items for the next Agenda

- a) Grass cutting and maintenance
- b) Flooding, sewage pipe
- c) Volunteer of the Year nominations

14/15/100

Date of the Next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1 December 2014 at 7:30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9:30 pm.

Chairman:

Date: