

WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors present: Mr J Davey (Chairman), Mr N Miller, Mrs V King, Mr D Knight, Mrs M Colvin, Mr M Whittle, Mrs E Rudd, Ms C Matthews.

In attendance: County Councillor Mike Lovell – left at 9:07pm
District Councillor Barry Quinn
Miss E Blake (Clerk)
1 member of the public

13/14/190 Public Questions and Discussions Period

Mr Andrew Lance asked what is happening with the missing Army information signs near Lulworth Camp. The clerk informed the meeting that she had spoken to Dorset County Council and they have given some advice about what was suitable for the sign. They were unaware that the signs have not yet been replaced so will contact the Lulworth Camp to request replacements are arranged as a matter of urgency.

Mr Lance also wondered if there was any update on the school proposal. The clerk had spoken to Mr Scothern who had stated an application was expected to be submitted next month. A consultation will also be carried out next month. It is hoped it will be held at the school and all parents will be invited to attend. The clerk confirmed the details via email in order that Mr Scothern could forward the details to the Parish Council and it could then be displayed on the notice board.

13/14/191 Apologies

None received. It was noted that Major Barr has not attended for some time.

13/14/192 Declarations of Interest

None.

13/14/193 Minutes

The minutes from the monthly meeting held on Monday 3 March and the annual parish meeting held on Monday 17 March 2014 were agreed as being a true and accurate representation of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

13/14/194 Reports from District And County Councillor

County Councillor Lovell informed the meeting there was a review being carried out on the Forward Together initiative.

Extra money for potholes is being made available – up to six million pounds is to be spent by August. Unfortunately this means that works already in the pipeline may be delayed.

Cllr Lovell is still trying to sort out the gate at The Cove and is concerned it may need replacing if it is not repaired soon.

Cllr Knight questioned Cllr Lovell on what is going to be done about the drains within the parish as sandbags had to be put out recently due to the heavy rain which washed stones into the drains and blocked them. Previous information given was that there was going to be some sort of sump to intercept the water but Cllr Lovell countered that a sump would be unable to intercept stones.

Cllr Whittle has registered the work to be done on the highways section of the Dorsetforyou website (job reference 103075) but was previously told by the Highways department that they

would not be attending as there were no funds.

Cllr Lovell suggested asking Stephan Mephram to come out and discuss the concerns.

Cllr Rudd noted that work had recently been carried out near the Castle Inn but it stopped at Rickyards as they had been told to go no further. Cllr Lovell suggested it was run off and Cllr Matthews countered that it needs proper review and not just maintenance then.

Cllr Quinn remarked that if the issue is with a land owner then the district engineer may need to be involved. He also informed the meeting that jobs on the website may show as closed off but are still in hand. As a lead member of the emergency planning group he believes preventative action when the weather is good is the best approach.

Cllr Whittle thought there were not any drains down from Burngate that worked.

ACTION: Contact Highways to arrange a walkabout to highlight problems.

Cllr Quinn informed the meeting of overnight closures at the Holme Bridge crossing starting on 27 April.

The planning application for the fishermen's huts at Lulworth Cove is due to go to the planning board on the 30th April.

The Lulworth Cove development proposed by the Weld Estate has resulted in a split decision at appeal. The Beach Café has now gone and the Planning Inspector does not wish for it to be replaced. The Inspector was sympathetic to development of the toilets and the bistro.

Cllr Davey asked if the Parish Council (PC) would have a say in the opening times. Cllr Quinn thought it was not a material planning issue but Cllr Davey suggested that the Weld Estate need to know it should be 24 hour opening as it is presently. Cllr Miller concurred and Cllr Knight remarked that if income from the half a million visitors was wanted then there was a need to provide the facilities. Cllr Quinn will put forward the concerns when the application comes up.

13/14/195 Planning Applications / Updates on Previous Planning Applications

6/2014/0105 – Lulworth Camp (Bindon & Vale road), BH20 5PX. External wall insulation scheme to 31 dwellings. There were no objections to this application.

6/2014/0124 – Lulworth Camp (St Andrews Farmhouse), BH20 5QF. Install automatic fire detection and alarm system. There were no objections to this application and Cllr King suggested that as it is a listed building any protection from the risk of fire is good news.

13/14/196 Finance

The following were approved for payment:

Village hall rent (January to March)	£33.00
Annual website hosting fee (David Wheatley Design)	£195.00
Clerks wages (March)	198.20
Clerks wages (additional payment for APM)	£33.27

A payment of £50 for the installation of the new computer was paid between meetings and noted.

The following receipt was noted:

Interest on Playground account	£0.17
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Cllr Lovell commented that the annual website hosting fee seemed expensive as another Parish pays about £40 per year. Cllr Knight explained that West Lulworth Parish Council has a website not just a webpage and although the maintenance fee is paid to David Wheatley Design the annual hosting fee is for costs incurred. Cllr Knight suggested he could obtain further information to explain why the cost is high.

Cllr Colvin proposed payment of all amounts due and Cllr Miller seconded. All agreed apart from Cllr Knight who abstained.

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Consultations and New Items for Discussion or Report

a) Election - nomination packs have been given to all Councillors and notices displayed on the notice board and in the Parish News.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange collection of nomination papers for submission to PDC.

b) Play area inspections – RoSPA inspection has been arranged for May. There is an additional cost if anybody wishes to meet with the Inspector. Cllr Quinn suggested that as Synergy Housing are required to carry out an inspection at Moreys Close playground then they should be approached to share the report and/or costs and avoid duplication.

Cllr Knight noted that he has updated a sign and it is ready to go back up. Cllr Miller is still unable to spray the weeds as it is not dry enough yet. Cllr Whittle suggested a look at the RoSPA website as that indicates what weed killers can be used in playground areas. Cllr Miller will hopefully be meeting with Ray Derrick to arrange the seat to be moved slightly, bank graded and the new swing to be installed with rubber matting.

ACTION: Cllr Miller to arrange swing fitting and memorial check with Ray Derrick. Contact Aster Property to discuss sharing playground report.

c) Insurance renewal due – Cllr Davey suggested a check on changes to be made to the insurance and quotes to be sought. Cllr Colvin enquired if the wall memorial is on there as repairs may soon be necessary. Cllr Miller suggested he ask Ray Derrick to look at it when he meets to install the swing. Cllr Davey wondered whose land the memorial sits on. Cllr Colvin believes it will be Council or the Weld Estate and thought it best to check the insurance to see what parts of the memorial are covered (whole wall or just the cross?).

ACTION: Obtain insurance quotes. Check details of insurance cover for the memorial.

d) Parish email address – still awaiting provision by DAPTC. Cllr Knight clarified that there is email provision on the new computer.

e) Notice board – Cllr Knight gave a graphic representation of the small notice board in order that it could be determined what information should be put on there and what was unnecessary. Cllr Matthews asked why the bus timetable needed to be displayed as that should be on the bus stop. Cllr Knight replied that the PC is unable to access the bus stop and the timetables there are not always up to date. He suggested notices from Purbeck District Council do not need to be displayed.

Cllr Lovell suggested a general notice board, open to all, be put up in the bus shelter. Cllr Matthews thought the PC should purchase a general notice board and Cllr King stated it had been discussed before but it would need to be monitored. Cllr Knight currently goes around with pliers to take down fliers posted on trees around the village.

Cllr Rudd believed that a general notice board would stop the need to pin posters on trees. Cllr Matthews suggested different options were sought and Cllr Miller suggested asking for a grant from the landfill tax or asking the Army camp to make one at their workshop. Cllr Colvin wondered on whose land it could be put and Cllr Lovell suggested that if it was part of a verge it would not be a problem.

The Clerk and Chairman have had trouble unlocking the larger notice board.

ACTION: Cllr Knight to delete Tuk Tuk details on notice board. Clerk to only display housing availability and not feedback reports. Cllr Matthews to check larger notice board lock.

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Ongoing Actions/ Updates from Previous Meetings

a) Parish computer installed

b) New grit bin needed – Cllr Miller has identified the grit bin to be ordered.

ACTION: Clerk to order the grit bin.

c) Bus shelter update – Cllr Knight has spoken to Mr White and has been told quotes are going in for the bus shelter works. It has been over a year now. Cllr Rudd suggested an official letter be sent. Cllr Quinn offered to contact Mr White and Cllr Davey welcomed this and asked that a draft lease be sought.

ACTION: Copy of Land Registry report to be obtained. Cllr Quinn to contact Mr White about progress and a lease.

d) Illuminated Signs Policy – Cllr Knight has compiled the policy which he distributed. He thought it would be beneficial to make the Policy a requirement rather than a request and asked that it be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Matthews thought it to be an integral part of planning. Cllr Rudd wondered how it could be enforced and Cllr Davey replied under the Statutory Nuisance Act 2005.

Mention was made of properties which leave lights on all night and Cllr Davey remarked that as soon as the policy was adopted it would enable approach to those offending.

Adoption of the Dark Skies Policy was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Cllr Knight to put the Policy on the website and speak to PDC about it. To put into the Neighbourhood Plan.

13/14/199 **Neighbourhood Planning**

Nothing new to report.

13/14/200 **Feedback from meetings**

Nothing to report.

13/14/201 **Training**

a) HMRC Workshop, DAPTC, Dorchester DYA, Thursday 24 April at 10am to 1pm, £30

b) Trees (pest and diseases), PDC, Thursday 1 May, 2pm. RSVP by 25 April.

c) Chairman's Seminar, DAPTC, Dorchester CC, Wednesday 7th May at 7pm to 9pm, £30

d) Planning in Dorset – All day conference inc workshops, DAPTC, Chetnole Road, Leigh, Thursday 15th May, 10am to 3pm, £45 inc buffet lunch

13/14/202 **Footpaths**

Cllr Rudd stated the path at the back of Beach Café looks like it will be permanently closed and resigning will be needed. The alternative goes up Bindon Hill at the end of the slip road.

Cllr Whittle thought it necessary to put proper steps in the path from the pavement across to the Hambury Field path but Cllr Miller remarked that the Highways department would refuse it as it would require handrails which encroach onto traffic.

A lot of paths are now permissive ones.

Cllr Whittle informed the meeting that this year is when Alexanders must be tackled again.

13/14/203 **Correspondence**

Annual Dorset Beach Clean – takes place on 27th April, 11am to 1pm, Lulworth Cove

Purbeck Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule – Adoption Statement

Purbeck District Council (Seaside Pleasure Boats) Byelaws 2013

13/14/204 **Items for information and Items for the next Agenda**

a) Cllr King had received new bus timetables and there are now only two morning bus trips to

and from Wareham, via Wool and Bovington, six times a week Monday to Saturday. There is only one weekly bus trip to Dorchester on market day (Wednesday) for a visit of 2½ hours. The village doubles in size in summer due to capacity of 450 caravans at Durdle Door.

Cllr Knight has notified the Tranquillity Research organisers that the bus comes into the village but not out.

b) Cllr Miller noted that there has been some disturbance recently with adult guests staying at the Youth Hostel inhabiting the playground at 2a.m. and throwing stones.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Youth Hostel requesting their guests behave appropriately.

c) Cllr Knight informed the meeting that there would be some tree work carried out to tidy up due to the bad weather and there had been some vandalism to trees.

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Date of the Next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 May 2014 at 7:30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10:15pm.

Chairman:

Date: