

## Minutes of the Meeting of Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 at 7.30 pm in Poyntington Village Hall

The following were present: Councillors Buckland, Lacey, Simnett, Stubbs, Dorset Cllr Legg and the Clerk.

- 24.73 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Dillon, Perryman and Wheadon
- 24.74 **Declarations of interest:** None declared
- 24.75 **The minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024** were confirmed and signed.
- 24.76 **Matters arising:** The clerk reported that the fingerpost in the centre of Poyntington has been damaged and the largest finger will need to be remade. Cllr Stubbs may have a suitable piece of wood. The Sherborne Town Clerk had asked if the parish council would like to be part of the Sherborne bid to be Dorset Town of Culture 2026. The council agreed that this would be a good thing for the villages and should be accepted.
- 24.77 **Public participation session:** None
- 24.78 **Adjournment Session**  
Cllr Legg made contributions during agenda items
- 24.79 **The financial report for the year 2024-25** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £309.60; HMRC (PAYE): £77.40; Poyntington Village Hall £15, Poyntington PCC £850, Osborne PCC £850, Goathill PCC £375, Dorset Council £50 (Election costs). HugoFox £11.99 (December direct debit not taken). Unpaid Barclays cheques to Poyntington Village Hall amounting to £815 will be paid again. The council approved the setting up of a direct debit from the new Lloyds account for the website subscription to HugoFox.
- 24.80 **Banking arrangements:** The clerk reported that Lloyds internet banking is now set up. It is hoped to make this month's payments by bank transfer. The Barclays account has now been closed.
- 24.81 **Budget and precept 2025-26:** The council agreed to a budget of £7901 and a precept of £8128. There will be no increase on Band D payments due to an increase in the tax base.
- 24.82 **Planning Matters**  
Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting or at this meeting are in bold in the table below:
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| Lynwood, Castleton                  | P/HOU/2024/06763 Erect detached garage and carry out external alterations with replacement balcony.   | No objection   |
| Tithe Barn Osborne Road Poyntington | P/HOU/2024/07204 Installation of 3no. air source heat pumps   | No objection   |
| Mushroom Farm Cow Lane Poyntington  | P/PAAC/2024/06121 Change of use & conversion of agricultural buildings to 2no. dwellings (Use Class C3)   | Prior approval request<br>Granted 11.12.24<br>CIL liable |
| Mushroom Farm Cow Lane Poyntington  | P/FUL/2022/02416 Erect 2 No. dwellings (Class C3), new vehicular accesses and associated works. Demolish existing agricultural buildings and polytunnels. | Objection<br>Refused 16.07.24<br>Appeal<br>Objection     |
- 24.83 **Proposed new solar farm at Wyke:** Just prior to the meeting, Cllr Legg was informed of another public consultation meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> to allow comments on some revisions to the plan and proposals.
- 24.84 **Highways Issues:** Clatcombe Lane junction: Following a request from the clerk, the owner of the Toll House had asked all the residents for their views on a possible one way

system and sent a summary of the results including suggestions. Circulated to councillors prior to the meeting, this revealed that the majority of residents think that a one way system would not be good. Councillors will bear these views in mind when Highways come back with proposals.

24.85 **Engagement on mobile signal:** A meeting with Atlas the mobile infrastructure company is being arranged. Cllr Legg said that an initiative is expected from Atlas.

24.86 **Sherborne Neighbourhood Plan:** The council agreed that it would be sensible to include Castleton in the plan. It was felt that residents would need to be consulted before deciding whether to include Osborne. The clerk will convey this to the Sherborne Town Clerk. Cllr Lacey offered to represent the Parish Council and report back if required.

24.87 **Request from Sherborne Castle Estates for double yellow lines:** The clerk had asked Highways about the possibility of submitting a TRO on behalf of SCE. Highways replied that a TRO would be refused. Councillors suggested alternative solutions, either removing the single white line except for the area opposite the SCE gates or yellow lines for a short distance. The clerk will contact Highways again.

24.88 **Request for an honour nomination:** The council agreed that it would be appropriate to write a letter of support for the proposed nomination.

24.89 **Collapsed drain on the south side of the bridge in Goathill:** Highways are currently repairing the road and the drain may be repaired as part of this. It was decided to await the outcome.

24.90 **Hedges on the eastern boundary of Wyke Farm:** It was reported that the hedges have not been cut. The council noted that the cutting period does not finish until the end of February and unless there is a road safety issue, landowners are not required to cut. Taller, wider hedges are being encouraged in many places to benefit biodiversity.

24.91 **Planting of sticks in some Poyntington verges:** The council agreed that the sticks are inappropriate both in appearance and for preventing vehicles from using the highway verges as passing places. However, these are not the only cases where verges have been obstructed in the village and it is unlikely that Highways would want to get involved.

24.92 **Hosting arrangement for the parish council gov.uk domain:** The current arrangement through DAPTC is being withdrawn. The clerk had obtained three quotes for hosting from registrars on the government approved list. The council agreed to accept the cheapest quote from HugoFox who already host the parish council website.

24.93 **Items for the next Agenda:** Send to clerk.

24.94 **Dates of future meetings:**

6 March, Osborne

1 May, Osborne

3 July, Poyntington

4 September, Osborne

6 November, Poyntington

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**