



**The Annual Assembly of the Parish of Wool  
held via Zoom on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6pm.**

Present: Parish Councillors, K Major (Chairman, Wool Parish Council) in the Chair  
**Minutes**

Agenda Item	Person Responsible/Note
<b>1. Welcome and Introduction by Chairman of the Parish Council.</b>	Cllr Major
<p><b>2. Annual report of the Parish Council.</b> The Clerk gave the following report:</p> <p>The pandemic presented many organisations with interesting challenges throughout 2020 and Wool Parish Council was no exception. The Parish Office was closed and is yet to reopen to the public due to its limited size. The Parish Council continued to meet monthly via Zoom which worked well once the Councillors became familiar with the technology. Passing the external audit proved challenging as the government banned face-to-face meetings while at the same insisting that the audit had to be approved at a face-to-face meeting. Common sense eventually prevailed, and the audit was passed. Wool Parish Council followed government advice at all times and the playpark and the skatepark were opened and closed many times. Business as usual was maintained as far as was possible, a Parish Council newsletter was produced every month, planning applications were responded to, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continued with the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan, the bins on Wool recreation field continued to be emptied and the broken Parish noticeboard on East Burton Road was replaced. Organisations such as Wool Community Library, Care and Share and the Youth Club all rose to the challenge and delivered the services to the community during and in-between lockdowns. To preserve the centuries-old Royal Charter to hold Spring Street Fayre, a transaction must be carried out on the 14<sup>th</sup> May every year. In 2020, a few socially distanced people met to sell a box of matches to maintain the Charter.</p> <p>In addition to the challenges of the pandemic, Wool Parish Council faced the challenge of a significant turnover in personnel. Jacqui Hughes resigned as Parish Clerk after 6 years and Wool Parish Council would like to publicly record its thanks to Jacqui and wish her the very best for the future. Jacqui was replaced by Steve Smith, a former Parish Councillor. As well as the change in Clerk, 5 new Councillors joined the Council, a 33% turnover.</p> <p>2020 saw the creation of a brand new skatepark on the recreation field along with new CCTV cameras on the rear of The D'Urberville to monitor behaviour. Wool Parish Council voted to overturn Dorset Council's Public Space Protection Order which, if implemented, would have ruled out the recreation field as a place to walk dogs. New rules were implemented to prevent dog fouling and these rules will be enforced.</p> <p>Dorset Council closed consultation on the Purbeck Local Plan in December which proposed around 470 houses for Wool and then in January began consultation on the Dorset Local Plan which proposes up to 800 houses for Wool (with the potential for more). Wool Parish Council challenged Dorset Council as to the appropriateness of</p>	Clerk

<p>carrying out a major consultation whilst the nation was in lockdown. Wool Parish Council delivered a leaflet to every house in the Parish in attempt to make residents aware of the consultation and provided paper copies in Wool library. Wool Parish Council do not support the number of houses in the proposed Dorset Local Plan and will continue to be a 'critical friend' to Dorset Council – working together but at the same time challenging and providing the sometimes uncomfortable truth.</p> <p>Pandemics and lockdowns permitting, Wool Parish Council has a busy year ahead. Wool Parish Council is investigating an electronic bike scheme which would go some way to addressing the lack of public transport in Bovington and Bovington Village (Cologne Road area). Following the recent refurbishments at The D'Urberville, work is planned to provide public toilets at the front of The D'Urberville and to enclose the veranda at the rear to deter anti-social behaviour. Other potential projects include a new website, an environmental plan, a sensory garden next to the playpark on Meadow Lane and traffic calming on East Burton Road. Wool Parish Council will continue to represent the residents of the Parish throughout 2021.</p>	
<p><b>3. To accept the minutes of the 2019 meeting (Appendix A).</b> It was resolved, the minutes were accepted.</p>	All
<p><b>4. Participation from members of the Electorate of Wool Parish.</b> No members of the public were in attendance.</p>	Public