

**MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER 2024 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs A Barnett, W Britton, M Claydon and C Lewis

**Chair:** Cllr M Fell

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 0 members of the public

**1. Public**

24.085 No members of the public were present.

**2. Apologies for absence**

24.086 Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes and Cllr Josh Booth.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

24.087 No interests were declared and no requests for dispensations had been received.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

24.088 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Barnett proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

**5. Matters arising from those minutes, for report only**

24.089 No matters arising that are not onto the agenda.

**6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report**

24.090 Copies of the August and September reports had been issued with the agenda. The contents were noted.

**7. To co-opt a new Parish Councillor**

24.091 Cllr Barnett proposed that Charles Lewis is co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

**8. Finance**

24.092 To agree the payment of accounts and note any income received

The following payments had been requested:

A Crocker	October 24 salary	BACS045	185.37
HMRC	October 24 PAYE	BACS046	40.40
Dewlish Village Hall	D-Day contribution	BACS047	383.73
DAPTC	Clerks' Conference	BACS048	19.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £652.99.

Cllr Barnett proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

It was noted that income received since the last meeting was as follows:

Account interest	£16.15
Second half of the Precept	£3,062.50

24.093 To accept the Reconciliation of Accounts and position against budget for October 2024

Copies of both reports were issued with the agenda. Cllr Britton proposed the reports are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Barnett and agreed unanimously.

24.094 To note any items for inclusion in the 2025/2026 budget

Playpark equipment for the Green, bank charges, events.

24.095 To review banking arrangements

It was noted that Lloyds Bank will be changing our existing Treasurers Account to a Community Account with effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This means there will be a monthly account maintenance fee of £4.25, direct debits will be charged at 10p, cash paid in and cash paid out 75p per £100, BACS payments £2.25 per batch or 7p per single BACS payment. This will result in an additional cost to the Parish Council and will have to be reflected in the budget going forward.

It was generally felt that most banks are now adopting a similar approach, and little would be gained by trying to move to an alternative bank. Cllr Fell proposed that the Parish Council remains with Lloyds for the time being. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

**9. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions**

24.096 Planning

P/HOU/2024/05910 Old Parsonage Farm – dismantling & reconstruction of chimney stack, repairs to roof and roof timber

The repair work is desperately needed, and it is good to see someone looking after a listed building. Fully supported.

P/LBC/2024/05911 Old Parsonage Farm – Listed Building Consent

P/NMA/2024/05818 Dewlish House, Dewlish Cross – Non-material amendment to P/HOU/2022/0242 relocate swimming pool & erect landing stage

None of the work will be visible from the road. No objections.

P/HOU/2024/05965 5 Milborne Wood Cottages, Milborne Road – Demolish existing conservatory and erect new single storey rear extension

The neighbours have no objections, and the work will not be visible from the road. No objections.

P/FUL/2024/05761 Crawthorne Farm, Jock's Hill – Erection of winery building (demolish 2 steel portal frames)

No objections.

24.097 Police, Traffic and Roads – to consider a WhatsApp Group

Since the last meeting a garage has been broken into, together with one or two cars. Several residents have requested some sort of Neighbourhood Watch. This has been tried in the past but as so little happens, it faded out. A suggestion had been put forward to create a Neighbourhood Watch Group. A resident has offered to provide information, and it was suggested that a village meeting is held, with an invite to the Police, to explain what can be done and what safety measures are available.

However, after some discussion, members felt that such action might create more of a problem than it solves as it would give the impression that there is a significant problem, when there is not. It may be useful to set up a village wide WhatsApp group for information purposes. This will be brought up at the next café.

It was noted that there was a number of fly tipping incidents in and around the village and at Milborne Wood. It was reported to Dorset Council who had subsequently removed it.

24.098 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

24.099 Parish Surgeries

Nothing to report.

**10. Items received since the agenda was set**

24.100 Nothing to report

**11. Parish Councillor Reports on items not covered by the agenda**

24.101 Cllr Barnett reported that Remembrance Day timetable had been organised and the wreath purchased.

Grit bins – Some volunteers are needed to help put the bins in place. Once some volunteers come forward, a date can be set, and the work carried out. Once this is done, the Council will be asked to fill them.

Two new Union Flags will be purchased, together with a new Ukrainian Flag. St George's Day flag and a VE Day flag.

Following the various animal movements and crop work over the last few months and the particularly wet weather conditions, the state of some of the roads around the village is quite poor, being covered in mud. Several residents have expressed concern that this could be quite hazardous on the steeper roads leading down into the village. Whilst the local landowners do sometimes take the time to brush the road to clear the mud, they will be asked if it would be possible to do this more frequently. In the meantime, Cllr Fell will speak to the Dewlish House Estate Manager regarding the management of the trees along the roads to see if some could be thinned in order to allow the sun to reach the road and dry the muddier areas more quickly.

It was noted that the village is starting to get a bit scruffy in places. What has worked well in the past was to join the Open Gardens. Doing this again, may encourage more people to look after their frontage. This will be raised in more detail at the November meeting.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

24.102 The next meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, commencing 7.30pm.

Future dates:           27<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
                              24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.33hrs.