

**MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th
JANUARY 2025 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs W Britton, M Claydon, C Lewis and D Crossman

Chair: Cllr M Fell

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: No members of the public

1. Public

24.122 No members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for absence

24.123 Apologies had been received from Cllrs A Barnett and Josh Booth and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2024

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

5. Matters arising from those minutes, for report only

24.126 An order will be placed with Dorset Council to have all the bins refilled.

The Dorset flag has now been delivered.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

24.127 Copies of the latest report had been issued with the agenda. The contents were noted.

7. Finance

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

The following payments had been requested:

Dorset Council	Election costs recharged	BACS054	50.00
Newton Flags	Dorset flag	BACS055	92.40
A Crocker	December/January salary	BACS056	401.87
HMRC	December/January PAYE	BACS057	86.20

The total amount requested from the Precept is £630.47.

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

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

Account interest: £31.83

24.129 To accept the Reconciliation of Accounts and position against budget

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

It was noted that the Christmas tree lights need replacing. Cllr Crossman will look into purchasing some replacements.

ACTION: CLLR CROSSMAN

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

24.130 Planning

There were no planning applications at the time of the meeting,

24.131 Police, Traffic and Roads

The December Police report had been issued with the agenda. The issue of mud on the roads was raised but little can be done due to the recent poor weather conditions.

24.132 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

(i) It was noted that the stile at Dewlish House is not very steady. Cllr Crossman will investigate.

ACTION: CLLR CROSSMAN

24.133 Parish Surgeries

Nothing to report.

9. To consider Parish Councillor responsibilities

24.134 A draft proposal was tabled. The following responsibilities were agreed:

Rights of Way	Cllr Wendy Britton
Parish Amenities	Cllrs Andy Barnett and Dave Crossman
Flood/Emergency Planning	Cllr Wendy Britton
Planning & Tree works	Cllrs Mike Fell and Charlie Lowis
Communications	Cllrs Dave Crossman and Charlie Lowis
Police, Traffic and Roads	Cllrs Mike Fell and Josh Booth

A full breakdown will be brought back to the February meeting. There are still some posts that need to be filled and this can be discussed at that time.

10. To receive an update on VE Day celebrations

24.135 Nothing available to report.

11. Open Gardens 2025

24.136 The date has been confirmed as 21st and 22nd June. A publishing group has been organised and various ideas are under consideration, including a children's treasure hunt, scarecrow competition, etc. The Parish Council has agreed to cover the cost of the publicity but a figure is required. This will be brought back to the February meeting.

The use of the projector in the village hall for displaying up and coming events was discussed.

12. Parish Councillor Reports on items not covered by the agenda

24.137 It was noted that the Dewlish sign needs repairing. Discussion regarding village signs took place. This will be brought back to a future meeting once some costings have been found. The Clerk will contact a neighbouring Parish to find out how much their signs cost.

ACTION: CLERK

13. To consider meeting dates for 2025/2026

24.138 The following dates have been agreed:

	February 24 th	
	March 24 th	
	April 28 th	
	May 26 th	Parish Council AGM and Parish Annual Meeting
	June 23 rd	
	July 28 th	
	August – no meeting	
	September 22 nd	
	October 27 th	
	November 24 th	
	December – no meeting	
2026	January 26 th	
	February 23 rd	
	March 23 rd	

All meetings will be held at Dewlish Village Hall, commencing 7.30pm.

14. Agenda items for the next meeting

24.139

- Open Gardens
- VE Day
- Councillor responsibilities
- Village signs

14. Date of Next Meeting

24.140 The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th February, commencing 7.30pm.

Future dates: 24th March 2025
 28th April

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35hrs.