

**MINUTES OF DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER 2023 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs A Fisher, A Barnett, J Booth, W Britton

Chair: Cllr M Fell

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 1 member of the public

Public Participation

Flooding continues to be a problem due to the amount of rain, but it does clear slowly.

1. To receive apologies for absence

23.104 Apologies have been received from Cllr Chris Uden (illness) and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the meeting hold on 30th October 2023

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

23.107 A request had been made to Highways to proceed with the 30mph traffic regulation order for the village. This was subsequently acknowledged, and confirmation given that the instructions had been passed to the Road Safety and Regulations Teams.

5. To receive the Dorset Councillor’s Report

23.108 Cllr Haynes’ reports are issued to members each month and attached to the agenda.

6. Finance

23.109 To note the National Pay Award for Clerks and Council staff of £1/hour, backdated to 1st April 2023

The award is noted.

23.110 To agree the payments and note any income received

The following payments had been requested:

A Crocker	November 23 wages	BACS018	173.74
HMRC	November 23 PAYE	BACS019	61.60

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J Seymour	Reimbursement for wreath and bugler	BACS020	56.48
A Barnett	Repairs to bus shelter	BACS021	56.23

A total of £341.57 from the Precept.

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

It was noted that, since the last meeting, the following income had been received:

Donation toward The Green play area	5,000.00
VAT refund	555.71
Account interest	28.88

23.111 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

23.112 To agree the budget for 2024/25

A copy of the draft budget had been issued with the agenda.

Salaries have been increased to allow for a possible 3% increase. Clerk’s expenses and training have both been reduced by £50. Computer costs were increased in line with the fact that we are now having to pay the monthly subscription to HugoFox. Insurance has been reduced by £30 and £50 has been included as recommended for election costs. Asset maintenance has been reduced by £300 to £700.

The overall effect is an increase of £210 on last year, or 3.6%, giving a precept of £6125.00.

Cllr Barnett proposed that the budget is accepted a precept of £6,125 is submitted. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. A copy of the budget is available on the Parish Council website.

ACTION: CLERK

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

23.113 To consider planning applications

P/FUL/2023/02542 Calf Shed, Chebbard Farm, Warren Hill – renovate and convert former calf shed to multi-purpose facility

Members had no objections to the proposal.

P/FUL/2023/05974 Northfield Farm, Cheselbourne – change of use of land for stationing four shepherd’s huts and one communal forest shelter

This application is not in the parish and, therefore, no comment will be made.

23.114 Police, Traffic and Roads

The latest Police report had been issued with the agenda. No further comments were made.

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23.115 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

23.116 Parish Surgeries

No matters were raised at the recent surgeries.

8. To review the asset register

23.117 This item will be transferred to January.

9. To confirm the Equalities Policy and Publications Scheme

23.118 Copies of the policies had been issued prior to the meeting. Cllr Fisher proposed they are both accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

10. To receive an update on the Green

23.119 We now have £12k in hand for the upgrade of the site. Some concern was expressed that the site might not be used, once completed. However, it was agreed that we need to move to the next step and consult with the village and ask the parents and children what they would like to have on the site.

Rather than a special function, it was felt that the coffee mornings could be used as an opportunity to meet residents and gain their views. A display could be put up each morning, offering alternatives and suggestions. This could also be copied for handouts. Cllr Fisher offered to speak to other residents and pass out the information. It was also suggested that a display could be put up in the bus shelter.

11. Parish Councillors reports on items not covered in the agenda

23.120 There Were no reports raised.

12. Agenda items for the January meeting

- 23.121 - The Green update
- Asset register

13. Date of next meeting

23.122 The next meeting will be on the 22nd January 2024, commencing 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: