

**MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th
FEBRUARY 2025 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs W Britton, J Booth, D Crossman, M Claydon, C Lewis and A Barnett.

Chair: Cllr M Fell

Clerk: No Clerk in attendance

Also present: One member of the public

1. Public

24.141 A point was raised about the current state of all the roads in the Parish but, specifically, the road from Puddletown. All have considerable quantities of soil deposited on them. It was suggested there is a need for all vehicles that emerge onto the road network from land, ensure any deposits of soil and mud are cleared in a timely manner. Where flooding has encroached onto the road from fields the debris left behind should also be cleared in a timely manner.

2. Apologies for absence

24.142 Apologies had been received from Clerk Mrs A Crocker and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025

24.144 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

24.145 Dorset Council have refilled all the salt bins.

Cllr Crossman was unable to locate any appropriate Christmas lights; will continue to look.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

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

7. Finance

24.147 To agree the payment of accounts and note any income received.

The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	NPPF update	BACS058	8.75
Hugo/Fox	Webhosting – March 25	DDR	11.95

Hugo/Fox	Email address support	DDR	20.99
A Crocker	February 25 salary	BACS059	229.88
HMRC	February 25 PAYE	BACS060	43.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £314.61.

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

It was noted that no income has been received since the last meeting.

24.148 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.

24.149 To consider the transfer of reserves for the year end.

The matter was deferred until the March meeting.

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

24.150 Planning

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

24.151 Police, Traffic and Roads

The January Police report had been issued with the agenda no issues raised. The issue of mud on the roads raised will be highlighted in Parish communications.

24.152 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

The current weather has made all Rights of Way difficult to negotiate however no specific issues were raised beyond the ongoing issue with the stile at Dewlish House. Cllr Crossman will continue to investigate.

24.153 Parish Surgeries

ACTION: CLLR CROSSMAN

The slideshow of information and proposed events has been well received with many parishioners signing up for the information WhatsApp group. No specific issued were raised.

9. To consider Parish Councillor responsibilities

24.154 A final draft of the table of responsibilities was agreed:

Rights of Way	Cllr Wendy Britton
Parish Amenities	Cllrs Andy Barnett and Dave Crossman
Flood/Emergency Planning	Cllrs Wendy Britton and Mike Fell
Liaison with Local Organisation	Cllr Mike Fell
Planning & Treeworks	Cllrs Mike Fell and Charlie Lowis
Communications	Cllrs Dave Crossman and Charlie Lowis
Police, Traffic and Roads	Cllrs Mike Claydon and Josh Booth.

10. To receive an update on VE Day celebrations

24.155 Following a general discussion, it was agreed a small event should be undertaken in a local field, weather permitting. The event will be along the lines of a 'bring and share' lunch style. Cllr Booth agreed to identify a potential location. Further discussions will be undertaken to confirm a suitable date and location.

11. Open Gardens 2025

24.156 The date has been confirmed as 21st and 22nd June. The initial local publication of the event has been undertaken. It is proposed to now commence collating the locations of gardens that wish to take part in the event. Cllr Barnett agreed to liaise with the Village Hall committee to further the activities of the event. Discussions are planned to be undertaken to consolidate the ideas under consideration and provide a final plan prior to the meeting in March. The Parish Council has agreed to cover the cost of the publicity and following a discussion, a maximum figure of £250 was proposed by Cllr Britten and seconded by Cllr Booth. It was also agreed Council wish to agree the actual items on the expenditure prior to their procurement. The final concept will be brought back to the March meeting.

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

24.157 The fence around the Green is showing signs decay. A discussion took place concerning the status of the application with The Land Registry. It was agreed this application needs to be followed up to ascertain its status. Cllr Fell agreed to review the work previously undertaken with respect to a fence and report back to Council.

ACTION: CLERK / CLLR FELL

Following a report of another crash on the A354 at Milborne Wood and subsequent communication from Dorset Cllr J Haynes, the issue of reducing the speed limit on that section of the road has been raised. Cllr Fell together with the Clerk will review the options available and report back to Council at the March meeting.

ACTION: CLERK / CLLR FELL

13. Agenda items for the next meeting

- 24.158
- Open Gardens
 - VE Day
 - Village signs
 - Transfer of reserves in the account for the year end
 - Fencing the Green

14. Date of Next Meeting

24.159 The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th March, commencing 7.30pm.

Future dates: 28th April
 26th May AGM

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45hrs.