

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020 AT
DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs F Ross, B Ross, S Crabb, A Fisher,

Chair: Cllr B Hyams

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 1 member of the public and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes

Concern was expressed regarding the need for sandbags in the village. Does Dewlish have any sandbags and, if so, where are they going to be stored? Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council having its own store of sandbags and it was suggested that part of the bus shelter at the crossroads could be used for a store. The area could be blanked off and would not impinge on the few children who use the bus shelter. It is thought that 50 or 60 bags could be stored there. Cllr Fisher will look into going through Dorset Council and obtaining the sandbags. Once the store is in place, Dorset Council should deliver them. As soon as this is done, notices will be put on the notice boards to inform residents that they are available, and it will also be put on the Parish Council web site.

The parish minutes are still not appearing in the parish magazine. These need to be in by the 15th of the month.

The dog poo situation is getting worse. A plea for people to clear up after their dogs has been put in the village news on a number of occasions but this does not seem to be making any difference. It is the responsibility of everyone in the village to ensure residents clear up after their dogs to keep the village tidy.

1. Apologies for absence

19.80 Apologies have been received from Cllr Sarah Clitherow and Cllr Chris Uden.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

19.81 No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 28th November 2019

19.82 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 Crabb and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes – for report only

19.83 Dog fouling – Cllr Hyams looked into the possibility of buying some fluorescent spray. Some more signs will be purchased.

5. Chairman's report

19.84 Thanks are extended to Cllr Frank Ross for putting up the Christmas tree and for removing it afterwards.

The grit bins are in place and residents are welcome to use the grit as required.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

19.85 Cllr Haynes was unable to attend and no report was available.

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

19.86 **Planning** – WD/D/19/002717 Jasmine Cottage, Middle Street – conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation and associated works.

Due to the time constraints in responding to applications, members had considered this application by email. No objections had been raised. The application was subsequently approved under delegated powers on the 8th January.

Cllr Barbara Ross reported that their planning application has been resubmitted. The Parish Council has not received notification yet but, as soon as it arrives, an extra-ordinary meeting will be called to discuss it.

19.87 **Highways** – The usual potholes continue to cause problems, but also the edges of the road are disintegrating due to lorries and vehicles passing. The road width is sufficient, but vehicles tend not to pull in.

19.88 **Footpaths** – Nothing to report. Still no change to the styles reported at the November meeting.

19.89 **Village Hall** – Another evening is being planned but no details are currently known.

19.90 **Dewlish in Bloom** – This event will next take place in 2021.

8. To receive a finance report including payments for authorisation

19.91 The following payments were requested:

H Mears	Wreath	466	17.00
A Crocker	Clerk's wages December & January	467	181.58
HMRC	PAYE	468	44.00

A total of £242.58 from the Precept.

Cllr Fisher proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and agreed unanimously.

A copy of the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget was given to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

9. To confirm the role of the Flood Warden and consider setting up a Community Sandbag Store

19.92 Already discussed.

10. To adopt the model Standing Orders 2018

19.93 A copy of the Standing Orders had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

The items relating to dates and timings were discussed. Cllr Fisher proposed the Standing Orders are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and agreed unanimously.

11. To review the Risk Assessment

19.94 A copy of a proposed Risk Assessment had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Crabb proposed the Risk Assessment is adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Frank Ross and agreed unanimously.

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

19.95 A request has been received from the Church requesting a donation of £500 towards the maintenance of the Church. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council is not permitted by Statute to make donations for maintenance to ecclesiastical institutions. This is governed by the Local Government Act 1894 s6(1) (c) which confirms ‘the powers, duties and liabilities conferred on parish councils include ‘the holding and management of parish property “not being property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity”. No subsequent amendments to the 1894 Act have overridden. The powers of that Act prohibit councils’ involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvement of buildings or land or contributing to the costs.

13. Date of Next Meeting

19.96 The date of the next meeting is Thursday March 26th.

Subsequent meeting dates are:

May 28th – AGM

July 30th

September 24th

November 26th

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:25pm.