

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Dewlish Parish Council on Monday 26th February 2024 commencing 7.30pm at Dewlish Village Hall.

Amanda Crocker, Clerk

19th February 2024

AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests
4. Minutes of previous meeting dated 22nd January 2024
5. Matters Arising from previous minutes for report only
6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report - attached
7. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions
 - (a) Planning – P/TRC/2024/00798 Old Parsonage Farm House, Middle Street
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 - (b) Police, Traffic and Roads – to consider the Police report received – attached
 - (c) Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
 - (i) To receive an update on the The Green, including land ownership
 - (ii) To receive an update on the Volunteer Working Party
 - (d) Parish Surgeries
8. To authorise the payment of accounts and confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget
9. To consider possible events for the D-Day commemorations
10. Parish Councillors' reports on items not covered in the agenda
11. To receive an update on the coming Elections
12. To confirm the date for the May Annual Parish Council meeting
13. Agenda items for the next meeting
14. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 25th March 2024

**Report to the parish council for January 2024.
Cllr Jill Haynes Chalk Valleys Ward Dorset Council.**

Hello Councillors, Clerks and Members of the public.

Wishing you a rather belated Happy New Year please find my report for January.

Double Council Tax for second homes up for vote

At the Full Council meeting of Dorset Council on 13th February I will be bringing a paper to ask members to consider agreeing to the recent legislation within the Levelling Up bill that will allow us to charge second homeowners double council tax. The number of people buying houses as second homes in Dorset has continued to increase and is responsible in part for the shortage of affordable homes here. Living in Dorset is a privilege and I hope that at least a proportion of the extra revenue that this could bring to the council will be used to support building affordable housing for local people. More on the next month

Dorset Council tops the national polls for recycling!

DEFRA have just published the annual recycling figures for 2022/23. We have just found out that we are the **number one** unitary and disposal authority in the Country for the first time ever!

(Those ahead of us are collection only councils (i.e. the figures are on the kerbside service only and do not include Household Recycling Centres).

This is testament to the commitment of our residents, our waste strategy teams and our frontline waste operatives. This is a fantastic achievement for Dorset and one that we are hugely proud of.

Tree-mendous grant opportunity (sorry!)

A new grant scheme aimed at supporting local communities to plant and care for trees in their area is now open for applications.

Funded by Dorset Council and managed by the Dorset National Landscape team, the [Dorset Community Tree Fund](#) is open to community organisations in the Dorset Council area. This includes parish and town councils, as well as schools and other established community groups interested in planting and caring for trees in their patch.

Trees play a crucial role in our natural world, from providing homes for wildlife to tackling climate change. However, planting the wrong tree in the wrong place can have a negative impact on local wildlife, communities, and landscape.

So, unlike traditional tree planting schemes, the [Dorset Community Tree Fund](#) goes beyond just providing grants for trees. It also offers support for the planning and design phases of planting projects. This extra support can help make sure trees and hedges planted in and by communities have a positive impact on Dorset's natural environment for years to come.

Almost half a million pounds awarded to local culture

Dorset Council Organisational Revenue Support Fund for Culture has awarded £486,000 to 28 organisations over the next three years.

A total of 41 applications were received from arts and heritage organisations and accredited museums. A total of £217,000 has been awarded to arts and heritage and £269,000 to accredited museums.

This funding has been spread across the Dorset Council area to ensure residents and communities have cultural benefit around the county. All the organisations awarded with this money are based in and deliver their programmes within the council's boundaries.

Dorset Council prepares to sell old District Council office site and buildings in Wimborne

Dorset Council has instructed its agents to begin marketing the vacant buildings and site of the old East Dorset District Council (EDDC) offices in Furzehill, Wimborne.

Following Local Government Reorganisation in 2019, the unitary authorities of Dorset Council and BCP Council were created to replace the county's former district and borough councils. As Furzehill was declared surplus to requirements by EDDC, Dorset Council inherited the empty office buildings.

Following Cabinet's approval of the Council's capital programme in March 2023, Furzehill was identified as a priority to sell to generate capital receipts. Capital receipts are money that councils can spend on funding other capital expenditure – such as land, buildings, and equipment - or for paying off debt. They generally cannot be used to fund services.

The Furzehill site consists of 2.73 hectares (6.76 acres) which was allocated for residential development and other alternative uses in the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan back in 2014.

Cabinet approves next steps in Levelling Up journey for Weymouth

At its meeting on Tuesday 30 January, Dorset Council's Cabinet agreed to approve recommendations to progress vital next steps in the Levelling Up programme of work.

In January 2023 Dorset Council was awarded £19.5m by Government to help regenerate Weymouth's Waterside Economy. The council's ambitions include essential enabling groundworks to allow the eventual development of several key sites in the town.

North Quay and Weymouth Bowl

Included in the recommendations discussed by councillors, was a request from officers to start a procurement process which will seek one or more development partners to develop both the North Quay and Weymouth Bowl sites. This would be subject to planning consent to demolish the old bowling alley on the St Nicholas Street site and an agreement from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to repurpose an amount of Levelling Up funding originally allocated to New Bond Street.

The former Weymouth and Portland Borough Council offices at North Quay are currently mid-demolition and until plans for a development in its place can be agreed upon, the site will become additional, temporary car parking. It is hoped the temporary car park will be ready in time for the Easter break later in spring.

A planning application to demolish the former bowling alley site is live on the council's website and is inviting comments from local people and businesses. A decision on this application is due to be made at the beginning of March by the council's Western and Southern Planning Committee.

Following a robust soft market testing process, the council's property advisers recommend that the best strategy for future development on the North Quay site is for the council to dispose of it through a procurement process. This will allow the council to retain a considerable degree of control over the design and quality of any future build. Councillors have agreed that this is the best approach and approved the recommendation.

A vision for the Harbour and Peninsula

Councillors also agreed to adopt a vision for the Harbour and Peninsula areas of Weymouth. A vision was developed by Professor Tony Bovaird, commissioned by Dorset Council to establish its ambitions, following engagement with stakeholders. The report divides the strands of proposed regeneration activity at the Harbour and Peninsula into short, medium and long-term options. Councillors agreed that the short and medium-term options are taken forward for progression, and the long-term options outlined in the report to be revisited at a later date.

Round 4 of the Household Support Fund reopens for applications

Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) will reopen for applications at 10am on Tuesday 6 February 2024 for low-income households in the Dorset Council area.

The government scheme funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, provides support in the form of supermarket vouchers. Citizens Advice will be allocating this fund on behalf of Dorset Council and vouchers will be issued to residents who meet the eligibility criteria within 6 to 8 weeks.

Dorset Council households will be able to apply if they:

- pay council tax to Dorset Council
- have an annual household net income of less than £30,000 and
- have savings of less than £16,000 and
- **have not applied** for a previous HSF payment within the last 6 months (since August 2023)

Calculations for the annual net income should not include Personal Independence Payments, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance or Child Benefit. Applications are limited to one per household.

Residents should apply online. The application form will open at 10am. Find more details including future application window dates

here: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

If you need help completing the form, you can telephone Customer Services on 01305 221000 or visit a [customer access point](#).

For further information on all the support available, whether be access to food, money and debt advice or support with your household bills, visit our cost of living webpages at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help).

Could you offer a stepping stone to a young person leaving care?

Supported Lodgings can help young people who are leaving our care, experience the transition to adulthood in a safe and secure environment, whilst learning emotional and practical skills that will help them thrive.

We want to end the 'cliff edge of care' that can happen when young people turn 18 years old, and to do this, we need more people to open their homes and become Supported Lodgings carers.

Katie* has been living with a Dorset Council Supported Lodgings provider for the past three years and says:

“My experience in supported lodgings has been really positive and it has taught me a lot. I’ve learnt lots of things that have grown my confidence and made me feel ready for moving on. I’ve made a great connection with my supported lodgings provider, and she has supported me through anything I’ve needed help with.”

Supported Lodgings is often able to be combined with a career or busy lifestyle as you do not need to provide full-time care. Sharon Cooper, age 56, lives in Wimborne and is a Dorset Council Supported Lodgings provider who also runs her own business. Over the last 10 years, Sharon has looked after around 10 young people between the ages of 16-25. She said: “I enjoy helping the young people achieve their goals or aims in life no matter how big or small, and watching them grow and develop as people. When you provide Supported Lodgings, you have a fantastic support network around you, including help from Dorset Council’s Fostering service and other Supported Lodgings providers.”

All Dorset Council [Supported Lodgings](#) carers receive training and support and are paid an allowance to assist with day-to-day living costs. To find out more, [visit our website](#) or contact fosteringenquiries@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report
January 2024

Dear Councillors,

Below is a breakdown of crimes/incidents that have occurred in your areas during the month of July.

N.B. Any crimes/incidents of a sensitive nature are not in this report, e.g., of a personal nature or which may identify individuals.

- We continue to patrol all areas and are using social media to keep members of the public apprised of our actions.

Dorchester NPT website address is [Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police](#)

Our Face Book Page address is: www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/

Our Twitter Page is: <https://twitter.com/DorchesterPolice>

Our Instagram Page is: <https://www.instagram.com/dorchesterpolice/>

Dorset Alert messaging system registration to receive messages is:

<https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/pages/2451/1/Register.html>

Contacting Dorset Police (non-emergency)

***** THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR REPORTING – PLEASE USE ALTERNATIVE METHODS SHOWN BELOW ***** PLEASE SEE WITHDRAWAL OF 101 ADDRESS AT THE END OF THIS REPORT:**

Do it Online: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Telephone: 101 **(Calls to the 101 non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)*

Message an officer:

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call Freephone 0800 555 111

DFCA

Broadmayne Parish Council:

No Reports

Knightsford Parish Council (Tincleton/West Knighton/West Stafford/Woodsford):

No Reports

DFCB

Crossways Parish Council:

19/01/2024 Warmwell – Theft of Caravan

Osmington Parish Council:

No Reports

Owermoigne Parish Council:

06/01/2024 ASB cars on Warmwell bypass.

DFCC

Cheselbourne Parish Council:

11/01/2024 Cheselbourne- house fire

Dewlish Parish Council:

No Reports

Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:

No Reports

** Please see note below regarding Community Contact Point

DFCD

Buckland Newton Parish Council:

No Reports

Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:

No Reports

Piddle Valley Parish Council:

05/01/2024 Alton Pancras Theft of Truck from outside farm building

09/01/2024 Enterprise Park – Theft from Motor Vehicle

09/01/2024 Plush - Use of sling shot and air rifle – possible lamping.

10/01/2024 Piddletrenthide – theft of quad bike

14/01/2024 Piddletrenthide – theft of gun dog – did not return after going into bushes to retrieve.

20/01/2024 Piddlehinton – dog left in vehicle.

29/01/2024 Piddletrenthide- criminal damage to tractors

Other

I will be holding a Community Contact Point at the Spar Shop in Puddletown on Friday 23rd February between 09:30 – 10:30.

Community Contact Point is a pop-up event where you can speak to me to discuss an issue and receive crime prevention advice. You can also report a crime (incident) or discuss any issues affecting you or your community.

This is a drop-in style event with no need to make an appointment.

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

Item 8

Dewlish Parish Council Payments Requested - February 2024

Date	Payee	Comments	Folio	Precept £
19.01.24	A Crocker	February 2024 salary	BACS025	208.34
19.01.24	HMRC	February 2024 PAYE	BACS026	40.40
Total amount requested				248.74

Dewlish Parish Council Reconciliation of Accounts

Balance b/fwd		From 31.03.23		11135.50	
	Add:	Income year to date		13927.77	
	Less:	Expenditure to date		4297.21	
Balance as at 16.02.24				20766.06	
Funded by:					
	Deposit account	00260298		335.34	
	Current account	01230392		20797.85	
				21133.19	
Add:	Uncleared Income				
				0.00	
26.11.23	A Crocker	November 23 salary- inc back pay	BACS018	118.39	Underpaid in January
19.02.24	A Crocker	February 2024 salary	BACS025	208.34	
19.02.24	HMRC	February 2024 PAYE	BACS026	40.40	
				367.13	
Balance as at 16.02.24				20766.06	
				Difference	0.00

Dewlish Parish Council
Budget Monitoring for the year ended 31st March
2024

Description	2022/23 Budget	Actual	Balance	
Receipts	-			
Account Interest		147.05	147.05	
Precept	5,835.00	5,835.00	0.00	
CIL receipts		2,390.01	2,390.01	
Misc income		5,000.00	5,000.00	
VAT refunded		555.71	555.71	
Total receipts	5,835.00	13,927.77	8,092.77	0.00
Payments				
DAPTC Subs. + other subs	100.00	92.24	7.76	
Insurance	760.00	695.01	64.99	
Training	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Wages - Clerk	2,250.00	2,227.50	22.50	
Clerk Expenses - mileage	100.00	22.59	77.41	
Office costs	150.00	32.08	117.92	
Stationery & postage	50.00	3.68	46.32	
Telephones		192.94	(192.94)	
Venue hire	200.00	0.00	200.00	
Grass cutting	250.00	0.00	250.00	
Audit fees	75.00	0.00	75.00	
Honorarium	50.00	146.90	(96.90)	
Defib Maintenance	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Contingencies	100.00	112.71	(12.71)	
Election costs			0.00	
Grants	500.00	0.00	500.00	
Bridge upgrade		0.00	0.00	
Asset maintenance	1,000.00	624.40	375.60	
VAT		147.16	(147.16)	
Total payments	0.00	5,835.00	4,297.21	0.00
Balance b/fwd from 31.03.23	11,135.50		Monies held in bank	21,133.19
Income to date	13927.77			
		25,063.27		
Earmarked Reserves			Add:	
Election costs	400.00		Income not cleared	
Telephone box maintenance	200.00		Less:	
Upgrade of The Green	10,000.00		Cheques not cleared	(367.13)
CIL receipts	2,390.01			
General asset maintenance	1,058.34			
		14,048.35	Earmarked funds	(14,048.35)
Expenses for current year to date	4,297.21			
		<u>4,297.21</u>		
Balance available not yet committed		<u>6,717.71</u>	General Reserve	<u>6,717.71</u>