

**DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**  
**COMMENCING 7.30PM**  
**THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCING**

**Present:** Cllrs S Crabb, C Uden, S Clitherow, A Fisher

**Chair:** Cllr B Hyams

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** Dorset Councillor Jill Haynes

**Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies for absence**

20.67 Apologies have been received from the Cllrs Frank Ross and Barbara Ross.

**2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests**

20.68 No interests were declared.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

20.69 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Clitherow proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman as soon as practicably possible.

**4. Matters Arising from previous minutes – for report only**

20.70 There were no matters arising not already covered by this agenda.

**5. Chairman's report**

20.71 Very little happening due to the on-going lockdown. The defibrillator stopped working but Cllr Hyams contacted Community Heartbeat and it is now working again.

A Summer Visitor strategy is being drawn up by Dorset Council with input from Town and Parish Councils and the Police and Emergency services. Cllr Hyams will attend the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and report back at the next meeting.

**6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report**

20.72 Cllr Haynes has been issuing regular reports via email, all of which have been passed to members as they arrive. Her full report will be issued at the end of the month.

19:50 Cllr Haynes left the meeting.

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

20.73 **Planning** – P/HOU/2021/00167 – Chalkhill House, Whiteways, Middle Street  
Erect a single storey extension following the demolition of small extension and detached garage.

Members felt the proposal was a vast improvement on what was on the site. Members supported the proposal.

20.74 **Highways** – Cllr Crabb reported that the pothole on the road to Cheselbourne has been marked so should be filled shortly. There are still the usual potholes on the road past the Manor. It was noted that a skip has been put on one side of the road and this is causing vehicles to drive on the verge opposite in order to pass. There is also a van parking on the corner. Cllr Hyams will see if it possible to get a PCSO to attend the site.

20.75 **Footpaths** – Nothing to report.

**8. To receive a finance report including payments for authorisation**

20.76 The following payments were requested:

Community Heartbeat	Annual insurance re defibrillator	491	151.20
HMRC	PAYE – February & March	492	45.20
A Crocker	February & March wages	493	183.99
C Haskett	Grass cutting	494	50.00

Total requested from the Precept is £430.39

Cllr Clitherow 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 consider undertaking a Community Governance Review**

20.77 The reasoning behind this review was explained. After some discussion, members decided not to undertake a review but leave things as they are.

**10. To consider the refurbishment of the Pound Lane grass area**

20.78 Cllr Uden reported that we now have Highways’ blessing and the Environment Agency are happy for the work to be undertaken. Highways have also offered to repair the fence along the highway. He and Cllr Clitherow are working on some grant applications. The cost of the project is about £3,500 to £4,000 to include some planting and 2 picnic benches.

The machines and heavy labour have been offered and volunteers from the village will be needed to help move earth.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the cost of the project will be taken from monies held in order to speed up the process and have the work done before summer and grants will not be applied for at this stage.

Several members of the community have offered to make donations towards the costs, whilst others have offered their time.

**11. To agree the Insurance for the coming year**

20.79 The insurance is up for renewal on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. It is currently on a Long Term Agreement until 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and the premium for the coming year is £340.58. Cllr Clitherow proposed we continue with the current insurers. This was seconded by Cllr Uden and agreed unanimously.

**12. Agenda items for the next meeting**

20.80 The next meeting will be the AGM.

Items raised – would it be possible to put out more dog waste signs.

The upper green is Highway land but they are happy for the Parish Council to do something with it.

Two residents have offered to put up entrance signs for the 4 entrances to the village. Highways are happy with this. Members were generally not in favour.

Flag- we need a new Dorset Flag. The Clerk will arrange this.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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**13. Date of Next Meeting**

20.81 The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:40pm.