

**MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th
NOVEMBER 2024 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

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

Chair: Cllr M Fell

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 0 members of the public

1. Public

24.103 No members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for absence

24.104 Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. To consider the Co-option of a Parish Councillor

24.106 Cllr Barnett proposed David Crossman is co-opted to join the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously. Cllr Crossman was invited to join the Council and complete his Acceptance of Office.

5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2024

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

6. Matters arising from those minutes, for report only

24.108 The new grit bins are now in place. An order will be placed with Dorset Council to have all the bins refilled.

A Dorset flag will be ordered. The other flags have now all arrived.

Whiteways tree canopy will be trimmed back to allow the sun to get on the roads – this will be on-going.

7. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

24.109 Copies of the November report had been issued with the agenda. The contents were noted.

8. Finance

24.110 To note the National Pay Award for Clerks – backdated to 1st April 2024

The Award is noted.

24.111 To agree the payment of accounts and note any income received

The following payments had been requested:

A Crocker	November 24 salary	BACS050	266.75
HMRC	November 24 PAYE	BACS051	61.20
Newton Newton Flags	2 x Union Flags, 2 x St George	BACS052	460.26
DAPTC	Whole councillor training	BACS053	244.50

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,032.71.

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

It was noted that income received since the last meeting was as follows:

Account interest: £16.15

24.112 To accept the Reconciliation of Accounts and position against budget

Copies of both reports were issued with the agenda. Cllr Barnett proposed the reports are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

24.113 To agree the budget for the year 2025/2026

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

The proposed budget is £6,300 – an increase of £175 on last year, or 2.86% overall. Cllr Booth proposed the budget was accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously. The full budget breakdown is available on the Parish Council website.

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

24.114 Planning

P/HOU/2024/06221 Dewlish House – Erection of a replacement greenhouse

No objections were raised.

24.115 Police, Traffic and Roads

The October Police report had been issued with the agenda.

24.116 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

(i) There are quite a few trees down following Storm Bert. These can be reported via the Dorset Council website.

(ii) To consider an Open Gardens event in 2025 – This would be instigated and run by the Parish Council to generate a bit of community spirit and could include a scarecrow themed event for those who do

not or are not able to open their gardens but would still like to be involved. Cllr Barnett will organise a working group to meet by the end of January, but someone will be needed to take control of the social media/advertising side of things. A date will be set as soon as possible and given out via WhatsApp, Facebook, etc. This will, hopefully, highlight any possible clashes with other events.

24.117 Parish Surgeries

Nothing to report.

10. To consider Parish Councillor responsibilities

24.118 Members are asked to look through the list of roles provided and say which items they would like to take on. This will be brought back to the January meeting for confirmation.

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

24.119 Cllr Fell reported that he had attended the DAPTC AGM on Saturday 23rd November. A brief had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

- 24.120
- Meeting dates for 2025/26
 - Open Gardens
 - Councillor responsibilities

13. Date of Next Meeting

24.121 The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th January, commencing 7.30pm.

Future dates: 24th March 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50hrs.