

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL

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21st May 2022

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 26th May 2022 at Dewlish Village Hall, commencing immediately upon completion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Amanda Crocker
Clerk to the Parish Council

Short democratic period for members of the public to raise any issues of concern

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. Chairman's Report for 2021/22
3. Elections:
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Councillor responsibilities
4. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report
5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022
6. Matters arising from those minutes, for report only
7. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and review dispensations received
8. Finance
 - (a) To approve monthly expenditure
 - (b) To agree the Certificate of Exemption from the Annual audit
 - (c) To confirm the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
 - (d) To confirm the Risk Assessment
 - (e) To confirm the insurance for the coming year and consider taking an LTA for 3 years at a cost of £402.69 pa
9. Planning & Housing
 - No planning applications had been received at the time the agenda was set
10. To receive Parish Reports:
 - (a) Highway matters
 - (b) Footpaths and environmental matters
11. To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set
12. Items for the June agenda
13. Date of next meeting – 20th June 2022

Dorset Councillor's Report – May 2022

At the full council meeting on Thursday last week the Leader set out the council's mission statement for the next two years of this elected term. The following ten areas were going to be priorities. Naturally these are only headlines, and these areas will have further input to back up the work for the next two years. It is always difficult to set priorities in a large organisation like Dorset Council but I do feel that these are the big areas we need to tackle.

Dorset Local Plan – Take a different approach to Local Plan preparation by being far more strategic, including a two-year extension for having an approved plan. To continue to work with Homes England and the New Communities Team to deliver a sustainable garden town within the Dorset area.

Housing for local people- Develop progressive relationships with developing registered providers (such as housing associations) operating in Dorset, working together deliver affordable housing to rent for local people. Build on our investment in council-owned temporary accommodation to substantially reduce the dependence on bed and breakfast for those who are homeless and need our support in the short term.

Adult Social Care - Develop and deliver reform to cope with increased demand at a stable or mitigated cost level.

Children's Services – Continue radical reforms with the roll out of the £37.5m SEND invest to save programme and commit to the 2020-2023 Children's Plan and the Strategic Alliance for Children & Young People.

Assets and Property – Drive the disposal and repurposing programme and develop a master plan with services to maximise the potential of the Dorset Centre of Excellence in Shaftesbury.

Working with the Integrated Care System – Getting a better deal for Dorset Council as equal partners by establishing place as the key platform, bringing early intervention to social care. This will ensure the best outcomes for those who need our support and offer the best opportunity for this to come at an affordable cost to the council and the NHS.

Climate and Ecological Strategy – Deliver on our agreed policy and commitments and establish bidding capability to attract Government funding to enable the council to progressively meet its net zero target by 2040.

Community Safety – Working closely with Dorset Police to ensure we achieve the best outcomes when dealing with local crime and anti-social behaviour. Work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to make Dorset the safest county in the country.

County Deal – Working with BCP Council, submit a bid to Government for a County Deal for the whole of the County of Dorset, in collaboration with the Dorset LEP, to enhance and drive economic development and the skills agenda and attract additional Government funding into Dorset.

Digital Innovation – Continue to pioneer new technologies and create the foundations of a longer-term economic development. Work to safeguard and encourage job

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retention and growth, through direct action and through positive engagement to the private sector.

An update on our initiatives to tackle climate change

Low Carbon Dorset is a 5-year programme of activities to help stimulate growth in Dorset's low carbon economy and reduce the county's carbon footprint. Funded by the European Regional Development fund, Low Carbon Dorset helps businesses, community and public sector organisations in Dorset and BCP.

The programme is run by Dorset Council's Sustainability Team, and consists of 7 staff, with Heather Kiel being the programme manager. It aims to help improve energy efficiency, increase use of renewable energy and aid development of new low carbon products.

Since its launch in April 2018, Low Carbon Dorset has received over 645 applications for support, and has awarded over £5.4 million in grants, to support 164 renewable energy, energy efficiency and innovation projects across Dorset and BCP. The £5.4million grant funding will equate to over £16 million being spent or contracted within the Dorset area on low carbon initiatives. Please note that this in addition to the £19M grant funding which we won to make improvements to carbon emissions in our own buildings. (e.g. changing from oil to air source heat pumps etc.)

Between our completed and contracted projects, we are:

- Helping 135 different SMEs (Small and medium-sized enterprises)
- Helping to create 6 new carbon saving products or processes,
- Installing almost 12 megawatt hours of renewable energy production,
- Improving energy efficiency in 65 houses,
- Reducing the energy usage in public buildings by almost 1.2 million kilowatt hours per year ,
- Saving at least 9,400 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year.

These numbers include projects already completed and those that we have contracted. Projects that completed last year alone will save an annual 1390 tonnes of CO₂e. Added to completed projects in previous years, cumulatively to date, low carbon Dorset funded projects have already saved 6915 tonnes of CO₂e.

This programme will complete next year, it still has some funds left to award and is still receiving a number of new applications each week. Enough praise cannot be given to the outstanding team that have delivered and are delivering these fantastic benefits to our amazing county. This is just one part of what we are doing as a council to combat the environmental emergency that we all declared.

Whilst the programme does come to an end next year, the need for a continuation of these excellent projects of work will continue to be essential for us to meet the 2040 goal we are striving for as a council and the 2050 goal for our entire community.

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Item 8 (a)

**Dewlish Parish Council
Payments Requested - May
2022**

Date	Payee	Comments	Chq No.	Precept £
09.05.22	DAPTC	Annual subscription	587	88.02
21.05.22	A Barnett	Sand, timber, cement for Bridge upgradt	588	445.25
21.05.22	C Uden	Trees and seeds	589	273.49
21.05.22	HMRC	May PAYE	590	23.00
21.05.22	A Crocker	May wages	591	92.00
		Total amount requested from Precept		833.74