

# **DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL**

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23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm at Dewlish Village Hall for the purpose of conducting the following business.

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. To receive Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests
3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023
4. Matters Arising from previous minutes for report only
5. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report – attached
6. Finance
  - (a) To agree the payment of accounts and note any income received
  - (b) To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget
  - (c) To note any items for inclusion in the 2024/2025 budget
7. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions
  - (a) Planning – no applications had been received at the time of the agenda
  - (b) Police, Traffic and Roads – September report attached
  - (c) Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
  - (d) Parish Surgeries
8. To receive an update on The Green
  - (a) Play equipment update
  - (b) Land registration
9. To consider Highways' response regarding the village-wide 30mph request
10. To receive an update on the volunteer working party
11. Agenda items for the next meeting
11. Date of Next Meeting

**Report to the Parish Council September 2023**  
**Councillor Jill Haynes Chalk Valleys Ward Dorset Council**

Hello Councillors and Members of the public.

Here are a few headlines for a very busy September.

This year's budget

We started the 2024/25 budget setting process last week. The session reviewed current spend and looked at trends going forward. The first thing I would like to say is that Dorset Council has a secure financial footing. There has been a lot in the press recently about councils going "bankrupt", Birmingham in particular, but I want to assure you we are financially secure. That does not mean to say there are not considerable pressures in some areas. We are looking to invest to save and find better ways of working to ensure we remain in budget. One of the big areas where this is important is the prevention agenda in both our adult's and children's services. Between the two areas Adult's cost the council £143M and Children's £77.8M in addition in the place directorate there is a further £17M on special needs children's transport.

Various cross party working groups will now do further work to understand some of the big issues and come back to a November workshop with proposals. We will still not be able to set the budget until January as we have been told we will not know what Central Government contributions we will receive until the new year. It is a bit of crystal ball gazing too and we try to decide what the inflation rate and pay awards will be. (Pay awards are negotiated nationally.) An idea of what this might mean next year is 1% inflation = £2.8M cost to the council and 1% pay award = £1.7M

Our Future Council ( digital contact)

We have received £750K from the department of Levelling up and Communities to do a pilot on how digital ways of working will affect both the council and the public in the future. We are one of four councils in the country doing this pilot. This is a massive piece of work which should join up all our computer systems, provide comprehensive Business Intelligence and a one stop shop for the public. At the moment the customer access is rather clunky, and you often have to enter information a number of times for each service you require. The new system will provide a customer account and hopefully a better experience. I will update further as this work progresses. We will be encouraging those that can use this service when it opens and this will free up our call centre staff to deal with those people who, for various reasons, need to speak to a real person!

Some Planning facts and figures

Dorset Council is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest planning authority in the country by area. We deal with more than 5000 applications a year and this has continued to rise during the council period. We are exceeding nationally set determination times running at 96% for major applications and 87% for minors. We often see that the validations are taking a long time, this is because the applications are often incomplete. The validation and thus the determination process will not start and until all the paperwork on the checklist is received, this includes things like flood assessments, drainage and environmental assessments. Dorset Council Building Control look after the development of 65% of these applications and have a high customer satisfaction rating.

### **Digital Champion Roadshow**

The Dorset Council's volunteer digital champion service is ten years old and to celebrate is holding a 'get online' roadshow.

During national 'Get Online' week (16-20 October) the council's volunteers will be manning stalls in Sherborne, Bridport, Wool and Wimborne and anyone needing help to navigate the digital world are urged to come along.

The volunteer digital champions will be able to answer any questions people have and visitors will also get the chance to try out some tablets and take part in fun interactive quizzes.

And everyone who visits one of the volunteer digital champion stalls will be able to enter a free draw with the chance of winning a tablet of their own.

In the last decade they have helped around 15,000 people in their face-to-face appointments and a further 3,500 over the phone since the Digital Hotline was launched in 2020.

## **Bright Spots for Dorset Children in Care**

Results of a recent survey show that the majority of children in care in Dorset feel their life has got better since coming into care.

The 'Bright Spots' survey, which was commissioned by Dorset Council, was carried out by Coram Voice and asked the views of children and young people in care between the ages of 4 and 17. The report set out six factors associated with wellbeing: trusted and available social workers, having good friends, liking school, seeing siblings as often as they want, feeling safe and settled, having trusted and sensitive carers.

For all children and young people having good friends and trusting and supportive relationships were really important. This included trusted carers and social workers.

Liking school influenced well-being for all age groups and feeling safe where they lived and settled was also important for children in care whether they were aged 4 or 17. Seeing mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters as often as they wanted was highlighted by all age groups.

82% of children in Dorset in the age range 8 to 17 who had been taken into care felt that their life had got better since coming into care.

All of the primary school children aged between 8 and 11 had a trusted adult in their life. One child commented: 'I love my life now and I don't want to change it because I love my carers and my dog.'

## **Is your child due to start Secondary or Upper school in September 2024?**

Parents/carers will need to apply by Tuesday 31 October 2023 for the best chance of getting a place at their preferred school. This applies to all children moving from primary to secondary school, or middle to upper school in September 2023.

Finding the right school place for your child is important for any parent/carer. The admissions pages will provide you with all the information you need to apply, and you can also check out our parents' guide for information about the different types of schools and the way to apply to each one.

### **School application deadlines:**

If your child is due to start secondary or upper school in September 2024, you should apply now to avoid disappointment. Parents/Carers must apply by **31 October 2023**.

If you're not able to apply online you can download a Word document from the admissions pages or contact the School Admissions Team on 01305 221060, or email: [admissions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Turn off analogue phones**

There has been little publicity about the removal and replacement of our analogue phones. (landlines). By 2025 these are all due to be switched off and will need to be replaced with a different phone and an internet connection. The replacement phones will have battery backup so they can work in a power cut. However, people are concerned about what this means to them. I can confirm you will not need a computer for this to work and I have asked for a detailed briefing note which I will circulate as soon as I receive it, this is nothing to do with Dorset Council, but I feel people want to have more information.

**Item 6 (a)**

**Dewlish Parish Council  
Payments Requested - October 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Folio</b>	<b>Precept £</b>
18.10.23	HugoFox	Website subs to October 2023	BACS015	122.28
20.10.23	HMRC	October 23 PAYE	BACS016	37.40
20.10.23	A Crocker	October 23 salary	BACS017	173.74
<b>Total amount requested from Precept</b>				<b>333.42</b>

**Item 6 (b)**

**Dewlish Parish Council  
Reconciliation of Accounts**

Balance b/fwd	From 31.03.23	11135.50
Add:	Income year to date	8279.91
Less:	Expenditure to date	3081.06
<b>Balance as at 20.10.23</b>		<b>16334.35</b>

**Funded by:**

Deposit account	00260298	3172.09
Current account	01230392	13905.70
		17077.79

**Add:** Uncleared Income

		0.00		
17.09.23	HMRC	August/September 23 PAYE	BACS013	75.00
17.09.23	A Crocker	August/September 23 salary	BACS014	335.02
		Website subscription to October 2024		
18.10.23	HugoFox		BACS015	122.28
20.10.23	HMRC	October 23 PAYE	BACS016	37.40
20.10.23	A Crocker	October 23 salary	BACS017	173.74
				743.44
<b>Balance as at 20.10.23</b>				<b>16334.35</b>
		Difference		0.00

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

Description	2022/23 Budget	Actual	Balance	
<b>Receipts</b>	-			
Account Interest		54.90	54.90	
Precept	5,835.00	5,835.00	0.00	
CIL receipts		2,390.01	2,390.01	
Misc income		0.00	0.00	
VAT refunded		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,835.00</b>	<b>8,279.91</b>	<b>2,444.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
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	1,312.50	937.50	
Clerk Expenses - mileage	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Office costs	150.00	9.48	140.52	
Stationery & postage	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Telephones		98.37	(98.37)	
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	101.90	(51.90)	
Defib Maintenance	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Contingencies	100.00	0.00	100.00	
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)	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,081.06</b>	<b>2,753.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Balance b/fwd from 31.03.23	11,135.50		Monies held in bank	17,077.79
Income to date	8,279.91			
		19,415.41		
			Add:	
Earmarked Reserves			Income not cleared	
Election costs	400.00		Less:	
Telephone box maintenance	200.00		Cheques not cleared	(743.44)
Upgrade of The Green	5,000.00			
General asset maintenance	1,058.34			
		6,658.34	Earmarked funds	(6,658.34)
Expenses for current year to date	3,081.06			
		<u>3,081.06</u>		
<b>Balance available not yet committed</b>		<b><u>9,676.01</u></b>	<b>General Reserve</b>	<b><u>9,676.01</u></b>

## Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report SEPTEMBER 2023 (Partial Report)

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/](http://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 houtCrimestoppers online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) or call Freephone 0800 555 111

### DFCA

#### **Broadmayne Parish Council:**

03-09-2023 Theft of purse (while at pub)

#### **Knightsford Parish Council (Tincton/West Knighton/West Stafford/Woodsford):**

### DFCB

#### **Crossways Parish Council:**

31/08/2023 Theft of Fence (second incident at same location)

31/08/2023 (Incident occurred 19 -08-2023) Loud shouting in early hours of the morning – ASB

- Although a formal report has not been made, I have been made aware of the holes dug in the ground at the MUGA. It has been suggested this may be for firepits, but there was no evidence of this. If anymore should

appear, please ensure reported. I will be including this area as part of my patrols, in addition to the other ASB hotspots in Crossways

**Osmington Parish Council:**

05/09/2023 Noise complaint re music from pub – no officers attended due to other commitments at time of call.  
Only one complaint received

09/09/2023 Dog left in vehicle on hot day

**Owermoigne Parish Council:**

09/09/2023 Garden Centre – dog left in vehicle on hot day

**DFCC**

**Cheselbourne Parish Council:**

07/09/2023 Third party report of dog bite to human

**Dewlish Parish Council:**

No Reports Made

**Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:**

06/09/2023 Puddletown – attempt theft from vehicle (occurred 30/08/2023)

09/09/2023 Athelhampton – suspicious activity in field – fires being lit (fire contacted). Police attended and no persons in the area

**DFCD**

**Buckland Newton Parish Council:**

No Reports Made

**Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:**

No Reports Made

**Piddle Valley Parish Council:**

No Reports Made

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team