

**MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd
SEPTEMBER 2024 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs A Barnett, J Booth, W Britton and M Claydon

Chair: Cllr M Fell

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 1 member of the public

1. Public

24.062 A representative from Milborne Wood raised the issue of the A354 and the speed of traffic along its length. They are keeping a log of incidents along the stretch of road, and it was suggested that they also report them on the 'Road Safety Dorset Council' (<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety>) website.

2. Apologies for absence

24.063 Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

3. Declarations of Interest

24.064 Cllr Barnett declared interests relating to planning and the D-Day Commemorations accounts. No other interests were declared.

4. To co-opt a new Parish Councillor

24.065 Mike Claydon had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Cllr Barnett proposed he is invited to join the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously. It is understood that there may also be two other residents who may be interested in joining the Council.

5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2024

24.066 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 Britton and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from those minutes, for report only

24.067 Laptop – A laptop has now been purchased and is currently being uploaded with the Parish Council information. It is intended that all information will be stored on the Cloud to allow Councillors easier access to information held by the Clerk. This will be finalised once the .gov.uk email addresses have been set up.

7. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

24.068 Copies of the August and September reports had been issued with the agenda. The contents were noted.

8. To receive the Police Report

24.069 A copy of the August Police Report was issued with the agenda. The contents were noted. Cllr Claydon reported a possible theft of fuel had occurred from a vehicle parked opposite the village green. Enquiries with respect to this will be made to ascertain the facts.

9. Finance

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

The following payments had been requested:

M Fell	Reimburse purchase of laptop	BACS041	409.01
M Fell	Reimburse Office 365 products	BACS042	53.99
A Crocker	August/September 24 salary	BACS043	411.24
HMRC	August/September 24 PAYE	BACS044	81.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £955.24.

Cllr Booth 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	£36.07
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24.071 To accept the Reconciliation of Accounts and position against budget for September 2024

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

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

24.072 To receive a report on the ‘Big Conversation’

A copy of Cllr Fell’s observations had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. It was noted that there was no mention of rural transport. In general, it was felt that the event was disappointing and not what was advertised.

24.073 To review planning applications received since the last meeting

P/PABA/2024/04876 Chebbard Farm – Erect agricultural building; Information only.

P/HOU/2024/04163 Old Parsonage Farmhouse, Middle Street
Installation of replacement foul & surface water drainage systems with pumping stations for both systems to lift the discharge to the nearby watercourse.

P/HOU/2024/04164 Old Parsonage Farmhouse – Listed Building Consent for the same.

The existing well pumps will continue to function through a new system where it will feed into the first ditch and, subsequently, into the river. A new foul water treatment system will be installed which will then feed directly into the river. None of the works will be visible from the road.

Cllr Fell proposed the application is supported. Cllr Britton seconded this, and it was agreed unanimously.

P/OUT/2024/02874 Land at Dewlish Road, Milborne St Andrew - To erect up to 70 dwellings, access and public space.

A copy of Cllr Fell's briefing note was issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The proposal will alter the Dewlish Road access on to the A354 by diverting it into the proposed development and then out onto the main road. Milbourne St Andrew (MSA) Parish Council have requested that we submit a response.

Cllr Fell proposed an objection is submitted stating the following:

- Objection to the change in priority of the Dewlish Road;
- A requirement for the alignment of the Dewlish Road adjacent to the proposed development of site 'A' to accommodate 2-way traffic flow and to include footpaths;
- A requirement for a 30mph speed limit for Dewlish Road adjacent to the proposed development
- A requirement for a 'Safe systems approach assessment' to be made of the entire road network being affected by this development especially Dewlish Road and the A354 from Milborne Wood past the proposed developments and into Milborne St Andrew;
- The development is too large for the location.

The MSA Neighbourhood Plan has already taken into account development of other sites, the options for which have been taken up. Cllr Barnett seconded the proposal, and this was agreed unanimously.

24.074 Police, Traffic and Roads

This was already covered by item 8.

24.075 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

The map of parish showing locations of rights of way has been passed to Cllr Britton. She and Cllr Fell will work together to, ultimately, put the amenities and rights of way on the website.

24.076 Parish Surgeries

The owners of the Mill have been looking at the wall alongside the river and have noticed that the ground between the road and the wall is beginning to subside. This will be reported to Highways. This will be referred to the November agenda.

ACTION: CLLR FELL

11. To review the D-Day Commemorations

24.077 The final accounts have now been received. The Parish Council agreed to cover any loss up to the value of £750. The event made an overall loss of £83.73. The Village Hall had anticipated the Parish Council would cover any loss on the money they would normally expect to make – normally £400 on an event. Cllr Fell proposed making a donation of £383.73 to cover the actual loss and ensure the Village Hall were not out of pocket. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

12. To accept the new Model Standing Orders

24.078 A copy of the new Model Standing Orders had been issued to all members with the agenda. Cllr Britton proposed they are adopted, unchanged. This was seconded by Cllr Barnett and agreed unanimously.

13. To accept the new Model Financial Regulations

24.079 A copy of the new Model Financial Regulations had been issued to all members with the agenda. Cllr Booth proposed they are adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Barnett and agreed unanimously.

14. To receive a report on the DAPTC Central Area Committee meeting held on the 14th August

24.080 Cllr Britton attended the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and reported it was attended by representatives from all over Dorset. Those present were sharing information on how they have dealt with different issues. It is a useful networking tool but many of the issues raised were not relevant for Dewlish.

15. To confirm the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and the purchase of a wreath

24.081 The wreath will be purchased by a resident as in previous years. Cllr Fell will speak to the relevant person.

ACTION: CLLR FELL

16. To consider .gov.uk email addresses for all councillors

24.082 Confirmation is still awaited from Hugo Fox. This will be taken forward to the November agenda.

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

24.083 Notification of the DAPTC AGM has been received and details issued to all members. DAPTC would like members to agree to their change of Constitution from a constituted body to become a limited company. With this in mind, they would like an agreement to authorise the Executive Committee to prepare a draft of the articles of association. Cllr Fell will attend the meeting and vote in favour of the transition.

Proposal for the A354 to be reduced to a 40mph zone. Cllr Haynes has suggested that a request for the speed limit change needs to go through both parish councils – Dewlish and Milborne St Andrew. The Clerk will submit an application to Highways accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

18. Date of Next Meeting

24.084 The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th November, commencing 7.30pm.

Future dates: 27th January 2025
 24th March 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45hrs.