

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs F Ross, B Ross, S Crabb, A Fisher, S Clitherow

Chair: Cllr B Hyams

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 1 member of the public and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes

The matter of potholes was raised once again and the edges of the road heading out of the village passed the pub is corroded. This has been reported in the past, but nothing has ever been done. This will be reported on the Dorset for You website.

Dog fouling- Cllr Hyams will look at the possibility of acquiring some fluorescent spray to highlight the problem.

ACTION: CLLR HYAMS

1. Apologies for absence

19.62 Apologies had been received from Cllr Uden.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

19.63 No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 26th September 2019

19.64 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 Crabb and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes – for report only

19.65 Grit bins have been delivered and have been filled.

5. Chairman's report

19.66 Triangle at the bottom of Pound Lane – Cllr Hyams has contacted the Environment Agency who have said it is the responsibility of the Local Authority. The intention is to make the area into a child-friendly area and for the railings to be removed.

The defibrillator now has new pads, and these will last until 2022. The battery will need to be replaced at the end of next year. In the three years the village has had this, it has never been used. A training session will be held in the New Year.

7. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

19.67 Cllr Haynes reported on the draft Dorset Plan and various events have been organised to explain the plan.

A peer review has been undertaken by senior officers from external councillors. The first one undertaken was to see how well the amalgamation of the 6 councils into 1 had gone. Progress was felt to be very good and a draft action plan was requested. It was highlighted that they should show how they are going to work with Town and Parish Councils.

The second peer review was on how well they are doing with planning, which is very poor at the moment with a large backlog of planning applications.

There is a review of the voluntary and community organisations grants. It was decided that the existing grant level would be held for the CAB but grants to other organisations were under review.

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

19.68 **Planning** – no new planning applications this month.

19.69 **Highways** – already discussed.

19.70 **Footpaths** – broken stile at Sellers field and the gate is awkward. The landowner will be contacted again and asked to undertake the necessary repairs. The handrail in Mill Field needs repairing.

19.71 **Village Hall** – Bingo Night coming up and the Christmas meal. The fireworks were cancelled.

19.72 **Dewlish in Bloom** – went very well. Raised money for the church and it will now be carried out every 2 years – the next one in 2021.

8. To receive a finance report including payments for authorisation

19.73 The following payments were requested:

Glasdon UK	2 x 400ltr grit bins	402	451.61
A Crocker	Clerk's wages October & November	403	293.33
HMRC	PAYE	404	44.00
C Haskett	Grass cutting	405	50.00
H Mears	Wreath		17.00

A total of £855.94 from the Precept.

Cllr Fisher 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 agree the Precept for the year 2020/21

19.74 A copy of the draft budget had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

The Clerk's wages were increased by 5% in line with the proposed national increase set down by NALC.

3% increases have been placed on subscriptions, insurance and auditor's fees. All other costs have been held the same as in previous years.

This leads to a proposed increased of £144.81 for the year, or 15.5%, bringing the precept to £4,620.00

Cllr Clitherow proposed the Precept of £4,620.00 is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously.

10. To agree meeting dates for 2020

19.75 May 28th, July 30th, September 24th, November 26th 7.30pm.

11. To review the Risk Assessment

19.76 This will be held over to the January meeting.

12. To adopt a Grants policy

19.77 A copy of a suggested policy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Clitherow proposed the policy was accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously.

13. Agenda items for the next meeting

19.78 Risk Assessment, Standing orders.

14. Date of Next Meeting

19.79 The date of the next meeting is Thursday 30th January.

Subsequent meeting dates are:

March 26th

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.23.