

MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2023
AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs A Fisher, A Barnett, M Fell and W Britton

Chair: Cllr C Uden

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 3 members of the public

Potholes – The two before Shailes have been reported and are now shown on the Dorset Council website as awaiting repair.

1. Apologies for absence

22.172 Apologies had been received from Cllr Josh Booth (work commitments) and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

22.173 No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting dated 27th February 2023

22.174 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 minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising – for report only

22.175 Grit bins – The proposed locations have been confirmed by Dorset Highways and will now be purchased and delivered to Cllr Fell.

5. To Co-Opt a Parish Councillor

22.176 Following the resignation of Cllr Barbara Ross, the vacancy had been advertised and Phoebe Dean has expressed interest. Cllr Uden proposed Phoebe is elected to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Britton and agreed unanimously.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

22.177 Cllr Haynes was unable to attend the meeting but continues to issue her reports on a regular basis. These are available in full on the Parish Council website.

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

22.178 Planning

No applications were available for consideration.

22.179 Police, Traffic and Roads

The latest Police report had been issued prior to the start of the meeting. A copy is available as Appendix A to these minutes.

22.180 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

- (i) To receive an update on the Shailes culvert work – The strip to the southern side has now been filled and the verges regraded. Unfortunately, the grips on the southern side slope in, which could lead to additional flooding problems. This has been reported and a response is awaited. Residents have complained of punctures as a result of the original potholes to Dorset Council but have not been receiving particularly helpful responses. This has been taken up by Cllr Haynes who has provided a link which should be used to register highway damage claims. Damage to vehicles should not be reported via the road complaints section of the Dorset Council website. The link is:

<http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/roads-highways-and-maintenance/highway-damage-claim>

- (ii) To receive an update on The Green upgrade, including land registration – The Platinum Jubilee Committee have very kindly transferred the remaining balance of £1,838.54 to the Parish Council for use to purchase equipment for the Green. There remains the issue of land ownership. It is understood that the area was given to the Parish Council when the school was closed but Land Registry do not show anyone as owning the land which means the transfer was not officially recorded. Documented evidence and local anecdotes will be needed in order to make a submission to Land Registry. Cllr Uden met with a representative of Sovereign Play to consider some ideas as to what could be done with the Green. Artists impressions were shown to the meeting to give members an idea of what could be possible. It is intended that a presentation will be held one Saturday morning to determine what residents would like to see on the area and some work will be carried out with local children to see what they would like. However, nothing can be finalised until the legal title is resolved.

It was noted that the lottery plaques have arrived and Cllr Barnett will attach them to the picnic tables purchased with the Jubilee Committee's donations in due course.

- (iii) To receive an update on the Pound Lane meeting – The meeting on the 7th March was well attended and, following on from the meeting, a request was made to make a counter claim for Pound Lane to be made a restricted byway. Cllr Fell has sent an email to the Definitive Mapping Department at Dorset Council and is awaiting a response.
- (iv) To receive an update on the Volunteer Working party – Cllr Barnett reported that the high viz vests have arrived and have been sign written. A list of suggested works was issued including grass cutting, empty road gullies, bus shelter tidy up and redecoration, clean signs, tidy verges.
- (v) To consider the purchase of a new flagpole to be located by the War Memorial – Cllr Uden suggested a new flagpole by the war memorial to fly the union flag. The old flagpole at the Green could then be used for flying regional flags such as the Ukrainian flag, Dorset Flag, etc. A fibreglass flagpole will cost about £200. The height will be dependent on the location of the electricity cables running over the area. Cllr Britton proposed the purchase is made. This was seconded by Cllr Barnett. He and Cllr Uden will attend the site and measure up before ordering the appropriate size.

8. Finance

22.181 To agree the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested;

A Crocker	March 2023 wages	BACS025	111.18
HMRC	PAYE March 2023	BACS026	25.00
A Barnett	Reimburse high viz vest cost	BACS027	36.85
Dorset Council	Traffic survey fee	BACS028	930.00

The total amount requested from the Precept for March is £1,103.03.

Cllr Fisher proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Fisher.

The income received since the last meeting amounted to £1,841.30, made up of £2.76 in account interest and £1,838.54 donation from the Jubilee Committee.

22.182 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of both reports had been issued prior to the meeting. Cllr Fell proposed the reports are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously.

9. To review the results of the traffic surveys and consider the next step

22.182 Cllr Uden reminded everyone that the surveys took place on four sites around the village between the 9th and 15th January. There were located:

Whiteways, South of Pound Lane junction
Greenways, West of Dewlish Cross
The Oak Public House, South of Dewlish Cross
School Lane junction, North of Dewlish Cross

The total number of vehicle movements recorded during the seven days was 6,548.

The speeds recorded, in brief were:

Whiteways – Total number of vehicle movements – 1673

- (i) 85%ile – 24.2mph
- (ii) 1 vehicle between 30 and 40mph
- (iii) 1672 vehicles below 30mph with the majority between 10 and 30mph

Greenways – Total number of vehicle movements – 1352

- (i) 85%ile – 24.9mph
- (ii) 1 vehicle between 30 and 35mph
- (iii) 1351 below 30 mph with the majority between 15 and 25mph

The Oak – Total number of vehicle movement – 2109

- (i) 85%ile – 29.8mph
- (ii) 7 vehicles between 35 and 40mph
- (iii) 30 vehicles between 30 and 35mph

- (iv) 2072 vehicles below 30mph with the majority between 20 and 30mph

School Lane – Total number of vehicle movements – 1414

- (i) 85%ile – 27.3mph
- (ii) 11 vehicles between 30 and 40mph
- (iii) 1403 vehicles below 30mph with the majority between 20 and 30mph

The speedier runs were late at night or early in the morning, normally about 2am. The reports show that there is not a problem with speeding in the village. The full breakdown of the speed numbers will be posted on the Parish Council website.

Whilst the village will not qualify for a 20mph speed limit, it may be possible to have the limit reduced to 30mph.

The Clerk will contact Highways to see if a 30mph speed limit is possible. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

10. Parish Councillors’ reports on items not covered by the agenda

22.183Cllr Uden has arranged for Chris Loder MP to attend the café on the 20th May at 11am for an hour.

11. Agenda items for the next meeting

22.184 Members are reminded to pass any items or reports for inclusion on the next agenda to the Clerk by the 15th April.

12. Date of Next Meeting

22.185The next meeting will be on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 20.40.

Appendix A

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

February 2023

Dear Councillors,

Below is a breakdown of crimes/incidents that have occurred in your areas during the month of December.

N.B. Any crimes/incidents of a sensitive nature have not been included in this report, e.g., of a personal nature or which may identify individuals etc.

- We continue to patrol all areas and are utilising social media to keep members of the public apprised of our actions.

Dorchester NPT website address is: www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/dorchester

Our Face Book Page address is: 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)

Do it Online: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/

Email: 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Telephone: 101 *(Calls to the 101 non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)

Message an officer: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/message-an-officer/

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call Freephone 0800 555 111

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Broadmayne Parish Council:

NO REPORTS MADE

NOTE: On 28th Feb a resident of the village came across a confused elderly woman and took care of her until her husband was located and the female was returned safely into his care. Thank You

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

No reports

DFCB

Crossways Parish Council:

01/02/2023 Suspicious Vehicle at Hybris Business Park – believed to be the same one involved with theft of ramps and trying car handles

- 09/02/2023 Online Scam reported
- 22/02/2023 Suspicious Vehicle sighted at Hybris Business Park – believed to be the same one involved with theft of ramps previously.

Osmington Parish Council:

- 09/02/2023 Homeless Male causing issues – homeless outreach aware

Owermoigne Parish Council:

- 09/02/2023 Ringstead – attempt break to outbuilding – nothing stolen occurred between 27/01/2023 – 03/02/2023
- 09/02/2023 Owermoigne- slurry tractors causing damage to verges & excessive mud on the road
- 25/02/2023 Ringstead – report of several vehicles driving around, informant felt could be trouble later or possibly looking for a place to party. The incident was left open throughout the night shift in case of further reports. No other reports made

DFCC

Cheselbourne Parish Council:

- 13/02/2023 Report of attempt break to outbuilding – Police attended – no sign of potential offenders – no entry made to building
- 17/02/2023 Attempt theft from outbuilding – police attended – area search no trace.

Dewlish Parish Council:

NO REPORTS MADE

Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:

- 02/02/2023 Puddletown – suspected theft of copper cable – call made in good faith – genuine BT workers at location.
- 15/02/2022 Puddletown – suspicious multiple vehicles driving down gravel track to private house and then turning in drive
- 17/02/2023 Puddletown – digging out active badger set
- 22/02/2023 Puddletown – damage to 2 farm gates which had been installed to prevent poaching (same location as digging out of active badger set)
- 23/02/2023 Athelhampton – drone being flown over property – when approached by informant drove off before being spoken to
- 23/02/2023 Puddletown – report of youths smashing an outbuilding and attempting to gain entry.

I have also been made aware of door knocking/kicking in the Puddletown area. I am unable at this time to locate a report, however it could be that the victim has reported via email and there is a delay showing on the system.

It is important that all incidents are reported so that resourcing can be allocated accordingly. There has been an element of success identifying youths involved in similar incidents in Dorchester/Poundbury with footage from ring doorbells.

DFCD

Buckland Newton Parish Council:

NO REPORTS MADE

Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:

NO REPORTS MADE

Piddle Valley Parish Council:

05/02/2023 Waterston – Theft of Red Diesel

17/02/2023 Bourne Park – Break to vehicle, window smashed, no items stolen

21/02/2023 Enterprise Park – report of bikes being ridden around Enterprise Park – no offences reported

NOTES FOR ALL PARISH COUNCILS

Neighbourhood Community Contact

I have received names for the neighbourhood community contact but I still require details from the following parish councils:

Owermoigne

Knightsford

The following information is required:

First Name:

Surname:

Job Role: i.e., Councillor

Full Home Address:

Email address:

Landline:

Mobile:

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team