

**MINUTES OF DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd
JANUARY 2024 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs A Barnett, J Booth, W Britton, M Fell,

Chair: Cllr C Uden

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 2 members of the public, including David Sharman, LibDem candidate for Chalk Valleys

Public Participation

It was noted that the number of subscriptions for the Village News are reducing. It was felt that this was largely due to the lack of village information contained in it.

The issue of dog feces was raised, and it was noted that areas of the village are in a very poor state where owners are not clearing up after their dogs. Notices will be put up and this will be included in the Village News notes.

1. To receive apologies for absence

23.123 Apologies have been received from Cllr Aidan Fisher and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

23.124 No interests were declared and no requests for dispensations had been received.

3. Minutes of the meeting hold on 27th November 2023

23.125 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 Booth and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

23.126 The Precept request for £6,125.00 has been submitted. This will result in a £2 increase on a Band D property.

5. To receive the Dorset Councillor’s Report

23.127 Cllr Haynes’ reports are issued to members each month and attached to the agenda. The reduction in the timescale for responses to planning applications was noted.

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

23.128 Planning

There were no applications to consider at this time.

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23.129 Police, Traffic and Roads – to consider the Police report received

A copy of the report had been issued with the agenda. There were no incidents relevant to Dewlish.

23.130 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

- (i) To receive an update on The Green, including land ownership – Cllr Uden will be meeting with Simon Munnings, the Land Agent, on Thursday 25th January together with three residents of the village. Statements will be taken and submitted to the Land Registry.
- (ii) To receive an update on the Volunteer Working Party – Cllr Barnett reported that the volunteers had organised the Christmas tree and the next job will be the maintenance of the bus shelter, as soon as the weather improves.
- (iii) The gullies on Whiteways Hill have been cleared and are now working.

23.131 Parish Surgeries

Cllrs Uden and Fell continue to attend on the third Saturday of each month.

7. Finance

23.132 To authorise payment of accounts

The following payments have been requested:

DAPTC	Mail hosting storage	BACS021	45.00
A Crocker	December & January salary	BACS022	374.97
HMRC	December & January PAYE	BACS023	81.00
A Barnett	Paint, etc for volunteers’ use	BACS024	56.23

The total amount requested is £557.20.

Cllr Fell proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Booth and agreed unanimously.

23.133 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued with the agenda. No comments were made.

8. To consider possible events for the D-Day commemorations

23.134 Cllrs Uden and Barnett reported that the main band is booked for the 6th June and the beacon field is confirmed. The Village Hall Committee will take the lead on this with the assistance of the Parish Council, so members are asked to make sure they will be available on both the 6th and 8th June to assist with the organisation of the events. There will be activities on the Saturday 8th June in the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council will put aside funds from reserves to support the events and the amount will be confirmed at the February meeting. Should the weather be inclement, it may be possible to use a local barn.

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

23.135 Cllr Britton – The defibrillator pads and battery are going out of date in April. These should be

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covered under the service agreement held with Community Heartbeat and Cllr Britton will organise replacements.

ACTION: CLLR BRITTON

Cllr Barnett and Cllr Booth will sort out the installation of the grit bins.

ACTION: CLLRS BARNETT & BOOTH

10. To receive an update on the coming Elections

23.136 Election packs were issued to members. Nomination packs are no available. Notices will be put out advertising the election and inviting residents to stand as parish councillors.

11. To consider meeting dates for 2024/25

23.137 The proposed dates are:

- 26th February 2024
- 25th March 2024
- 22nd April 2024
- 2nd May 2024 – Elections – The AGM must be held within 14 days of this date.
- 24th June 2024
- 22nd July 2024
- August – no meeting
- 23rd September 2024
- 28th October 2024
- December – no meeting
- 27th January 2025
- 24th February 2025
- 24th March 2025

Cllr Uden will check the Village Hall’s availability for Tuesday 8th May or Wednesday 9th May.

12. Agenda items for the February meeting

- 23.138 - Asset register
- D-Day commemorations
- Elections

13. Date of next meeting

23.139 The next meeting will be on the 26th February 2024, commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.11hrs

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