

**DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT**  
**DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs F Ross, B Ross, C Uden, S Crabb, A Fisher

**Chair:** Cllr B Hyams

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 1 member of the public and Dorset Councillor Jill Haynes.

Public Participation

Why are the meetings of the Parish Council no longer put in the Village News? An oversight on behalf of the Parish Council. This will be amended for future meetings.

Dog mess around the village continues to be a problem. This is down to local people and councillors will speak to those who are known to be offenders. An item had been put in the Village News in the past and this will be done again. It should be noted that not clearing up after your dog is an offence subject to a fine of £1,000.

**1. Apologies for absence**

19.25 Apologies had been received from Cllr Sarah Clitherow.

**2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests**

19.26 No interests were declared.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

19.27 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Fisher proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Barbara Ross 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**

19.28 Financial regulations – this item will be moved to the September meeting.

**5. Chairman's report**

19.29 Nothing to report.

**7. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report**

19.30 Cllr Haynes introduced herself and gave members a brief history of her career to date. She covers the ward of Chalk Valleys and chairs the Health Scrutiny Committee on the Dorset Council. The new directors for the Council have been appointed and are all new appointments from outside the area. Adults and Children Services are already £7million over budget and, as we move to greater academisation of schools, it has been noted that

the schools have the money for children with special needs in their budget, but they are not using it for this. So, the children with special needs are being paid for by Dorset Council. There is money in the budget to cover this but only for the first year.

There is currently a Dorset-wide Plan being reviewed. This will be based on the current Local Plans, but the Dorset Plan will need to be in place by 2023.

Planning – responses to future planning applications, where they are contentious, should be copied into Cllr Hayes and she will try to assist.

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

19.32 **Planning** – no applications

19.32 **Highways** – some of the potholes have been filled in and some of the white lanes have been enhanced.

19.33 **Footpaths** – nothing to report

19.34 **Village Hall** – the fun night went very well.

19.35 **Dewlish in Bloom 2019** – the event raised enough money to finish paying for the church window. About £1,700 was raised in all and then the monies from the quiz night were added. 180 tickets were sold to the open gardens. It was a good village event with lots of integration of villagers and the concert on the Saturday evening was well attended. The church window is now completed.

## **8. To receive a finance report including payments for authorisation**

19.36 Two cheque payments were requested:

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|---------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Clerk's wages for April to June | 395 | 283.43 |
| Chris Haskett – grass cutting   | 397 | 100.00 |

A total of £383.43 from the Precept.

Cllr Uden proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and agreed unanimously.

The exemption certificate for the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 has been forwarded to the external auditors.

## **9. To consider the Affordable Housing opportunities and the establishment of a Community Land Trust within the parish**

19.37 This follows a request received from Dorset Council asking if the Parish Council would be interested in such an initiative. It was noted that most of the land in and around the village is owned by the local farmers. The village does have a Parish Plan which was written covering the period to 2008 and is due for review in 15 years from that date. Perhaps this is something that could be looked at later when we look at a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk will respond to County accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## **10. To consider the insurance for the defibrillator**

19.38 Cllr Hyams received an email in May saying that now was the time to insure the defibrillator for £126. The Parish Council insurance covers the defibrillators for damage and vandalism, but this would cover the parts, etc.

Cllr Udens proposed that this is followed up and the insurance offer is taken up. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and agreed unanimously.

**ACTION: CLLR HYAMS**

## **11. To consider a Dewlish Car Share initiative**

19.39 Cllr Hyams reported that a scheme had been started and was originally under the umbrella of the Parish Council. It is understood that the scheme continues and is successful but very little is known about it. Cllr Hyams or Cllr Uden will talk to the organisers to try and determine how the scheme is being operated and if it needs any assistance from the Parish Council.

**ACTION: CLLRS HYAMS & UDEN**

## **12. Agenda items for the next meeting**

- 19.40 - Car Share scheme.
- Financial regulations

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

19.41 The date of the next meeting is Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Subsequent meeting dates are:

November 28<sup>th</sup>  
January 30<sup>th</sup>  
March 26<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business, the meeting closed 20:27pm.