

**MINUTES OF DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2024 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

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

**Chair:** Cllr C Uden

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 2 members of the public

**1. Public Participation**

23.158 An email had been received asking if and when the gullies on Whiteways hill had been cleared, as they were now all blocked. Cllr Uden reported that he had personally cleared the gullies just before Christmas, but they could probably be done again. There was a question regarding the minutes being posted on the noticeboard and not complying with Standing Orders. It was noted that the minutes and agenda were posted on the noticeboard on Tuesday, allowing four clear days before the meeting. There is no requirement in the Standing Orders for the minutes to be posted on the notice board. There was also a question relating to the fingerpost at the top of Whiteways. The finger boards are in place and the post was put back up.

The grit bin in the bus shelter – when will this be removed? This will be covered under item 7(c).

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

23.159 Apologies have been received from Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes and Cllr Josh Booth.

**3. To receive Declarations of Interest**

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

**4. Minutes of the meeting hold on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

23.161 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 Fell and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only**

23.162 No matters arising.

**6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report**

23.162 Cllr Haynes' reports are issued to members each month and attached to the agenda.

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

23.163 Planning

There were no planning applications at the time of this meeting.

23.164 Police, Traffic and Roads

No new report has been received since the last meeting.

23.165 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

- (i) To receive an update on the grants for tree planting initiative – Nothing to report.
- (ii) To receive an update on The Green, including land ownership – Five statements have been drawn up and signed. Land Registry forms have been drawn up and will be reviewed before being sent. David Hawkins kindly mowed the area today.
- (iii) To receive an update on the Volunteer Working Party – The Bridges is starting to be cut and, hopefully, if the weather improves, the bus shelter will be painted, and the grit bin put in place.

23.166 Parish Surgeries

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

**8. Finance**

23.167 To authorise payment of accounts

The following payments have been requested:

HMRC	March PAYE	BACS027	40.60
A Crocker	March salary	BACS028	231.14
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator annual subscription	BACS029	162.00

The total amount requested is £433.74.

Cllr Britton reported that the battery and replacement pads for the defibrillator had been sent but the cover may need replacing.

Cllr Britton proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Barnett and agreed unanimously.

23.168 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.

**9. To consider possible events for the D-Day commemorations**

23.169 Two D-Day flags have been purchased but are the wrong size and two larger flags will be purchased.

Cllr Barrett reported that Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June is the official celebration day. There will be a village picnic at which the poem will be read out and the beacon will be lit at 9.15pm. A bar will also be run at the site. As this is midweek, it may not be appropriate to have a band as people may leave earlier due to school the following day.

Signed: .....

On the Saturday there will be an afternoon event and a band in the evening. The Parish Council will be organising the tea and cake in the afternoon. People will be asked to dress for the period – 1940s.

If a profit is made on the event, it will be split between the Village Hall and the Parish Council. If any losses are made, the Parish Council agreed to cover up to £750 of any loss incurred. Cllr Uden proposed £750 is taken from the reserves held to cover any such loss. Cllr Fell seconded the proposal.

#### **10. Parish Councillors' reports on items not covered by the agenda**

23.170 Cllr Barrett reported that there have been a number of power cuts over the winter. One of the causes is the power line that runs up Pound Lane tends to be susceptible to the trees and branches either side falling on it. SSE trim the trees within a certain distance either side of the line but there are larger trees outside their area of work that fall on the line. The Estate owns the woodland through which the lines run. The Parish Council has a link with the Estate and will speak to the agent.

Cllr Uden has been working on the drains near Parsonage Farmhouse. The drain has been jetted and cleared and it has been determined that the pipe is overgrown and buried. Dorset Council have said they will come out and clear the drain which should keep the area clear.

#### **11. To consider future Parish Council meetings**

23.171 There is a minimum requirement to hold the Annual meeting in May and three other meetings during the year. Cllr Uden asked if monthly meetings where necessary going forward. Would fewer meetings encourage other residents to stand? Cllr Fell suggested it may be worth reverting to every other month with extra-ordinary meetings held as and when necessary.

Cllr Fell proposed the meetings are held every other month, beginning from the May meeting. Cllr Fisher seconded this, and it was agreed unanimously. A revised list will be drawn up and agreed at the April meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

#### **12. To consider items for the April meeting**

- 23.172 - D-Day
- Meeting dates

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

23.173 The next meeting will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.19hrs