

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2022
AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs B Ross, M Fell, A Fisher, J Booth

Chair: Cllr C Uden

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 1 member of the public

Public Participation

Nothing to report.

1. Apologies for absence

22.34 Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

Cllr Uden informed members that, since the May meeting, Brian Hyams has resigned from the Parish Council due to ill health and Sally Crabb has stepped down due to pressures of work. Our thanks are extended to both of them for all the work they have done for the Parish Council during their time in office and we wish them both well for the future.

2. To receive declarations of interest

22.35 No interests were declared, and no dispensations had been requested.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th May 2022

22.36 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 Ross and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes for report only

22.37 Cllr Fell will paint the flagpole after the 4th July.

5. To co-opt a new Parish Councillor

22.38 Josh Booth had submitted his name for the Council.

Cllr Fell proposed Josh Booth be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. Josh was welcomed to the Parish Council and signed his Acceptance of Office in the presence of the meeting.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report

22.39 Cllr Haynes was unable to attend the meeting but had sent her report through in advance of the meeting. The full report is available on the Parish Council website.

7. To review Councillor Responsibilities

22.40 A copy of the draft report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

The roles have been split into four areas:

Parish Amenities and Rights of Way – Cllr Fisher, with the help of Cllr Ross.

Planning and Tree Applications – Cllr Fell

Police, Traffic and Roads – Cllr Booth

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Fell

Other village groups:

Village Hall Liaison – Cllr Uden

DAPTC – to be held for new members.

8. To receive report on the following matters and to agree actions

22.41 Planning

P/FUL/2022/02402 Dewlish House, Dewlish
Resurface driveway, amend existing route of the drive and formation of new pathway. Re-locate swimming pool and erect landing stage

Cllr Fell reported that an historical study has been carried out together with an environmental study. It would appear the application has identified that several buildings have been demolished over the years and the owner is looking to take the property back to its original situation and install an ornate garden and driveway. The right of way will not be affected. Cllr Fell proposed that the Parish Council support the application. The façade of the house is not going to be affected, the application affects the grounds alone. This was seconded by Cllr Ross and agreed unanimously.

22.42 Highways

Cllr Uden will liaise with Cllr Booth as to the process for logging highways issues.

22.43 Rights of Way

To consider the application for a Definitive Map Modification Order T710 – Mill Lane to Pound Lane

Cllr Fell reported that the applicant want to make the route from the Mill to Pound Lane a track for all motor vehicles. This was raised several years ago but no information can be found regarding it. This application has been submitted by the British Horse Society. Unfortunately, County Hall do not hold any records relating to the previous submission. The Definitive Map does not show the path at the moment. This will be looked at in more detail and brought back to a later meeting.

9. Finance

22.44 To approve the monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Barker-Fox	Internal audit Ye 31.03.22	593	56.00
HMRC	June PAYE	594	23.00
C Haskett	Grass cutting the Green in March	595	30.00
A Crocker	June wages	596	107.35
C Uden	Reimburse costs re Bridge upgrade	597	774.72

The total amount requested from the Precept is £935.07.

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

22.45 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

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

22.46 To agree the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement

(i) Annual Governance Statement - A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Each statement was reviewed and individually acknowledged. Cllr Fisher proposed the Annual Governance Statement is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Fell and agreed unanimously. The Statement was signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

(ii) Accounting Statement – A full set of accounts had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Fell proposed the Accounting Statement is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ross and agreed unanimously. The Statement was signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

22.47 To receive and accept the internal audit report

A copy of the full report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The recommendations were all noted. Cllr Ross proposed the report is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council website.

22.48 To confirm the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights

The dates for the Exercise of Public Rights have been set at Monday 27th June to Friday 5th August 2022. The notice has been posted on the Village notice board and is available on the Parish Council website.

22.49 To confirm the purchase of a Ukrainian flag

Cllr Ross proposed the flag is purchased at a cost of £54.53. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously.

10. To receive an update of the Bridge works

22.50 The area is being used well. There are two things left to do: put a bench in place facing down towards the area. The triangle left untouched at present could be turfed and underplanted with bulbs. It was unanimously agreed that this would be the best way forward.

The Jubilee Committee have agreed to give the Parish Council £1,500 for the Bridge works. They have a further £1,500 which they would like to donate to the Parish Council if we would like to purchase another circular table to go on the Green. This would include putting down bark, etc. Cllr Booth proposed this goes ahead. This was seconded by Cllr Ross. If there is anything else we would like to consider, please let the Jubilee Committee know.

The Jubilee Committee have said they would also like to do something to commemorate the Jubilee. Cllr Uden suggested that a ceramicist could design a feature for the back of the bus shelter internal wall. Village children could be involved in drawing and painting scenes for each tile which would then be fired, prior to being installed by the ceramicist. The inside of the bus shelter could then be painted white to brighten it up further. The Parish Council agreed in principle for this to go ahead.

Cllr Fell reported that the external woodwork around the roof of the bus shelter needs some work and could do with repainting.

The Village Hall committee is proposing to have an ‘opening ceremony’ for the Bridges with a Saturday Night Bistro on the site in the form of an Italian Evening.

11. To consider tree works to the Green

22.51 The Green currently contains a beech tree and a Cockspur Thorn – both of which are very overgrown. It is proposed that the crowns of the trees are raised by about 1.5m and the beech is thinned out and shaped. This would be at a cost of £340.

The Norway Maple on the Bridges is to be crown raised by 1.5m and thinned at a cost £230.

The work to be carried out at the end of October and the risings to be taken to the village bonfire.

Cllr Ross proposed the work is undertaken. This was seconded by Cllr Booth and agreed unanimously. Cllr Uden will arrange for the work to be undertaken at the end of October.

12. To consider setting up Parish Council surgeries

22.52 Cllr Uden suggested that, on the third Saturday of the month, when the pop-up café is running, a Parish Councillor attends and is available for residents to speak to about anything to do with the parish. This would enable the Parish Council to be more proactive. Any items raised could then be put on the next agenda. Members felt that this was a good idea. Cllr Ross proposed that the surgery goes ahead. This was seconded by Cllr Booth and agreed unanimously.

13. To consider items the Chair deems urgent

22.53 Cllr Fell spoke regarding the Community Car facility. This is being reinstated. There are still some people registered on the system and there is a bit more of a demand.

We are currently two councillors short, and we now need a Vice Chair. Members are asked to consider possible candidates for the vacancies.

Recognition has been received from the Pageant Master for the UK in the form of a certificate which is now displayed on the village notice board. Thanks are extended to all those who helped organise the Jubilee events.

Stiles – a list to be drawn up of all those that need repair.

Lengthsman scheme – should the Parish Council take on a contractor to undertake the various pieces of work needed around the parish – notice boards, repairing fencing, cleaning gullies, etc?

Wessex Water – invite to a meeting to talk about Devil’s Brook.

14. Agenda items for the June agenda

- 22.54
- Community NeighbourCar
 - Vice Chair
 - Lengthsman’s scheme
 - Stiles list
 - NeighbourCar Scheme

15. Date of the next meeting

22.55 The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th July, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:47 hrs