

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL

Wardon Hill Farm, Long Ash Lane, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9PW
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Dear Councillor

19th November 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Dewlish Village Hall for the purpose of conducting the following business.

Amanda Crocker

Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

1. Period of public participation
2. Apologies for absence
3. To receive Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests
4. To consider the Co-option of a Parish Councillor
5. Minutes of previous meeting dated 29th October 2024
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes for report only
7. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report
8. Finance
 - (a) To recognise the National Pay Award for Clerks back-dated to 1st April 2024
 - (b) To agree the payments and note any income received
 - (c) To review the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget
 - (d) To agree the budget for 2025/2026
9. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions
 - (a) Planning
P/HOU/2024/06221 Dewlish House
Erection of a replacement greenhouse
 - (b) Police, Traffic and Roads – October Police report attached
 - (c) Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
 - (i) To consider an Open Gardens event in 2025
 - (d) Parish Surgeries
10. To consider Parish Councillor responsibilities
11. Parish Councillors reports on items not covered in the agenda
12. Agenda items for the next meeting
13. Date of next meeting

Report to the parish council 5/11/24

Cllr Jill Haynes Chalk Valleys Ward

Dear Clerks, Councillors and members of the public,

Following on from last months report on processes I thought I would give a brief update on the emerging Council Plan. The Council's plan is set out at the beginning of a new council term and is based on the new administrations manifesto at the election. It is backed up by feedback from the resident's survey and the recent "Big Conversation" events.

The Vision Statement of the new Council.

"Working together to create a fairer, more prosperous and more sustainable Dorset for current and future generations."

There are 4 main priorities in the plan.

- a) Provide high quality housing
- b) Grow our economy
- c) Communities for all – setting out the role of improving population health
- d) Respond to the climate and nature crisis

As discussed in last months report this plan has just been reviewed by the two overview committees, comments and amendments made, before the plan goes for approval at Cabinet and the Full Council. As yet there is very little detail as to how the priorities will be achieved. This will emerge as the following strategies and plans go through the same overview process.

Climate and Nature Recovery Strategy

Housing Strategy

Economic Growth Strategy

People and Culture Strategy

Strategic Asset Management Plan

Medium Term Financial Plan

As the details emerge of the new strategies and plans above then the resources needed will become apparent and the spend will need to be agreed. The big problem is that this will not happen in time for the current budget setting process for the years 2025/26. If the current administration wishes to proceed with their aspirations, then at this stage it will inevitably need financing from reserves short term. The council is committed to keeping a fixed contingency reserve of 10% of the annual budget (£376.7M) and our reserves are quite close to this figure now. We are also looking at a £10.1M overspend on the current budget at the end of quarter 1.

Dorset council is by no means as badly off as many other councils, but money is tight and if the council wants to find funding to deliver the aspirations of the plan, then inevitably there will need to be cuts to some areas of the council's services to balance the budget. These need to be agreed quickly if there is any chance of a balanced budget next financial year.

My big concern at the moment is the way that our rural communities seem to be being marginalised. In fact they are completely invisible in the new plan. Not a single Big Conversation happened in a rural community it was all urban areas.

There seems to be considerable attention being spent on regeneration in Weymouth but this appears to be at the exclusion of other communities. We need the conversations about rural transport, schools, flooding, job, social isolation and affordable accommodation and much more, so that rural problems are understood and funding put our way too.!

Item 8(b)**Payments Requested - November 2024**

Date	Payee	Comments	Folio	Precept £
19.11.24	A Crocker	November salary	BACS050	266.75
19.11.24	HMRC	November PAYE	BACS051	61.20
Total amount requested				327.95

Item 8(c)**Dewlish Parish Council
Reconciliation of Accounts**

Balance b/fwd		From 31.03.24		20355.27
	Add:	Income year to date		6261.79
	Less:	Expenditure to date		4536.21
Balance as at 18.11.24				22080.85
Funded by:				
	Deposit account	00260298		3118.85
	Current account	01230392		19662.48
				22781.33
Add:	Uncleared Income			
				0.00
	Dewlish Village			
21.10.24	Hall	Contribution re Dday	BACS047	383.73
19.11.24	A Crocker	November salary	BACS050	255.75
19.11.24	HMRC	November PAY	BACS051	61.00
				700.48
Balance as at 18.11.24				22080.85
Difference				0.00

Budget Monitoring for the year ended 31st March 2025

Description	2024/25 Budget	Actual	Balance	
Receipts				
Account Interest	- 75.00	136.79	61.79	
Precept	6,125.00	6,125.00	0.00	
CIL receipts		0.00	0.00	
Misc income		0.00	0.00	
VAT refunded		0.00	0.00	
Total receipts	6,200.00	6,261.79	61.79	0.00
Payments				
DAPTC Subs. + other subs	100.00	159.34	(59.34)	
Insurance	730.00	721.65	8.35	
Training	50.00	54.00	(4.00)	
Wages - Clerk	2,795.00	1,723.00	1,072.00	
Clerk Expenses - mileage	50.00	47.79	2.21	
Office costs	150.00	61.81	88.19	
Stationery & postage	50.00	4.60	45.40	
Computer costs- web hosting	145.00	0.00	145.00	
Telephones		179.64	(179.64)	
Venue hire	200.00	0.00	200.00	
Grass cutting	250.00	0.00	250.00	
Audit fees	70.00	71.00	(1.00)	
Honorarium	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Defib Maintenance	130.00	0.00	130.00	
Contingencies	100.00	82.09	17.91	
Election costs	50.00		50.00	
Grants	500.00	383.73	116.27	
Bridge upgrade		570.00	(570.00)	
Asset maintenance	700.00	394.83	305.17	
VAT		82.73	(82.73)	
Total payments	0.00 6,120.00	4,536.21	1,583.79	0.00
Balance b/fwd from 31.03.24	20,355.27		Monies held in bank	22,781.33
Income to date	6261.79	26,617.06		
Earmarked Reserves			Add:	
Election costs	450.00		Income not cleared	
Training	96.00		Less:	
Venue hire	400.00			
Grass cutting	500.00			
Audit fee	74.00			
Telephone box maintenance	200.00		Cheques not cleared	(700.48)
Upgrade of The Green	4,430.00			
CIL receipts	2,390.01			
General asset maintenance	1,363.51	9,903.52	Earmarked funds	(9,903.52)
Expenses for current year to date	4,536.21			
		<u>4,536.21</u>		
Balance available not yet committed		<u>12,177.33</u>	General Reserve	<u>12,177.33</u>
				0.00

Dewlish Parish Council
Budget Proposal for the year 2025/26

Description	Budget 2022/23	Actual	Budget 2023/24	Actual	Budget 2024/25	Actual to date	Budget Proposal
Income							
Precept	4620	4620.00	5835.00	5835.00	6125.00	6125.00	
Bank Interest		4.11		170.00	75.00	136.76	100.00
Donations		3409.49		2390.01			
Grants				5000.00			
VAT refunded				555.71			
	4620.00	8033.60	5835.00	13950.72	6200.00	6261.76	100.00
Expenditure							
Salary	1450.00	1511.18	2250.00	2430.00	2795.00	1417.50	2715.00
Mileage	100.00	18.99	100.00	22.59	50.00	47.79	60.00
Stationery & postage	50.00	37.20	50.00	3.68	50.00	4.60	50.00
Training	100.00	11.25	100.00	0.00	50.00	54.00	100.00
Office costs		114.56	150.00	248.66	150.00	232.40	250.00
IT			50.00	146.90	195.00		300.00
Association fees	90.00	88.02	100.00	92.24	100.00	159.34	175.00
Insurance	400.00	402.69	760.00	695.01	730.00	721.65	760.00
Auditors	50.00	56.00	75.00	0.00	70.00	71.00	90.00
Grants (137)	900.00		500.00		500.00	383.73	500.00
Grass cutting	500.00	60.00	250.00		250.00		250.00
Defib maintenance		126.00	150.00	135.00	130.00		130.00
Hall hire	150.00	70.00	200.00		200.00		200.00
Elections					50.00		
Asset maintenance	770.00	3657.45	1000.00	624.40	700.00	964.83	700.00
Contingencies	60	857.29	100.00	150.71	100.00	82.09	150.00
VAT recoverable		457.75		181.76		80.53	
Expenditure total	4620.00	7468.38	5835.00	4730.95	6120.00	4219.46	6430.00
Total	0.00	565.22	0.00	9219.77	80.00	2042.30	6330.00
Precept request	4620.00		5835.00		6125.00		6300.00
Increase	0		1215.00		290.00		175.00
% increase	0		26.30		4.97		2.86

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

October 2024

Dear Councillors,

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

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

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

Dorchester NPT website address is [Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police](#)

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: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

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

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

DFCA

Broadmayne Parish Council:

03-10-2024 Theft of Vehicle

29-10-2024 Vehicle fire x 2

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

No Reports Made

DFCB

Crossways Parish Council:

01/10/2024 Report of knocking on the door in the early hours of the morning. *

03-10-2024 Scam – Fake Penalty Notice – email noted as scam and no money sent.

07-10-2024 Report of knocking on door in the early hours of the morning (same property as before)*

10-10-2024 Report of knocking on door in the early hours of the morning (same property as before)*

12-10-2024 Report of knocking on door in early hours of the morning (same property as before)*

14-10-2024 Pellet shot through upstairs window.

17-10-2024 Report of knocking on door in early hours of the morning (same property as before)*

28-10-2024 3 girls dressed in pyjamas and carrying blankets, heading towards the Old Hangers

*The occupant of this property has been visited and offered reassurance, this has been ongoing for a while and support has been offered.

Osmington Parish Council:

No Reports Made

Owermoigne Parish Council:

No Reports Made

DFCC

Cheselbourne Parish Council:

05-10-2024 Suspicious vehicle reported – linked to hunt saboteurs.

Dewlish Parish Council:

06-10-2024 2 X Sheds and 2 x vehicle broken into – no lines of enquiry available.

14-10-2024 Break to shed.

30-10-2024 Bramblecombe – theft of dirt bike

Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:

05-10-2024 Puddletown – caravan parked in layby.

08-10-2024 Troytown – vehicle fire – no suspicious circumstances

21-10-2024 Puddletown – theft from garage – bicycles taken.

DFCD

Buckland Newton Parish Council:

23-10-2024 Theft from farm building.

Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:

30-10-2024 Theft of quad bike

Piddle Valley Parish Council:

06-10-2024 Piddletrenthide – young males trying car door handles – unable to identify from images provided.

06-10-2024 Piddlehinton – break to work van, tools taken.

28-10-2024 Enterprise Park – males going through business bins late at night.

COMMUNITY CONTACT POINTS

The scheduled Contact Points are:

13-11-2024 Broadmayne – Corner Stores Village Shop 15:00 – 16:00

13-12-2024 Puddletown – Spar Shop 16:30 – 17:30

A Community Contact Point is a pop-up event where you can speak to me to discuss an issue and receive crime prevention advice. You can also report a crime (incident) or discuss any issues affecting you or your community.

This is a drop-in style event with no need to make an appointment.

There may be additional Community Contact Point other than shown above and these will be advertised by Dorchester Police on the Dorset Police website and the Dorchester Police Facebook Page.

[Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Dorset Police does not have the ability to monitor Community social media groups and valuable intelligence is missed.

In addition, if there is an ongoing problem, for example anti-social behaviour, I am unable to seek support for additional police resources to address the issues.

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team