

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER, COMMENCING 7PM
AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs S Crabb, B Ross, A Fisher, S Clitherow

Chair: Cllr B Hyams

Clerk: Minutes taken by Cllr Hyams in the absence of the Clerk

Also present: 2 members of the public

Public Participation

Mrs Christine Jarvis asked why the Parish Council will not fund the Church £500 as in previous years. Cllr Hyams explained that the Clerk had raised the matter with Dorset Council, as well as the auditors, and, through written correspondence, it was confirmed that it was not legal to do so. Mrs Jarvis also raised the issue of the amount of dog mess around the village, especially on the green outside Moats Cottage. Further notices will be put in the Village News asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs.

It was requested that minutes are placed on-line and in the Village News.

Mr Mervyn Church raised the following point:-

- a) The lack of activity since the 3rd July (16 weeks) regarding the refurbishment of the green at the bottom of Pound Lane.
- b) A working party should be organised by the Parish Council to start some work on this site as soon as possible.
- c) The fire hydrant is set too low in the soil.
- d) He would like to see a list of costings for the project.
- e) Speed strips/signs on the road on Whiteways.

Cllr Hyams responded saying that the Parish Council agreed that the site did need improving but it came at a time when local farmers have been harvesting and it is their help that is needed to provide the soil and help move it. The good news is that, on the weekend after next, a delivery of topsoil is due from Mark Farwell and John Martin will supply dumper trucks to help move it.

Volunteers to help spread the soil and get it to the levels marked will be required. As for the fire hydrant, no-one was aware of the legislation regarding the siting of them and the depth they should be at. It will be marked correctly with no impediment to the valves inside.

The costings for the improvements will be shown in full to the public when the project is completed. Therefore, this request was refused.

Speed strips and signs making car drivers aware of the closeness of the village was a good idea and Cllr Crabb will take this forward to Dorset Council. Mr Church was made aware that he could contact Dorset Council through their website to request action on this matter. This road is due to be resurfaced in 2022, so perhaps nothing will be done until then.

Mr Church also wished it to be placed on record that his communication to Dorset Council was not meant to imply that he was a member of the Parish Council, and it was written on the Parish Council's behalf. It appears that the copies circulating did not show below his name that the two letters 'c.c' were in front of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence

21.20 Apologies have been received from the Cllr C Uden, Mrs A Crocker (both with previous unbreakable appointments).

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

21.21 No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 4th May 2021 (no meeting was held in July)

21.22 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Clitherow proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman as soon as practicably possible.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes – for report only

21.23 There were no matters arising not already covered by this agenda.

5. Chairman's report

21.24 Very little has happened since the previous meeting. One or two new families have moved into the village. As it appears that Cllr Frank Ross has resigned from the Parish Council, it was now important to try to get new members to join. The Chair stated that an advert would be put in the Village News inviting prospective candidates to contact him regarding the position.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

21.25 Cllr Haynes was unable to attend the meeting.

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

21.26 **Planning** – There were no planning matters to discuss. There is a different access to the planning portal at the Council website.

21.27 **Highways** – Cllr Crabb reported that the gullies had been cleaned.

21.28 **Footpaths** – Nothing to report.

8. To receive a finance report including payments for authorisation

21.29 This item will be transferred to the November meeting.

9. To consider the refurbishment of the Pound Lane grass area

21.30 Cllr Uden had distributed a report to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Work will start again in two weeks.

It was suggested that the bench at the top of the hill, close to the telephone mast, is relocated to the green. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. To consider events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

21.40 To be discussed at the November meeting.

11. Books in the bus shelter

21.41 Cllr Fisher will arrange removal of these items as some are damp and smell.

12. Items for the November meeting

21.42 - New councillors

13. Date of the next meeting

21.43 The next meeting will be held Thursday 25th November, commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:25pm.