

**MINUTES OF THE DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH
APRIL 2023 AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs A Barnett, A Fisher, J Booth, M Fell, W Britton and P Dean

Chair: Cllr C Uden

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 2 members of the public and Dorset Cllr J Haynes

Public Participation

No matters were raised.

1. Apologies for absence

23.01 No apologies had been received.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

23.02 No interests were declared at this stage.

3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 27th March 2023

23.03 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 Barnett and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes for report only

23.04 Shailes Culvert – The area was flooded again last week following heavy rain. Cllr Uden took photographs of the flooding and forwarded them to Highways. This is now being taken up with the landowner as it is clear the water is running off the surrounding fields.

The flagpole has been purchased and is ready to go up alongside the war memorial.

5. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

23.05 Cllr Haynes' report was issued to all members earlier in the month. One of the problems in Dorset is the poor connectivity and Dorset Council is starting to become more pro-active in this matter. In order to put up a telephone mast, there needs to be a power supply, planning permission and fibre connection - none of which are accessible in the hard-to-reach areas. The blank areas are fairly well mapped, and the Council is looking at putting the power to these areas. A review will be taking place at County on Tuesday 25th, to discuss the distribution of the Levelling Up money received from Central Government. It is anticipated that a large sum will be spent on work in Weymouth, especially in the more deprived areas.

Refugee barge in Portland Harbour. The barge is likely to be in place by the end of June but it is going to be moored on a secure site so the residents will have to be bussed in and out – it will not be possible for them to come and go as they please. The number of under 18 year olds that will be brought to the site is not known but they will come under Children's Services and will not be able to stay on the barge.

17.30 Dorset Cllr Haynes left the meeting.

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

23.06 Planning

No new applications had been lodged.

23.07 Police, Traffic and Roads

A copy of the most recent Police report had been issued with the agenda.

(i) To consider the possibility of a 30mph speed limit through the village

A request had been submitted to Highways and a response is awaited.

23.08 Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

(i) Update on the Green – Cllr Barnett held a work party with seven volunteers in attendance on the 23rd April. The Green was tidied, grass cut, road cleaned and bench made. The village hall committee are prepared to lend their cones and signs when the volunteers are working alongside the road on the understanding that should anything be damaged, the Parish Council will replace it. A thank you message was sent to all those volunteers who helped on the Green.

(ii) Update on Land Registration – In order to have the land at the Bridges and Green registered in the name of the Parish Council, it will be necessary to prove management of the land over a period of years. This can be done by the taking of statements from those residents who recall the land being handed over to the Parish Council by the previous owners. At the same time, the Clerk will continue to liaise with Dorset Council to see if they have any records relating to either parcel of land. Once ownership is secured, we then need to consider what children's play equipment we would like to put on the area. Cllr Uden invited Cllrs Britton and Booth to assist him as a working party to put together a proposal for the site.

ACTION: CLLRS UDEN, BOOTH & BRITTON

(iii) To agree a review of the asset register – A copy of the assets as at the 31st March 2023 was issued to all members. The contents of the register were agreed following an amendment to the location of the defibrillator units.

Cllr Uden suggested that Cllr Dean take the lead on putting together a pictorial reference document for the assets. Cllr Barnett would produce an A3 map of the parish onto which the location of each asset will be marked. This will be backed up with a photograph and description of the asset, including cost and replacement value. The finished document will be available on the website.

ACTION: CLLRS DEAN & UDEN

(iv) To receive an update on the request for Pound Lane to be made into a BOAT – Cllr Fell contacted the Definitive Map Department asking if it was necessary to submit a separate application requesting Pound Lane is listed as a Restricted Byway. The response was that this would not be necessary. Nothing further needs to be done until the application goes into active investigation, at which point, a full examination of all available evidence will be undertaken. It is unlikely that this point will be reached for several years.

- (v) Cllr Fisher raised the issue of the style at Chebbards that is inaccessible due a barbed wire fence being put up behind it. Cllr Fell will look into this, as it is a public right of way.

7. Finance

ACTION: CLLR FELL

23.09 To agree the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

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| DAPTC | Annual Subscription | BACS001 | 92.24 |
| Glasdon | 2 grit bins | BACS002 | 547.68 |
| Flagpole Express | 1x 6m flagpole | BACS003 | 201.60 |
| A Crocker | April 23 wages | BACS004 | 162.85 |
| HMRC | April 23 PAYE | BACS005 | 37.40 |

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,041.77.

Cllr Booth proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Barnet and agreed unanimously.

23.10 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

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

8. To consider items for the Annual Parish Meeting

- 23.11 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM will be held as one meeting with an Open Forum session at the beginning. This will take place on Monday 22nd May.

9. Coronation Events update

- 23.12 The Village Hall Committee is organising events for Sunday 7th May. There will be a Church service in the field at 11am, followed by a ploughman's lunch, then games and sports day events in afternoon, with a cake competition. There will be a BBQ, bar and band in the evening. The Coronation itself will be shown on the big screen in the village hall on the 6th May. Coffee and cake will be available.

10. To receive reports from Parish Councillors

- 23.13 Cllr Uden confirmed that Chris Loder MP will be attending the café at 11am on Saturday 20th May. Highways are coming to look at the Bridges to see if they can find the budget to tarmac the path.

PlusBus – The rural bus campaign continues. Dewlish will register an interest subject to finding out more details for the proposal.

11. Agenda items for the next meeting

- 23.14 Any additional items should be passed to the Clerk by the 10th May for inclusion on the agenda.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 22nd May

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.22pm.