

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.30pm at Dewlish Village Hall for the purpose of conducting the following business.

Amanda Crocker
Clerk to the Parish Council

Short democratic period for members of the public to raise any issues of concern

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To receive Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests
3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 30th October 2023
4. Matters Arising from previous minutes for report only
5. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report
6. Finance
 - (a) To recognise the National Pay Award for Clerks and Council staff of £1 per hour, back-dated to 1st April 2023
 - (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 2024/2025
7. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions
 - (a) Planning
 - P/FUL/2023/02542 Calf Shed Chebbard Farm, Warren Hill
Renovate & convert former calf shed to multi-purpose facility
 - P/FUL/2023/05974 Northfield Farm, Cheselbourne
Change of use of land for stationing 4 shepherd's huts & 1 communal forest shelter
 - (b) Police, Traffic and Roads – to consider the Police report received
 - (c) Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
 - (d) Parish Surgeries
8. To review the asset register
9. To confirm the Equalities Policy and the Publications Scheme
10. To receive an update on the Green
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 October 2023
Councillor Jill Haynes, Chalk Valleys Ward, Dorset Council

Public Space Protection Order

The Dorset wide PSPO is before Cabinet next week for review. This order states when dogs can be on beaches and other public areas and also when they can be running free and when they must be on leads. There has been a lot of public comment but there are likely to be few changes to the existing order. In particular, dogs will continue to be banned from many of our beaches in the summer months but are allowed on in the winter.

Joint Venture for temporary/contingency workforce

The council has agreed it enter into a joint venture to provide contingency workers. This is currently done via an agency but that has not necessarily given the flexibility needed. The Joint Venture will have dedicated staff working at county hall enabling a close relationship with the service managers and a true understanding of the kind of staff needed. These can range through dustbin loaders, social workers, school staff right up to senior management. Sometimes staff are required just for a few days and sometimes as long as a year for a specific piece of work or while a member of staff is being recruited, on maternity leave. It is a real challenge to find the right people at short notice and the new venture will connect us much more closely to the process.

Budget 2024/5

The budget setting process continues with a day long workshop being programmed for early December. The continued pressures in many areas but in particular Special Needs Children, Adults with Special Needs and the price of materials for roads etc. seem to be increasingly difficult to control. We will need to find savings of some £30M next year from a budget of £362M.

Our Future Council

Our Future Council is a programme looking at how the council can provide services differently without cutting the quality of service. Phase one is happening at the moment and is joining up many of the councils computer systems and removing others so that there is accurate data. Most of our individual phone numbers will be removed and training given so our call centre will handle these calls. (e.g. parking fines) It will also roll out the customer account so people can do all their interactions with the council in one place. Be it blue badge applications, garden waste bins, a missed recycling collection or a change of address this should be able to be done in one place without having to get into a host of individual council web pages. Phase 2 of this programme will be an internal review of processes and stripping out unnecessary governance activity. The council needs to become more agile and leaner

Dorset Business Festival

I spent an interesting day last month with the Dorset Chamber of Trade at their business festival. I was asked to be on a Q&A panel on workforce and retention. There were interesting people on the panel with me including big manufacturers from Bournemouth and a previous MD of John Lewis. The session lasted over an hour and was one of six sessions in the day. We discussed enthusing young people early and making them aware of Dorset opportunities, in particular the vast range of modern apprenticeships which allow people to earn as they learn. There was also concern raised about the cost of accommodation putting people off coming to Dorset to work.

Two Executive Directors to retire.

In recent days two of our Executive directors have announced they are going to retire. John Sellgren the Director of Place will leave the council in early January. John has been with Dorset Council since it was formed and has been a very positive leader who has a vast experience in the environment area. I have to say he is also a charming person and will be greatly missed.

The Place Directorate is vast, too big really, and an executive lead will be taken on short term while the future make up of the directorate is considered.

Vivian Broadhurst is also retiring but not until next March. Viv was taken on originally on a short term basis to cover for the previous director of Adults and housing who was on long term sick leave. She then moved to the substantive role three years ago. She has made a terrific difference in Adult Social Care, is a great leader and really has managed to get a grip on this budget in what is a very difficult area. Again I have had a close working relationship with Viv and found her a caring and sometimes very funny lady who will also be greatly missed at the council.

**Dewlish Parish
Council
Budget Proposal for the year 2024/25**

Description	Budget 2022/23	Actual	Budget 2023/24	To date	Proposed budget	
Income						
Precept		4620.00		5835.00		
Bank Interest		4.11		54.90	75.00	
Donations		3409.49		2390.01		
Grants						
		8033.60	0.00	8279.91	75.00	
Expenditure						
	1450.00		2250.00	1312.50		Includes Eers
Salary	0	1511.18	0	0	2795.00	NIC
Clerk expenses	100.00	18.99	100.00	0.00	50.00	
Stationery & postage	50.00	37.20	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Training	100.00	11.25	100.00	0.00	50.00	
Office costs		114.56	150.00	107.85	150.00	
Computer costs				101.90	145.00	Web hosting
Honorarium			50.00		50.00	
Association fees	90.00	88.02	100.00	92.24	100.00	
Insurance	400.00	402.69	760.00	695.01	730.00	
Auditors	50.00	56.00	75.00	0.00	70.00	
Grants (137)	900.00		500.00		500.00	
Grass cutting	500.00	60.00	250.00		250.00	
Defib maintenance		126.00	150.00		130.00	
Hall hire	150.00	70.00	200.00		200.00	
Elections					50.00	
			1000.00			
Asset maintenance	770.00	3657.45	0	624.40	700.00	
Contingencies	60	857.29	100.00		100.00	
VAT recoverable		457.75		147.16		
	4620.00		5835.00	3081.00		
Expenditure total	0	7468.38	0	6	6120.00	
	4620.00		5835.00	5198.85		
Total	0	-565.22	0	5	6045.00	
			5835.00			
Precept request			0		6125.00	
			1215.00			
Increase	0		0		210.00	
% increase	0		26.30		3.60	

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report OCTOBER 2023

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)

****** THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR REPORTING – PLEASE USE
ALTERNATIVE METHODS SHOWN BELOW ***** PLEASE SEE WITHDRAWAL OF
101 ADDRESS AT THE END OF THIS REPORT:**

Do it Online: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

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

Message an officer:

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:

No Reports

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

02/10/2023 999 made in error.

27/10/2023 Suspicious vehicles blocking access on bridleway – area known for poaching.

DFCB

Crossways Parish Council:

12/10/2023 Crossways 999 misdial

12/10/2023 Crossways – knock and run – youth identified, passed words of advice and Stage One Anti-social behaviour warning letter issued.

17/10/2023 Crossways – van driving around industrial estate containing males wearing balaclavas.

22/10/2023 Crossways – theft of scrap metal – police attended – area search no trace.

29/10/2023 Warmwell – 999 pocket call
30/10/2023 Warmwell Road site – report of intruders on site – police attended – no offenders at scene.
Under investigation

Osmington Parish Council:

01/10/2023 Poxwell – van in field circling – location known previously for poaching.
04/10/2023 Osmington – 999 call made in error.
10/10/2023 Osmington – silent 999 call x 2

Owermoigne Parish Council:

05/10/2023 Galton - criminal damage to vehicle while parked on drive – suspect arrested – under investigation.
14/10/2023 Warmwell Roundabout – Cars with loud revving at roundabout
17/10/2023 Owermoigne – Insurance Fraud – bike insurance taken out using individual's address.
19/10/2023 Owermoigne – Insurance Fraud – bike insurance taken out using individual's address.

DFCC

Cheselbourne Parish Council:

No Reports Made

Dewlish Parish Council:

22/10/2023 Dewlish – 999 call made in error.

Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:

02/10/2023 Athelhampton – pocket dial 999
05/10/2023 Burleston – 999 dialled in error.
09/10/2023 Puddletown Forest – Theft from Motor Vehicle
10/10/2023 Puddletown – damage to toilet doors at sports pavilion – no lines of enquiry. Crime Prevention officer visit arranged.
27/10/2023 Puddletown – 999 dialled in error.
30/10/2023 Tolpuddle – abuse from dog walker.

DFCD

Buckland Newton Parish Council:

08/10/2023 Duntish - damage to private garden by cows
14/10/2023 Duntish – report of ASB from hunt
14/10/2023 Duntish – report of hunt saboteurs in locus of hunt

Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:

No Reports Made

Piddle Valley Parish Council:

01/10/2023 Alton Pancras -Theft of Quad Bike – located in Piddlehinton.
06/10/2023 Piddlehinton – Business cybercrime – reported to Action Fraud
06/10/2023 Plush – poachers – police attended area search, no trace.

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team