

# Dewlish Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022, COMMENCING 7.30PM AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL

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

**Chair:** Cllr B Hyams

**Also present:** 2 members of the public

### **Public Participation**

The matter of the Pound Lane Green upgrade was raised. It has now been a year since the work started and there does not appear to be any cohesive plan in place. Things do not appear to be moving forward. It was felt that £600 for wildflower matting was excessive and the money would be better spent on turf. Perhaps some of the young families who are going to benefit from the upgraded area should be approached to assist with the work. It was noted that the problem to date has been having to wait for the farmer to be available to undertake the work and this, combined with the weather and Covid, has slowed things down.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

21.78 Apologies have been received from Cllrs Chris Uden and Mike Fell (training course), Cllr Sarah Clitherow (illness) and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

### **2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests**

21.79 No interests were declared.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

21.80 A copy of the minutes had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Crabb 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 previous minutes**

21.81 There were no matters arising that are not included in the agenda.

### **5. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report**

21.82 Cllr Haynes was unable to attend the meeting, but copies of her report had been issued to all members as they were received.

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

21.83 - **Planning** - P/FUL/2022/01242 Dewlish Estate  
Refurbish stable building & minor amendments to layout. Extension of lean-to at rear & demolish two coal houses

No comments were made with regard to either of the applications and no objections were raised.

P/FUL/2022/00867 Lower Dairy House, Jock's Hill, Crawthorne  
Erect garages/carport with home office/studio/ancillary  
accommodation above

No objections were raised.

- **Highways** – Cllr Crabb will report the hole in the road past the Manor.
- **Footpaths** – The same styles as normal still need attending. The landowners have been informed.

**7. To agree the payments and review the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget**

21.84 It has now been determined that second signatories have been agreed by the bank, although on-line banking is still an issue. The following payments were raised:

John Seymour	Wreath	514	21.99
John Martin	Hire of dumper & excavator	515	351.66
A Crocker	December & January wages	516	185.30
HMRC	December & January PAYE	517	45.20
Community Heartbeat	Annual support to 01.03.23	518	151.20
Dewlish Village Hall	Hire 30.01.20 to 24.03.22	519	90.00
HMRC	February & March PAYE	520	50.00
A Crocker	February & March wages	521	201.98
C Haskett	Grass cutting	522	30.00
DAPTC	Neighbourhood Plan training	523	90.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,314.83.

Cllr Crabb proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed in the presence of the meeting.

**8. To confirm the National Salary Award of 1.75% for the Clerk, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

21.85 Cllr Crabb proposed the Clerk's salary is increased in line with the National Award. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and unanimously agreed.

**9. To receive an update of the Pound Lane Green works**

21.86 Cllr Uden was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report:

‘Now that the ground is drying out, John Martin will be starting work in the coming week to prepare the main area including bringing in some more soil to grade the banks. The path edges will be made good over the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Having looked at the cost of the wildflower matting to run along the stream side, etc, we would need to budget around £600. It may be necessary to keep costs down by going for grass seed rather than turf but seed would take longer to green up.

With regard to the trees, it has been suggested that a Silver Birch and a Rowan are purchased – one to go on the main green, the other in the small triangle by the bridge. Both would grow to about 5m at maturity. The cost would depend on the size of the tree purchased: a tree around 1.5m to 2m is approximately £75, whilst one of 2.5m to 3m is likely to be £175.

The area beside Pound Lane would be underplanted with various bulbs to achieve colour for as much of the year as possible. These would be in the region of £200 and some summer and autumn colour can be planted now and some in the autumn for next spring.

A length of 600mm pipe has been acquired and it is intended to turn this into a small tunnel for the children to crawl through. This will go on the main area instead of the second picnic bench and be covered with earth and then seeded.

The picnic bench will be located as in the drawing on an area of bark within a shallow timber frame. Some crevice loving plants could be planted on the bank by the roadside so as not to damage the main structure.

After discussion, Cllr Crabb proposed that turf should be used, and the wildflower strips should not be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously.

#### **10. To consider dates and items for the Annual Parish Meeting**

- 21.87 The meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, commencing 7pm and the Annual Parish Council meeting will take place immediately afterwards.

#### **11. To receive an update on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

- 21.88 An Auction of Promises will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, a treasure hunt on the 10<sup>th</sup> April and the Barn Dance on the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The weekend events in June are coming together with Beacon Lighting and music on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, hopefully a parade and games during the day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and an evening event with a BBQ and a Big Band to follow. A church service and a bring and share lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, with music.

#### **12. Agenda items for the April meeting**

- 21.89           - Neighbourhood  
                  - The Green update

#### **13. Date of new meeting**

- 21.90 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.05hrs