

Durweston Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd November 2022 at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

Present: Councillors: C Newton (Vice Chair), H Galpin, T Marks, S Spiller.

In Attendance: Mrs J Fairman (Clerk).

1. Apologises for absence

Cllr P Cook (Chairman), E Corry, T Hewson.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

-None received.

3. To consider granting dispensations to councillors as required.

-None Required

4. Approve minutes from meeting of 5th October 2022

- These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr T Marks, Seconded: Cllr S Spiller.

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

-Last meeting Cllr Galpin raised the question of insurance of the field and should a fence be erected in the field to separate the school children from the public when they are using the field. PC insurances had been sent to the school on request, however it has since been established by the school that a fence would not be required, and that policy and procedures were in place by the school, and this was not a concern for DPC.

6. Democratic Period

-There were no members of the public present.

7. Report from Dorset Councillor

Cllr Jespersen wished to highlight what was being done to support people in Dorset during the energy crisis.

Households with domestic energy bills would receive monthly credits from October to a total of £400.00

Households on low income, means tested benefits to receive £324.00 this Autumn.

Households on Tax Credits will receive £650.00 in two payments this winter.

Pensioner households will receive an extra £300.00 on top of their usual winter fuel payment.

The household support fund can issue supermarket vouchers worth up to £200.00 to eligible vulnerable households, third round of funding to start 4th November.

Details of foodbanks, Community Shops and Community Fridge can be found on Help and Kindness website.

Hosts continuing to provide accommodation for Ukrainian refugees beyond the initial 6 month will be offered an additional £250.00 per month on top of the existing payment.

DC are also offering up to £1000.00 support to hosts who need support with general and energy costs. Payments made on a case-by-case basis.

DC has secured 1.5 million funding to support rough sleepers around the County. The funding will help to develop a rapid assessment bed service, providing immediate help, support and space. In June DC secured a further £606k towards 18 new rough sleeper accommodation programme units.

Further information can be found on the DC website, click on Cost-of-living button.

-Cllr Cook has asked whether the change in the 20mph will help DPC with their 30mph-
Cllr Jespersen explains that it would not directly help but it may mean that there are less hurdles.

8. To receive a financial report to include payments for authorisation.

The following payments were approved:

- Clerk Salary – at agreed rate/ Clerk PAYE
- RBL Poppy Wreath £20.00
- Jubilee Book – Dumps £250.00
- Playing Field wood Sam James £70.00

-The clerk reported that HSBC are charging £5.00 per month just for having the account-
DPC agreed that the clerk should open a new account with Lloyds and write to HSBC to get the balance transferred.

-The clerk had been looking at the precept figures for next year and could not see any justification to raise the precept for 2023-2024.

9. Planning- No new planning applications.

10. To receive a report on the following areas in the parish and to agree actions in response to proposals or repairs

Bryanston Estate

- No update on leases- Alice from Savills had been contacted but had been unable to attend, hoping to attend the December meeting.

-Footpaths and Environmental

-Dog signage- Cllr Newton to look into buying new dog signage for the footpath as there has been an increase in dog mess not being cleared away.

-Highways

20mph and 30 mph

-Dorset Councillor Jespersen had stated that Dc had removed some of the hurdles for parishes applying for 20mph limits in their villages. It was asked whether this would help Durweston in getting a 30mph limit on the main road through the village – Cllr Jespersen replied that long term it might help a little but DPC would need to go through the process of carrying out speed watches, having surveys done and making an application.

-Playing Field

-Cllr Newton to look into the purchase of the new benches for the playing field as previously agreed.

-The Play Inspection report had highlighted some hazardous rotting wood on the zip wire in the play area, Cllr Newton to remove zip wire due until this can be fixed.

-Village Hall-

-The Pub Nights are to start again in November – Last Friday of every month.

-Cllr Galpin said that the Village Hall was doing well, the committee were going to have to look at making some repairs to the building as the building is aging.

-The Village Hall Committee were very pleased with how the Harvest Supper and Halloween event had gone well.

11. DAPTC- No current update.

12 Task tracker-

-Cllr Spiller confirmed the wording for the window panels in the newly refurbished BT box.

-Both Parish Council noticeboards need refurbishing-Cllr Spiller to look into this when his current workload has eased.

13. Update on Speed Watch

-Speed watch equipment had been recovered and the Speed Watch team were liaising with Maria from Dorset Police to confirm the list of names for Speed watch volunteers and to ensure all had the correct training. Aubrey Hewson will be co-ordinating the Speed watch sessions from now onwards.

14. Any Other Business:

- Royal Jubilee Book Launch:

-Photobook produced to commemorate the Durweston and Bryanston Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Cheese and Wine party at the village hall to be held on 26th November at 7.30pm, to launch the book. His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Dorset will be attending the event and giving talk, The Royal Signals trumpeter will be performing a fanfare and orders for books will be taken. The books cost £25.00 cash and cheques will be accepted on the evening. 10 books had already been ordered but included errors that need to be corrected, these editions will be sold at a reduced rate as agreed by the PC of £15.00.

-A poster to advertise this event has been produced and is being printed by The Blandford School.

-HRH King Charles III Coronation

-Coronation to take place on Saturday 6th May 2023. PC to organise a celebratory event for the village to be held on 7th May 2023. Cllr Galpin to form a working group to organise the celebrations,

Date of Future Parish Council Meetings:

-PC agreed that holding the meetings on the first Wednesday of the month difficult for some of our councillor who have other commitments. DPC agreed that the December meeting will go ahead on the first Wednesday being the 7th, there will not be a meeting in January and from the February 2023 the meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month starting on the 20th February 2023.

15. Items for the next Agenda:

-Naming of Fields.

To confirm the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th December 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.09 pm

Signed _____ Dated _____