

# Dewlish Parish Council

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

**Present:** Cllrs C Uden, B Ross, M Fell, S Clitherow

**Chair:** Cllr S Crabb

**Also present:** 1 member of the public

### **Public Participation**

The issue of the loss of trees due to recent storms was raised. There are several overhanging the road that could prove dangerous should we have any further storms. It is understood that the landowner is in the process of clearing the area.

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

21.76 Apologies have been received from Cllrs Brian Hyams and Aiden Fisher, and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes

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

21.77 No interests were declared.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

21.78 A copy of the minutes had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Uden proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Fell and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

### **4. Matters Arising from previous minutes**

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

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

21.80 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**

21.81 - **Planning** - P/FUL/2021/05321 Chebbard Farm, Warren Hill  
Proposed extension of existing farm track to provide improved agricultural and residential access. Create 6 additional parking spaces.

The current entrance offers poor visibility on the Cheselbourne side when exiting the site. The proposal would make the exit safer, although the view to the right could be restricted by the foliage. Members had no objection to the proposal.

- **Highways** – Cllr Uden has been in touch with Highways regarding increased signage. However, as the area is not an accident blackspot, any action is unlikely. The culverts still need clearing and the road alongside the big house has got very pitted and needs refilling. The drains opposite the village hall still need clearing. Cllr Uden will resend the reports.
- **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**

21.82 Until the bank account is sorted out, it is not possible to set up any payments.

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

21.83 Cllr Uden reported that the concreting on the edges is due to be undertaken in the next 2 to 3 months. Highways will undertake the repairs as soon as they are asked to do so, and they will then sort out the tarmacking.

Planting scheme: it has been suggested that some wildflower matting is put down, perhaps one or two fruit trees and a raised herb garden. This will cost in the region of £1,000.

The matting would be positioned along the edge of the stream, but it is quite expensive.

It has been previously agreed that the area would be turfed, rather than seeded. Cllr Uden will finalise the price, but it is thought to be in the region of £4.50/sqm.

Cllr Ross expressed concern that the project was proving too expensive but understood that this had been agreed by members at a previous meeting.

Discussion took place as to the type of tree that would be best suited for the area. Cllr Uden will speak to the horticulturalists and see what they suggest.

## **9. To consider starting a Neighbourhood Plan or updating the existing Parish Plan**

21.84 It was agreed that it would be more beneficial to look at undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan as this would be a legal document once it was completed and would have to be considered by the Planning Authority. Cllr Uden and Fell will attend the DAPTC training courses on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March and report back at the April meeting with their conclusions.

## **10. Agenda items for the next meeting**

21.85 - Pound Lane work

## **12 Date of new meeting**

21.86 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022, commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.41hrs