

DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY, COMMENCING 5PM
THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs S Crabb, C Uden, S Clitherow

Chair: Cllr B Hyams

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

21.01 Apologies have been received from the Cllrs Frank Ross, Barbara Ross and Aiden Fisher, Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes.

2. Chairman's Report for 2020/21

21.02 The Chair read his report for the year. A copy is available on the website.

3. Elections

21.03 Election of Chairman

Cllr Crabb proposed Cllr Hyam for the post of Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Clitherow and agreed unanimously. Cllr Hyams agreed to stand for another year and the Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

21.04 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Clitherow proposed Cllr Crabb continue as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Uden and agreed unanimously. Cllr Crabb agreed to stand for another year and the Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

4. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report

21.05 Cllr Haynes was unable to attend but a copy of her report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No questions were raised. A copy of the April report is available on the Parish Council website.

5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2021

21.06 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all 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 Uden and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman as soon as practicably possible.

6. Matters Arising from previous minutes – for report only

21.07 Dorset Flag – This is on order. The flagpole will be refurbished in readiness for the new flag.

The Green, Pound Lane update – Cllr Uden reported he has met with John Martin and has agreed the way forward. It is hoped work will start this month if the groundwater keeps falling. He is going to right to all those who have offered to help. Mr Martin is going to weed kill the site prior to work starting in order to remove all the hardier weeds. He will contact the Village Hall to borrow their debris netting to fence the site off for safety and notices will be put up explaining what is happening. It was noted that monies received from sponsors will be used to purchase the picnic table and bench seat. The path along the back is currently quite unsightly and it was proposed that the path is tarmacked.

7. To receive declarations of interest and review dispensations received

21.08 No declarations were made, and no dispensations had been requested.

8. Finance

21.09 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments were requested:

Came & Co	Insurance renewal to 05.06.22	495	340.58
A Crocker	April & May wages + expenses	496	253.51
HMRC	PAYE April & May	497	45.20

Total amount requested from the Precept is £639.29.

Cllr Uden proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb.

21.10 To approve the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2020/21 Part 2

A copy of the accounts and Certificate had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Uden proposed the Certificate of Exemption is approved. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb. The Chair signed the AGAR in the presence of the meeting.

21.11 To confirm the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

A copy of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been issued to all members. Cllr Clitherow proposed they are accepted with no amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and unanimously agreed.

21.12 To confirm the Risk Assessment

A copy of the Risk Assessment had been issued to all members. Cllr Clitherow proposed they are accepted with no amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and unanimously agreed.

21.13 To confirm the insurance for the year ending 4th June 2022

This was discussed at the April meeting. Cllr Clitherow proposed we continue with the current insurers. This was seconded by Cllr Uden and agreed unanimously.

9. To review planning applications received

21.14 There were no applications to consider.

10. To receive Parish Reports

- 21.15 **Highways** – Cllr Crabb reported that the pothole on the road to Cheselbourne has been filled. Thanks are extended to Cllr Uden for sorting out the Slow signs on the road.
- 21.16 **Footpaths** – Nothing to report. There are still one or two styles that are down.

11. To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set

- 21.17 Dorset National Park – An email had been received from Chris Loder MP asking for the Parish Council's thoughts on whether or not they would support the proposal for a National Park. It was felt that it would encourage more visitors to the area on roads that were already at capacity. It is likely to push houses prices up in those villages around the edges of the proposed Park and will add another layer of bureaucracy. Members were not in favour of the National Park.

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

- 21.18 - The Green, Pound Lane
 - Councillor Responsibilities

13. Date of Next Meeting

- 21.19 The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 22nd July at the Village Hall, commencing 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 17:39hrs.