

Dewlish Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022,
COMMENCING 7.30PM AT DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs S Crabb, A Fisher, C Uden, B Ross, M Fell

Chair: Cllr B Hyams

Also present: 3 members of the public

Public Participation

There is an on-going complaint about dog mess throughout the village.

Mervin Church wished to clarify the situation regarding the posting of the minutes of meetings and their circulation. The minutes were not posted on the website in November. The Standing Orders state they should be published within one month and the agenda should also be published. This will be corrected going forward.

With regard to the village green – the topsoil was removed in April and an update is needed. Are there any costings available for the project?

Has anything been undertaken regarding the condition of the road that was raised at a previous meeting? Not at this stage but it will be picked up.

Speeding through the village – This continues to be of concern and the Parish Council will be looking into ways of making residents aware of the situation and how the problem may be resolved.

1. Apologies for absence

21.62 Apologies have been received from Cllr Sarah Clitherow and Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

21.63 No interests were declared.

3. To co-opt a new Parish Councillor

21.64 Mike Fell was the only candidate available to attend. Cllr Ross proposed he is co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously.

4. Minutes of previous meeting dated 26th November 2021

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

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

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

6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report

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

7. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions

21.68 - **Planning** - No applications were available at the time of the meeting.

- **Highways** - Cllr Uden reported that standing water and the water running down Church Street had been reported via the Dorset Council portal as one report but he was then asked to submit each issue as a separate report. This had subsequently been done. The puddle has been cleared but the silt has not. Ideally the drains need to be jetted. Cllr Uden has submitted another complaint as the gully that was cleared is now full of mud again. Cllr Crabb suggested that we allocate a Parish Councillor to take on the role of Highways liaison. Cllr Uden offered to take on this role.
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Crabb reported that there are plenty of stiles down and these have been reported to the landowners.

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

21.69 A copy of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the meeting. The following payments were requested:

A Crocker	Wages December & January	511	185.30
HMRC	PAYE December & January	512	45.20

The total amount payable from the Precept is £230.50.

Cllr Crabb proposed the payments were made. This was seconded by Cllr Fisher and unanimously agreed.

21.70 A copy of the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made, or questions raised.

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

21.71 Cllr Uden reported that the topsoil is due to arrive, and the stones will need to be removed. John Martin will be coming in a few weeks and will rake the site over before it is destoned, then turfed. Sarah Carter and Christine Robertson are working out a planting scheme of simple country flowers and, on the Pound Lane elevation, putting more bulbs, etc. The snowdrops are safely stored ready to be replanted. They will provide a list of plants and shrubs and agree costs before going ahead.

Cllr Ross expressed concern about the amount of money being spent on the project. However, it was noted that for six or seven months of the year, the site has been unusable. The project will enable the green to be used all year round.

Cllr Uden reported that the Platinum Jubilee committee are considering offering any profit made to go towards the planting of the Pound Green or the purchase of a picnic table or perhaps a piece of play equipment. The completion date is hoped for mid-spring but is dependant on when John Martin is available. Dorset Council have offered to surface the path once the work has been completed.

It was suggested that, once the amount of available funds is known, it may be possible to have a commemorative bench.

10. To agree to meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month and confirm the meeting dates for 2022

21.72 Cllr Uden proposed that the Parish Council moves to monthly meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Crabb and agreed unanimously.

11. Agenda items for the next meeting

21.73 - Pound Lane work

Cllr Uden asked about the lack of Parish Plan. The last Plan was undertaken in 2008 and, perhaps, residents should be asked if they wish to update the Parish Plan or undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. This will be taken to the next Parish Meeting.

12 Date of new meeting

21.74 Thanks are extended to Simon for the Christmas tree and to all those who helped to erect it.

Thanks are extended to Christine Jarvis for cleaning the telephone box. Cllr Hyams will check the defibrillator and organise new pads.

21.75 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th February 2022, commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.28hrs