

# Durweston Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

Present: Councillors: P Cook (Chairman), E Corry, H Galpin, T Hewson, T Marks, C Newton, S Spiller.

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Fairman (Clerk).

**1. Apologises for absence**

None Received

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

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

Proposed: Cllr Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Marks.

**5. Matters Arising from previous minutes**

None Received

**6. Democratic Period**

-There were no members of the public present.

**7. Report from Dorset Councillor**

-There have been a number of villages in the ward experiencing flooding and active flood wardens with flood schemes in place are working to overcome this. DC will only close flooded road as a last resort as it can cause other road safety issue and is inconvenient for residents.

-2023-2024 Budget- DC currently focusing on setting the budget for the coming financial year. The budget setting started in October and is a complex process which must be finalised by Full Council on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Currently the proposals include an increase in Council Tax of just under 2%, Social Care precept will increase by a further 2% giving a total increase of 4%. (Increase of £1.41 per week to Band D properties). The aim has been to keep any rises as low as possible.

-Household Support Fund – Low-income households can now apply for the third round of Household Support Fund. Applications can be made online or by telephone: 01305 221000.

-DC is inviting private landlords to work with them to provide homes for care leavers – Interested landlords should contact Care Leavers Team: 01202 868257 or email: [cloppportunities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cloppportunities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

-DC have been given a Gold Award by the MoD in recognition of initiatives to encourage and support employees are veterans, reservists, and cadet force adult volunteers. This is to ensure that those who serve or have served are treated with respect and fairness in their communities.

Q Why isn't St Marys fit for purpose its doing well going slowly.

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

The following payments were approved:

- Clerk Salary – at agreed rate/ Clerk PAYE /Village Hall re Book launch £60.00,
- Payments collected for the Jubilee book had been paid into the account Total: £880.00, payment to DE Ryall had been made for producing the books £875.00
- As previously discussed at the November meeting the Precept for 2023-2024 was confirmed to be £9k-
- The clerk reported that HSBC account has now been closed and the balanced transferred to Lloyds in Blandford. We await new mandate forms so that a new separate account can be opened for the Playing Field Committee.

Durweston VH Committee are sponsoring the publication of a Durweston newsletter -will research costings and the possibility of advertising to help fund the project – will come back to PC with costings with a view to obtaining a grant.

**9. Planning-** No new planning applications.

-Cllr Jespersen reported that the planning application to place mobile homes on the Deer Park in Blandford was going to appeal – DC are objecting to this application/

**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 in contact and request a meeting with the relevant people to discuss the leases. Clerk to contact Alice to establish how long is left on each lease –

**-Footpaths and Environmental**

-The footpaths are currently flooded- other than that are in good order.  
 -The landowner has agreed that 'No dog fouling' signage can be put up near the allotments.

**-Highways**

-Cllr Marks to contact the new DC Highways Officer Lee Mustian to arrange a meeting and take him around the village to discuss Highways issues, such as speed restriction signage at Enford Farm, lines n roads need to be repainted and the future application for 30mph through the village once more evidence of its need has been obtained.

**-Playing Field**

-Durweston PC wish to Thank Sam James for repairing the zip wire very quickly.  
 -In addition to this DPC voted to award an Honorarium of £250.00 from the Playing Field Account funds for all of his hard work on the Playing Fields all throughout lock down,his efforts have saved the PC a lot of money over the past few years.  
 - PC voted to donate to him a Jubilee Book.  
 -The recent Play Inspection Report had raised a few minor issues with the play equipment- there are repairs required to the roundabout and new shackles required for the swings- DPC are looking for local tradespeople that are able to carry out this work.  
 -New benches are still to be purchased and a maintenance morning to be organised when the weather has improved.

**-Village Hall-**

-Village Hall is doing well, the Jubilee Book launch evening had been a success.

- The Village Hall Committee would like a pedestrian gate to be installed by the large gate To make the area more secure for the children – PC would agree to the gate if the VH would agree to fund half of supply and installation. This to be put to the VH Committee at their next meeting. Cllr Spiller and Marks to obtain quotes.

11. **DAPTC**- No current update.

12. **Task tracker**-The task tracker was updated.

13. **Update on Speed Watch**

-New Speed Watch team being organised, training has been arranged and speed watch should recommence very soon. The Speed watch team will be gathering evidence over the next few months to support a 30mph application through the village.

14. **Any Other Business:**

-**HRH King Charles III Coronation** – DPC agreed that an event should be organised to celebrate the Coronation on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. A meeting has been arranged at the VH on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to form a working party to organise the event all welcome.

-It was reported that sewerage had again been seeping through the manhole covers on the playing field. Wessex Water had attended quickly to rectify. Clerk to write to Wessex Water to establish what can be done to prevent future occurrences as the field is used by children.

-It has been confirmed that the village shop in the White Horse Stourpaine will close as of the 31/01/2023/

-DPC Chairman advised that he will be standing down from the Parish Council in May due to his work commitments. PC to encourage villagers to attend meetings to see if they wish to join the PC.

15. **Items for the next Agenda:**

-Kings Coronation Update

-Pedestrian Gate update/Quotes

**To confirm the next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_