

# DEWLISH PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Dewlish Parish Council on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 commencing 7.30pm at Dewlish Village Hall.

**Amanda Crocker,**  
Clerk

## AGENDA

1. Period for public participation
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests
4. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025
5. Matters Arising from previous minutes for report only
6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's report
7. Finance
  - (a) To authorise the payment of accounts - attached
  - (b) To confirm the reconciliation of accounts - attached
  - (c) To agree the position against budget - attached
8. To receive reports on the following matters and to agree actions
  - (a) Planning –  
P/FUL/2025/03915 Land & Buildings to the south of Dewish Lane -  
construct horse arena
  - (b) Police, Traffic and Roads –
    - (i) Police report June 2025
    - (ii) Update on the Milborne Wood traffic survey request
  - (c) Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
    - (i) To consider locating a bench at the top of Pound Lane
    - (ii) Update on the fence at the Green
    - (iii) To consider the installation of planters at the village boundaries
    - (iv) To consider the conversion of verge from Moats Cottages to the church to a path
9. To consider possible future village events
10. To receive reports from Parish Councillors
11. Date of Next Meeting

## **Report to the parish council 5/7/2025**

### **Cllr Jill Haynes Chalk Valleys Ward**

Dear Clerks, councillors and members of the public please find below my report for May and June 2025.

#### **Booking system introduced to visit the tip**

The hot topic at the council at the moment is the imposition of needing to book a time slot to visit the Household Recycling Centres (the tip). Many people are very concerned that they were not consulted on the change and that this will reduce their choice of time and day to visit the tip. However, after a lot of protest against the proposals there has been a U turn and these will now be introduced at four HRC and not across the board. The HRC's are Dorchester, Wimborne, Sherborne and Shaftesbury. The matter will be debated further at the full council meeting next week with a motion to council to ensure there is public consultation on the changes. The new system was introduced for two reasons, firstly at some HRC's there can be a long queue to get onto the site causing congestion and inconvenience to others, secondly the changes will make savings for the council of £100k.

#### **Local plan update**

The Government has changed the housing allocation numbers and created a considerable challenge in finding additional new housing allocation sites. Our required numbers have increased from 1793 to 3246 needing to be built each year of the plan – nearly double!! We still have to comply with the timeframe of having the plan completed in 30 months. At the moment it looks like the duty to co-operate with other council areas is likely to go which is a bit of good news as this could have increased the numbers by 10K in the life of the plan. It is anticipated that the new plan and site allocation proposals will go out to consultation on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 for a period of 8 weeks. There will be a number of roadshows across the council area but dates are not confirmed yet – probably in September. A consultation on the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan will happen at the same time.

#### **Children's Services Ofsted is Outstanding**

Ofsted inspected the councils Children's Services between 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. For those of you who are not often involved in this area an outstanding result is very exceptional and shows the council's children's services as one of the best in the country. The inspection was on the following areas:

Overall effectiveness - Outstanding

The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – Outstanding

The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – Outstanding

The experiences of children in care – Outstanding

The experiences and progress of care leavers – Good

This is a fantastic report resulting from the commitment and hard work of our front-line staff and the dedication of their leadership team.

#### **Economic growth strategy**

The Cabinet approved a new economic growth strategy at the June meeting. Dorset has significant opportunities to secure inward investment through the realisation of a number of projects in three main areas. These are clean energy and storage, sovereign defence capabilities and regeneration of our areas of significant population. Providing a strategy focusing on these areas does provide confidence to central government when bids are placed for funding. Personally I did find the strategy lacking in support for rural areas. There is little or not mention of farming or agriculturally based businesses and seeming no support for our innovative small businesses which make up the bulk of job opportunities in

the very rural Chalk Valleys ward. I have raised these concerns and hope that the strategy will be “work in progress”

**High Risk of Fire from BBQ's and bonfires**

We have had such a long dry spell that there is now a very high risk of fire in our woods and fields. While it is great to be outside and enjoying the weather please be aware that lighting a disposable barbeque or a fire in the open countryside is really dangerous at the moment. I realise that this probably doesn't apply to most Chalk Valley residents but if you see any visitors doing that could you politely point out the danger to them too. One spark and a bit of a breeze and a fire is quickly out of control.

## Item 7(a)

### Payments Requested - July 2025

Date	Payee	Comments	Folio	Precept £
01.06.25	HugoFox	Email hosting - June 2025	DDR9/25	20.99
28.05.25	Gallagher	Insurance renewal	BACS075	732.44
01.07.25	Hugo Fox	Email hosting July 2025	DDR11/25	20.99
20.07.25	HMRC	July 2025 PAYE	BACS076	43.00
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20.07.25	Crocker	July 2025 salary + expenses	BACS077	226.22
		Account fees 10.06.25 to		
10.07.25	Lloyds	09.07.25	DDR12/25	4.25
<b>Total amount requested</b>				<b>1047.89</b>

## Item 7(b)

### Reconciliation of Accounts

Balance b/fwd	From 31.03.25		19797.29
Add:	Income year to date		3671.41
Less:	Expenditure to date		2647.11
<b>Balance as at 20th July 2025</b>			<b>20821.59</b>
<b>Funded by:</b>			
Deposit account	00260298	803.02	
Current account	01230392	20642.04	
			21445.06
<b>Add:</b>	Uncleared Income		
			0.00
Less: Uncleared Expenditure			
	Donation towards cost of		
03.06.25	PlusBus service	350.00	
20.07.25	HMRC July 2025 PAYE	43.00	
20.07.25	A Crocker July 2025 salary + expenses	226.22	
10.07.25	Lloyds Account fees 10.06 to 09.07.25	4.25	
			623.47
<b>Balance as at 20th July 2025</b>			<b>20821.59</b>
	Difference		0.00

# Item 7(c)

## Budget Monitoring for the year ended 31st March 2026

Description	2024/25 Budget	Actual	Balance	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	-			
Account Interest	100.00	56.83	(43.17)	
Precept	6,300.00	3,150.00	(3,150.00)	
CIL receipts		0.00	0.00	
Misc income		99.39	99.39	
VAT refunded		365.19	365.19	
<b>Total receipts</b>	6,400.00	3,671.41	(2,728.59)	0.00
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
DAPTC Subs. + other subs	175.00	190.00	(15.00)	
Insurance	760.00	732.44	27.56	
Training	100.00	18.75	81.25	
Wages - Clerk	2,715.00	861.60	1,853.40	
Clerk Expenses - mileage	60.00	63.17	(3.17)	
Bank Charges		17.00	(17.00)	
Office costs	250.00	46.97	203.03	
Postage	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Computer costs- web hosting	300.00	109.92	190.08	
Telephones		64.92	(64.92)	
Venue hire	200.00	0.00	200.00	
Grass cutting	250.00	0.00	250.00	
Audit fees	90.00	162.42	(72.42)	
Honorarium			0.00	
Defib Maintenance	130.00	0.00	130.00	
Contingencies	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Election costs		0.00	0.00	
Grants	500.00	350.00	150.00	
Bridge upgrade		0.00	0.00	
Asset maintenance	700.00	0.00	700.00	
VAT		29.92	(29.92)	
<b>Total payments</b>	0.00	6,430.00	2,647.11	3,782.89
Balance b/fwd from 31.03.25	19,797.29		Monies held in bank	21,445.06
Income to date	3671.41	23,468.70		
<b><u>Earmarked Reserves</u></b>			Add:	
Election costs	400.00		Income not cleared	
Training	181.25		Less:	
Venue hire	600.00			
Grass cutting	750.00			
Audit fee	2.58			
Telephone box maintenance	200.00		Cheques not cleared	(623.47)
Upgrade of The Green	5,099.39			
CIL receipts	2,390.01			
General asset maintenance	1,758.34	11,381.57	Earmarked funds	(11,381.57)
Expenses for current year to date	2,647.11			
		2,647.11		
<b>Balance available not yet committed</b>		<b>9,440.02</b>	<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>9,440.02</b>
				0.00

## Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

June 2025 (up to 24-06-2025)

Dear Councillors,

Below is a breakdown of crimes/incidents that have occurred in your areas during the month of June.

*N.B. Any crimes/incidents of a sensitive nature are not in this report, e.g., of a personal nature or which may identify individuals. Road traffic incidents are not included in this report.*

- We continue to patrol all areas and are using social media to keep members of the public apprised of our actions.

Dorchester NPT website address is [Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police](#)

Our Face Book Page address is: [www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/](http://www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/)

Our Twitter Page is: <https://twitter.com/DorchesterPolice>

Our Instagram Page is: <https://www.instagram.com/dorchesterpolice/>

Dorset Alert messaging system registration to receive messages is:  
<https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/pages/2451/1/Register.html>

**Contacting Dorset Police (non-emergency)**

Do it Online: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Telephone: 101 \*(Calls to the 101 non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) or call Freephone 0800 555 111

### **DFCA**

#### **Broadmayne Parish Council:**

No Reports

#### **Knightsford Parish Council (Tincleton/West Knighton/West Stafford/Woodsford):**

No Reports

### **DFCB**

#### **Crossways Parish Council:**

04/06/2025 Youths being verbally aggressive to member of public.

15/06/2025 Young male lying in the road – ambulance called.

#### **Osmington Parish Council:**

No Reports

#### **Owermoigne Parish Council:**

No Reports

### **DFCC**

#### **Cheselbourne Parish Council:**

09/06/2025 Report of male regularly seen in car – this is a homeless male who sleeps in his car and moves around different areas.

**Dewlish Parish Council:**

No Reports

**Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:**

03/06/2025 Fire attended to a small log fire at Puddletown Forest

07/06/2025 Fire lit in forest – evidence of three fires having been lit in the area.

**DFCD**

**Buckland Newton Parish Council:**

No Reports

**Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:**

No Reports

**Piddle Valley Parish Council:**

04/06/2025 Burnt out vehicle left in field on farm.

11/06/2025 Alton Pancras - Attempt theft of fuel = Wessex Water

16/06/2025 Piddletrenthide – dog on human bite

**COMMUNITY CONTACT POINTS**

A Community Contact Point is a pop-up event where you can speak to me to discuss an issue and receive crime prevention advice. You can also report a crime (incident) or discuss any issues affecting you or your community.

This is a drop-in style event with no need to make an appointment.

17/07/2025 12:00 – 13:00 Chapel Stores Broadmayne

20/08/2025 16:00 – 17:00 Premier Stores Crossways

05/09/2025 16:30 – 17:30 Spar Puddletown

There may be additional Community Contact Point other than shown above, these will be advertised by Dorchester Police on the Dorset Police website and the Dorchester Police Facebook Page.

In addition, PCSO Donnison will be attending the following events:

17/07/2025 Broadmayne Coffee Morning

25/09/2025 St Marys Middle School Puddletown – Student Council (this is not a public event)

**IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING INCIDENTS**

Please report any incidents either via 101 or online via the Contact Us Section on the Dorset Police Website:

[Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Dorset Police does not have the ability to monitor Community social media groups and valuable intelligence can be missed.

In addition, if there is an ongoing problem, for example anti-social behaviour, I am unable to seek support for additional police resources to address the issues.

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team