

# Durweston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.**

**Present:** Councillors: C Newton (Chair), E Corry, H Galpin, J Hosford, T Marks, S Spiller.

**In Attendance:** Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk), 0 members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllr T Hewson.

- 1. Declaration of Interests:** None received.
- 2. Granting of any Dispensations:** None received.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> January:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Democratic Period:** No members of the public present.
- 5. Dorset Councillor Report-** No current report.

**6. Matters Arising:**

**-Noticeboards:**

- The noticeboard has been put up in the bus stop but needs to be varnished.
- Main noticeboard still in the layby, Cllr Spiller to remove from the layby and refurbish.
- The noticeboard by the school is secure, ask Andy Brindley to refurbish this noticeboard and ask the Village Hall if it can be positioned on the wall at the VH.

**7. Officers Report:**

**-Rights of Way:** No current update.

**-Highways:** No current update.

**-Play Areas:**

-JP Landscaping have not been able to source the new wood for the bucket swing. Cllr Spiller to obtain a quote from Travis Perkins and report back. Clerk and Chair to look at costing for new bucket swing.

-Tennis court will need to be resurfaced at some point, and the lines need to be repainted. The mechanism for the net needs to be looked at as the net is loose and difficult to remove when the court is being used for netball.

**-Village Hall**

-The following events have been scheduled:

-Pub Night – Spring Equinox – March 21<sup>st</sup>.

-Pub Night – 28<sup>th</sup> March

-Comedy Night 25<sup>th</sup> April

-There is a Bingo Night at the school: 7.30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**-DAPTC –** No current update:

**-Allotments-** No current update.

**8. - Speed Watch update:** No current update.

**9. – Planning Application:**

-**P/HOU/2025/01405: 36 Haycombe, Erect Annex:** DPC wished to make comment against this application, that it is too large and overdevelopment of the site. The annex looks like a separate dwelling in the back garden.

**10. Finances.**

- a. The following payments were approved for payment:  
-Clerks salary (at agreed rate), Clerks PAYE.

-All payments were approved, and it was agreed to pay any outstanding invoices before the end of the financial year being 31/03/2025.

-DPC approved the Internal Auditor being Mr John Paul.

**11. Any Other Business:**

-Cllr Galpin wanted to know if there was an alternative flashing speed sign available as the old one had been removed some time ago. Clerk to enquire with DC Highways.

-Welcoming pack to new villagers – to be discussed at next meeting.

**To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

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