

# Durweston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.**

Present: Councillors: C Newton (Chair), E Corry, H Galpin, T Hewson, J Hosford.

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllrs T Marks, S Spiller.

1. **Declaration of Interests:** None received.
2. **Granting of any Dispensations:** None received.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Democratic Period:** No members of the public present.
5. **Dorset Councillor Report--**No current update.
6. **Matters Arising:**

The Village Hall Committee have agreed that the PC can place a noticeboard at the VH, where their Agendas and Minutes can be placed, the VHC will also share the noticeboard.

-Andy will varnish the noticeboard at the bus stop – he has recommended Sadolin as the wood has previously been treated, this will be done in due course.

-Andy will not be able to do the noticeboard at the school, the PC agreed that with the addition of the noticeboard at the VH, they would no longer require the noticeboard at the school and would hand ownership over to them.

-There has been an issue of bonfires in the village, DPC ask that villagers be mindful of their neighbours if they are to have a fire, also to be aware that bonfires should not be lit anywhere properties that have a thatched roof. Nuisance bonfires that last for hours or that are very smoky should be reported to DC via their website.

-On the 13<sup>th</sup> June the school held a colour run event, inspired by the Holy Festival held each year in India. The weather was kind, and the children enjoyed the event which included an egg and spoon race, a sack race, the children were splashed with colour powder on their specially supplied T-shirts, much fun was had by all.

7. **Officers Report:**
  - Rights of Way:** Chair to chase the Ranger to get the verges cut back near to the school.
  - Highways:** No current update.
  - Play Areas:**
    - The Chair has reminded Sam James that the benches in the field need attention, unfortunately Sam has suffered a shoulder injury, Paul Austin has offered to assist him with this task.
  - Bucket swing:** Cllr Hewson has obtained quotes, she will meet with the Chair to look at the options and report back at the next meeting.
  - DAPTC:** No current Update
  - Village Hall:** The Village Hall Committee had their AGM.
  - The VH is doing well with plenty of bookings.
  - Allotments**-No current update.
8. - **Speed Watch update:** No current update.
9. - **Finances.**

The Clerk had sent out the May Finance Report.

- a. The following payments were approved for payment:

-Clerks salary (at agreed rate), Clerks PAYE. JP Consultants Internal Audit £70.00, Bank Charges £4.25, Clear Insurance £662.17, Village Hall Hire £16.00.

-All payments were approved.

b) -The Annual Governance and Accountability Statement for 2024-2025 was approved and signed the Chairman and the Clerk.

**10. Any Other Business:**

None raised.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 7pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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