

# Durweston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 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:** Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllrs T Hewson, T Marks, S Spiller.

- 1. Declaration of Interests:** None received.
- 2. Granting of any Dispensations:** None received.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Democratic Period:** No members of the public present.
- 5 Dorset Councillor Report:**
  - Cllr Jespersen has spoken to the DC Bridges team about the recurring damage to Durweston Bridge, they have confirmed that the repairs have not been carried out yet as they are looking for a more permanent solution which is affordable and will not spoil the bridge.
  - DC had announced plans to introduce a booking system at the new Blandford recycling centre, there were many public objections to this as it was thought that this would encourage fly tipping. DC have put this on hold for the time being, they will be trialling the booking system at Shaftesbury.
  - The Local Plan online consultation is due to start on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. It is important that the Parish Council's views are made as the high target for new builds in Dorset are very high and building in surrounding villages will affect the infrastructure of the smaller villages. Cllr Jespersen is hosting a multi parish meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 6pm Stourpaine Village Hall about the consultation.
- 6 Matters Arising:**
  - The Village Hall Committee have agreed that the Parish Council can put a noticeboard up at the village hall.
  - The situation with unneighbourly bonfires continues in the village which are very close to the allotment and near to a thatched house. DPC to contact Housing Association.
  - The Clerk reported that the DAPTC will not be supporting: .gov.uk email addresses, which means that we will soon need to change the PC email address – The Clerk will be setting up a new email account and advising all necessary contacts.
- 7. -Officers Report:**
  - Rights of Way:**
    - Someone other than Wessex Ground Services had cut the grass verges and made a very nice job of it, Clerk to email Wessex to advise.
  - Highways:** No current update.
  - Play Areas:** No current update.
  - Bucket swing:** The bucket from the swing is going to be removed whilst it is out of use.
  - DAPTC:** No current update.

**-Village Hall:**

-The Durweston Summer Fair will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> August, it had been suggested that they hold a dog show at the fair, DPC will contact the VH Committee to confirm that they will not permit dogs to go on the recreation field therefore the dog show at the event will not go ahead.

-Open mic night scheduled for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

-**Allotments**-No current update.

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

**9. - Finances.**

The Clerk had sent out the June Finance Report.

- a. The following payments were approved for payment:

-Clerks salary (at agreed rate), Clerks PAYE, Bank Charges £4.25.

-All payments were approved.

**10. Any Other Business:**

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

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.07pm

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