

Durweston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 16th March at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

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

In Attendance, Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk) Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, 1 member of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr S Spiller.

- 1. Declaration of Interests:** None received.
- 2. Granting of any Dispensations:** None received.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes from 19th January:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Democratic Period:

A resident raised that he wanted to be able to fly his drone in the playing field, also that he would like to start a drone club, this would be a drone that does not have a camera. The PC expressed their concerns that there is a privacy issue and child protection issue with drones being flown around the play equipment, the play area and the school, and although this particular resident was aware of the laws and regulations regarding flying radio controlled objects, the PC was not keen to encourage others to fly their drones in this area, who were not aware of the laws and may have cameras on their drones. The PC agreed to look into this matter further and would put this matter as an item on the next agenda.

5. -Matters Arising:

-Co-Option of new Cllr. Following the resignation of Cllr Sion Spiller, DPC voted and co-opted Sarah Wicks as a new Parish Cllr. Cllr Wicks signed the Acceptance of Office form, as did the Clerk.

-The Chair wishes to thank Simon Spiller for his time and commitment to DPC and our community, his efforts have been greatly appreciated and valued.

6 - Dorset Councillor Report: Cllr Jespersen:

-Cllr Jespersen asked how the village had fared during the recent flooding event.

-The Chair confirmed that some of the drains had been blocked creating very large puddles, causing concern that the puddles may reach the VH. DC had been inundated with calls from throughout the county and could only deal with emergency calls only.

-Cllr Jespersen stated that as a result of the flooding the Environment Agency are reviewing the designated flood zones, this however would be a project that would take a long time to complete.

-Cllr Jespersen urged that everyone report any potholes that they see in the village on the DC website.

-Cllr Jespersen reported that Dinah's Hollow would be closed for a year, there had been some teething problems in January, but now things seemed to have settled down more. Most problems had been caused by bad driver behaviour with drivers jumping traffic lights, and HGV takings short cuts in areas that were unsuitable. Cllr Jespersen was concerned for the safety of Durweston Bridge and had requested that DC put a provision for any necessary repairs to the bridge once Dinah's Hollow was reopened.

-There will be overnight road closures between Fiddleford and Durweston for resurfacing in April, dates to be confirmed.

7. Officers Reports:

-**Rights of Way:** Clerk to chase the DC Rangers re: the installation of the Kissing Gate.

-DPC wished to express their thanks to Hosford Farm who have cut the hedges around the village.

--**Highways:** -Clerk to report to Highways that a sign near the layby in Durweston has rusted and fallen down, plus the erosion of the road edge falling away into the river on this stretch of road.

-Large pothole in Milton Lane to be reported again.

-Play Areas:

-DPC wishes to thank Den Corry for building and installing the new metal frame for the bucket swing. The PC will arrange for the equipment to be formally inspected before it is open for use. The quote for the inspection from the Play Inspection Co, was approved and the PC agreed to pay £255.00 for the inspection and the report.

-Den Corry has also agreed to carry out other maintenance jobs around the play area, including the repair of the bench, and the legs to the zip wire.

-The goal posts are ready to be reinstated, thank you to Cllr Marks and Hosford.

-**DAPTC:** Cllr Jespersen stated how important it is to stay up to date with the DAPTC initiatives as there are future issues coming that may affect Durweston. The Clerk confirmed that shed circulates their newsletter every Tuesday.

-Village Hall:

-The recent Spring Supper was well attended.

-The next scheduled pub night is on Friday 27th March.

8. -Allotment: No current update.

9. - Speed Watch update: Due to poor weather there is no current update.

10. - Finances: The Clerk had sent out the February Report:

-The following payments were approved: Clerks wage at agreed rate/ HMRC PAYE/ Bank charges (Jan -Feb) £8.50, Durweston Village Hall £16.00, Den Corry -New Bucket Swing £2,575.00. Play Equipment Inspection £300.00, £5.40 Postage/ Online Playgrounds £312.60.

-DWP approved JP Consultants to carry out the Internal Audit and Terms of Reference.

-The Chair and the Clerk to review and update the Asset Register.

11. Any Other Business:

-Amendments have been made to the King's Coronation Picture book, PC to establish how many copies will need to be ordered.

-Chair and the Clerk to chase Simon Spiller regarding the noticeboard to be put up at the VH.

The Chair to contact Bryanston Prep regarding their wish to replace the sign.

Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 20th April, 7pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed _____ Dated _____