

Durweston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20th April at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

Present: Councillors: C Newton (Chair), T Hewson, J Hosford, T Marks, S Wicks.

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

Apologies for Absence: Dorset Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllrs E. Corry, H Galpin.

1. **Declaration of Interests:** None received.
2. **Granting of any Dispensations:** None received.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from 16th March:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Democratic Period: Nothing raised.**
5. **-Matters Arising:**
 - The Chair has again asked Simon Spiller to fix the new noticeboard in the Village Hall.
 - A resident had sent a letter to the PC asking their permission to fly his drone in the field beside the Village Hall, it is not illegal to do so. He is also interested in starting a Drone Flying Club. The Parish Council voted against giving their blessing for starting a club flying drones over the field as we do not want to encourage other users who may not be as considerate as this user. The PC were not comfortable with drones flying over the playing fields where the school children play.
6. **- Dorset Councillor Report: No update.**
7. **Officers Reports:**
 - Rights of Way:**
 - The PC had confirmed with the DC Ranger that they wanted to go ahead and replace the stile with a kissing gate, the PC will pay for the gate, the Rangers will fit it for free.
 - Highways:**
 - Cllrs Corry and the Chair went out on the pedalo to inspect the trees along the river, that are leaning over the bank. There was not any signs of any further deterioration.
 - The reported potholes had been repaired.
 - Rusted sign is still on the verge just past the lay by – Clerk to report again.
 - The new Durweston sign in Milton Lane was approved by Highways, the PC will have to pay for it. This matter has been put to the Hosford Farm to establish opinion on having the sign there.
 - Play Areas:**
 - The Play Inspection Co. came to inspect the newly installed bucket swing, it has now been approved and ready to be used.
 - It had been reported that the rotten leg to the zip wire equipment needs to be replaced, DPC approved for Den Corry to replace the legs to the zip wire with metal framework and to check the mechanism, £4k value for this work approved by DPC.
 - Funding for this will be allocated from the Playing Field Committee ringfenced funds.
 - DPC approved that they would pay for the repairs to the benches when this work had been completed.

-DPC extended their thanks to Cllr Trevor Marks who had cleaned the goal posts and reinstalled them at the playing field, much to the delight of the children from the school.

-DAPTC: No current update.

-Village Hall:

-The Village Hall AGM is coming up on 11th May.

-The Village Hall will be approaching the PC for an annual Grant.

-The VHC had been approached by a parent of a child at the school requesting that the fence and gate to the side of the VH be replaced with higher fencing and the gate locked during school playtime. The school had confirmed to the Chair that there was not a safeguarding issue, and they did not have concerns regarding the gate and the fencing. The VHC would not pursue this issue.

8. -Allotment: No current update.

9. - Speed Watch update: The Clerk will request a report for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting in Maay.

10. - Finances: The Clerk had sent out the March end of year Report:

-The following payments were approved: Clerks wage at agreed rate/ HMRC PAYE/ Bank charges (March) £4.25/ Clerks Stationery Expenses £14.99/ Dorset Council Trade Litter bins £333.84.

-The Clerk confirmed that the VAT reclaim has been submitted to HMRC.

-The Clerk confirmed that the books were now with the Internal Auditor.

-The following policies and Asset Register have been updated and DPC approved the following:

Asset register- updated

Standing Orders- updated

IT Policy – New policy

Data Protection Policy -Updated

Risk Assessment- updated

-All of the above to be placed on the website.

11. Any Other Business:

-The Clerk to contact DC Rangers to establish when the verges will be cut.

-The Chair has secured 11 requests for copies of the Durweston Kings Coronation Celebration Book – she will order 15 copies – should anyone require one please contact the clerk on: clerk@durwestonparishcouncil.org.uk

Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will include the Annual Parish Meeting, and will be held on Monday 18th May, 7pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed _____ Dated _____