

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Dewlish Parish Council held in Dewlish Village Hall on Thursday 19th May 2011 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Mr Mike Claydon (Chairman)
Mr Andrew Booth
Mrs Judith Bridgen
Mrs Sally Crabb
Mrs Barbara Ross
Mr Frank Ross

Also present, Mrs Pat Gubbins (Parish Clerk). Patrick Cooke (District Councillor), and one member of the public

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dianne Trebilcock and David Crowhurst

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Judith Bridgen proposed Mike Claydon as chairman, seconded Sally Crabb, there being no other nominations, he was unanimously elected.

Frank Ross proposed Judith Bridgen as Vice Chair, seconded Barbara Ross, and she was unanimously elected.

3 ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

Footpaths	Sally Crabb
Trees	Frank Ross
Transport	Judith Bridgen

These Councillors being willing to serve, it was proposed by Barbara Ross and seconded by Frank Ross that they be duly appointed

4 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

As only six Councillors had been nominated, it was proposed by Judith Bridgen and seconded by Barbara Ross that Andrew Booth should be co-opted onto the Council and he was unanimously elected and joined the table.

5 FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual financial Report were provided, and the Clerk commented that there had been very little change from the previous year. As in the previous year interest on the Savings Account was minimal. The accounts were currently in the hands of the Internal auditor, but with expenditure only slightly in excess of income, the Council's accounts are in a healthy state.

Andrew Booth proposed and Frank Ross seconded the adoption of the Financial Report, and it was unanimously accepted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st March were unanimously adopted.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Mike Claydon thanked Frank Ross for the provision of Christmas trees for many years, and also the supplier of electricity for the lights, Mr Dave Smith.

3 PLAYGROUND AND THE GREEN

Judith Bridgen reported that erection of the new fence round the Green would begin in the first week in June. After discussion of what to do with the old fence, Patrick Cooke expressed an interest and would make an offer after inspection. Andrew Booth agreed to provide a trailer and deliver to Athelhampton, in exchange for £50 towards the cost of the new fence.

4 PLANNING DECISIONS

Telecoms Mast, Dewlish Lane, Install Antenna Approved

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

000637 Parsonage Farm, replace garage and build 2-storey extension

After discussion although mention was made of it being a large extension, there were no objections as it is well screened and in an isolated area.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

David Crowhurst's report had been circulated to Councillors. A Questionnaire about any required development in Dewlish was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should respond according to wishes expressed in the Parish Plan. Most of the recent correspondence referred to the Election. The DAPTC is arranging the usual training courses for new Councillors, Chairman and so on; also a course for Clerks and any interested Councillors regarding the administration of PAYE when the Council had registered as an Employer which she would be attending, the cost to be shared between the Councils,

7 HIGHWAYS

No work had been carried out on the overhanging trees on Whiteways Hill, and unfortunately the road is becoming increasingly treacherous.

Andrew Booth reported on the Winter Services meeting he had attended in Milton Abbas. Everybody had complained about the lack of support for rural areas, and many had offered to have snow ploughs etc provided grit was supplied to the villages. Patrick Cooke said Puddletown and Tolpuddle had experienced similar problems and asked to be kept informed.

Needless to report the concrete bags are still in situ. The clerk to write to Highways.

8 RIGHTS OF WAY

The stile referred to in previous minutes has now been repaired.

9 AUDIT 2010/2011

The relevant papers are in the hands of the Internal auditor. The Council approved the Financial Report for the year and after due consideration agreed the Annual governance Statement, both of which will be signed off by the Chairman once the Return is available.

10 FINANCE Current account £2357.23. (of which £660 Community Fund) and **Saving Account £937.00**

Two quotations had been received for Insurance. That from Came and Co, who has been approved by the DAPTC, was considerably less expensive than Community First, while providing better cover. It was agreed to accept their quotation of £265, proposed Andrew Booth, seconded Judith Bridgen: unanimous.

Cheques for signature

Clerk's Salary	£189.00
Insurance	£265.00
Internal Auditor fee	£30.00
DAPTC subscription	£82.21
Clerk's Expenses (Ink)	£38.59

Unanimously agreed.

10 DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Andrew Booth said that it was time to start setting up any celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee June 1st – 5th 2012. It was agreed to call a public meeting of villagers and village organisations to set up an organising committee, with the Parish Council in the overall lead, but various Clubs taking responsibility for separate events.

Judith Bridgen suggested holding a small event on the Green to draw attention to the new fence, once it is completed. It will need some fund-raising – coffee mornings etc. in addition to Patrick Cooke's contribution of £50 for the old fence.

The Clerk was asked to investigate if there would be any public funds available to celebrate the Jubilee.

The question of the registration of septic tanks (referred to in the *Village News*) was raised. Councillors were surprised that nobody had received any official notification of this new requirement.

Complaints about dog muck in the village were discussed, and it was agreed to ask the Dog Warden to supply notices to be attached to fences in particularly troublesome areas.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 28th July.**