

DAPTC Eastern Area committee meeting held on 3rd October 2019 at King George V Fields
Ferndown starting at 7.30pm

The minutes of the previous meeting had included reference to workshops to be held by Dorset Council with Town and Parish Councillors. Disappointment had been expressed that no workshops would be held within reasonable travelling distance of Eastern area members. It was stated under matters arising from previous meeting minutes that it is hoped to hold an additional workshop within the Eastern area.

The Chief Executive sent a written report which covered the Dorset Council workshops, request for training courses needed to be forwarded to the office, Code of Conduct training with the Monitoring Officers of the two new Unitary Councils, attendance at Dorset Council meetings, AGM preparations and the Councillors' seminar to be held on 10th October.

There was no report from Dorset Council but attention was drawn to the Dorset Council newsletter on line. It was stated at this point that the newsletter is not very accessible as it was no longer in pdf format.

There was a brief report from the Executive Committee. The Association's Constitution is somewhat out of date and will be reviewed and updated by the Executive Committee for approval at the 2020 AGM. There was also a discussion about the circulation of a Dorset Council contact list. The list had been prepared for use by Parish and Town Clerks but some councillors felt that it should also be available to them. The Chief Executive had been asked to discuss this with John Sellgen. Not all members of the Executive Committee agreed with that the list should be circulated to all Town and Parish Councillors.

Members Items:

Holt: There is a fly tipping problem and advice would be appreciated

Cranborne and Edmondsham: There had been a problem with some Leylandi trees. Residents on whose land they were situated had been asked to take action but had not done so and one had falled causing damage. The Parish Council will remove the debris but were unsure who should meet the cost. After discussion those present believed that the land owner should pay for the removal of debris and repair of any damaged caused by the fall.

An apparent water leak appears to be a spring and advice is being sought from the Community Highways Officer.

Colehill: Concern was expressed that the transfer of the play area has still not taken place following the Dorset Councils reorganisation. The Parish Council has formed a working party to identify ways of contributing to reducing climate change. As the Council has no office and operates almost paperless, the operations of the Council are considered to be carbon neutral. There was also concern that street name signs ordered from the previous County Council have not been installed. Apparently there is no budget for their installation. The Parish Council is considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan with Wimborne Minster Town Council, but is concerned that any plan prepared would be valid for only two years. There is a motion to the Association AGM to request NALC to campaign for Neighbourhood Plans to be valid for 5 years. The Council now has a full complement of Councillors. It is considering

purchasing a second SID to use on Middlehill Road but it cannot remain in one location and a possible second location is being sought.

Knowlton: There is concern that the boundaries of the AONB and Green Belt are not easily determined and the Parish Council wishes to be aware of the exact boundaries.

St Leonards and St Ives: The Council also has concerns about signs as described by Colehill Parish Council.

Verwood: The play area at the Doorstep Green in Three Legged Cross will be refurbished. A planning application for a new Lidl store will be considered shortly. The road within the cemetery has been refurbished.

West Parley: There has been a 2 year legal battle concerning ownership of the Sports and Social Club. Now that the Council has ownership, fund raising will be carried out to refurbish it. Dorset Council has provided useful advice about the building and the Council. Further information was given by Sixpenny Handley Council having carried out a similar project.

Ferndown: The Town Clerk has left. The Council is considering taking over the running of the Barrington Centre. The next phase of the refurbishment of King George V playing fields and associated facilities has been put out to tender.

West Moors: A consultation concerning the Skate Park was carried out which was very successful. Cllr David Shortell who is one of the Dorset Councillors for West Moors and Three Legged Cross has been co opted to the Parish Council. Interviews to fill the remaining space will be carried out shortly. There are two promising candidates who have attended some Council meetings. The Army left the fuel depot without any contact with the Parish Council which was disappointing.

Under Any Other Business, it was stated that the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire AONB Landscape Partnership Project will start soon and activities will be open to all, not just AONB residents. Concern was expressed at the lack of representation at these meetings from some member Councils. This is being addressed.

The next meeting will be held during the week beginning 7th January probably in Holt, although the venue will be confirmed when the date is fixed

Cllr Lindsey Dedden