

DAPTC Eastern Area Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 in Horton and Chalbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

The committee was chaired by Vice-Chairman Terry Cordery (Ferndown Town Council) as Cllr Penny Yeo (Chairman, West Moors Parish Council) has had an accident involving broken bones.

The committee received an update from Cllr Tony Alford (Dorset Council) which included the work of the Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel. This included feedback on the event for Town and Parish Councils held recently. There will be an Inquiry Day on 21st February at which some of the more developed ideas from recent events and meetings will be presented.

Dorset Council is developing a new Local Plan and in connection with this a consultation event for Parish Councils will be held on 3rd February. A similar event will be held for Town Councils at later date. The timetable for the new Plan is as follows:-

Early 2020 – adoption of Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034)

September 2020 – Publication of issues and options followed by a consultation period

September 2021 – Pre submission publication followed by a 6 week consultation

March 2022 – Submission for Examination

Summer 2022 Examination

Spring 2023 Adoption

Following an agreement between Hampshire County Council and Dorset Council, residents of the eastern area can continue to use the Somerley Household Recycling Centre free of charge.

Dorset Council will begin consultation shortly about the development of a licensing policy.

Flytipping is a wide spread problem and recently a Weymouth resident was convicted of fly tipping and given a jail sentence. DWP will take action against those guilty of fly tipping when it can.

Dorset Council has held a consultation on its proposed new Council Plan which has 5 priorities – Economic growth, Unique environment, Staying safe and well, Strong healthy communities, suitable housing.

An advisory panel has been established to guide the work on developing a working relationship with Town and Parish Councils. One round of workshops has been held and another round is planned for spring 2020.

DAPTC Chairman reported that the Chief Executive has resigned and will leave at the end of March and the post is being advertised. Dorset Council has declared a climate emergency. Each Town and Parish Council is a sovereign body and must decide on its own policy and actions on the climate emergency. DAPTC will not make a declaration on this issue.

The meeting was asked if the meeting would like a speaker on a topic of interest at the start of each meeting. After discussion it was agreed that this would not be very helpful unless members wanted specific information on a topic.

It was reported that AGM motions which called for action by NALC would be passed to the NALC Policy committee. One resolution was not debated due to the proposer and seconder not being present. Their car had broken down in a location where there was no mobile signal. The Executive committee will consider changing the system for proposing motions and the need for better mobile phone coverage in Dorset.

A report on the last meeting of the Executive Committee included information on suggestions for ways to encourage Councillors to receive training (suggested including in any Code of Conduct, in Council's Standing Orders) and the need for Councillors to be trained in employment law.

There was a brief discussion on compliance with Government regulations which come into force in 2021 about accessibility of Council websites.

Members items reported were as follows:-

West Parley: A recent problem has highlighted the need for training in employment law.

Colehill: The Council is still 2 short of a full complement of Councillors. The Council has increased its subsidy to provide a bus service on a third day of the week. It has had a problem with its use of its SID as one site has not met the criteria for use. Colehill may join with Wimborne Town Council to commemorate VE Day.

Corfe Mullen: There is a problem in a bus stop layby as zig zag lines have been painted in it. After discussion, it was suggested that the Council discuss this with Dorset Council highways department.

Sturminster Marshall: The neighbourhood plan is proceeding slowly

Wimborne Minster: The Council is considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and set up a Task and Finish group to work on the Council's actions

Alderholt: The Clerk is currently ill, there is no Chairman or Vice Chairman. Advice is being sought about the legal operation of the Council in these circumstances.

St Leonards and St Ives: The Clerk retires shortly and a replacement is being sought. The Council may employ a part time assistant in addition. Heavy traffic on local roads is leading to collapsing drains. The play area will be refurbished and the Council is still looking for a suitable site for a cemetery.

Holt: The Council now has a full complement of Councillors. Councillors come from all areas of the parish. Traffic is a problem as more cars are using back roads mainly due to the building work on the outskirts of Wimborne. Village roads have become rat runs. The representative asked about parking charges in the Tesco car park in Ferndown. Charges had been introduced to deter anti social behaviour but rescinded when it was pointed out that the original permission for the store and car park included an agreement that the car park would be free and there would be no restrictions on its use.

Ferndown: The Council is now at full strength. In the aftermath of the attempt to use a cabinet structure, the clerk has left. A new clerk was appointed but resigned shortly after appointment. KG V refurbishment is proceeding. The Pavilion has been refurbished. The play area will cost £180K. £65K will be needed to mend the tennis courts which are being

damaged by trees. It is possible that there will be insufficient funds to refurbish the wheels park. The Barrington is now run by the Town Council and some refurbishment is needed for which EDDC left some funds.

The next meeting will be held at Colehill on 26th March (date to be confirmed)