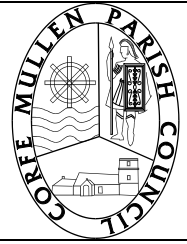


# CORFE MULLEN PARISH COUNCIL

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There is to be a meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7.45 p.m.

Mrs K M Blee  
Parish Clerk  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Mrs Katrina M Blee  
Parish Clerk  
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## PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

*Members of the public will have an opportunity to raise issues pertaining to this agenda before the meeting starts. Each member of the public will be limited to a 5-minute slot (30 minutes in total).*

1. To Record apologies for absence
2. To Record any Declarations of Interest
3. To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018
4. To Receive, for information purposes only, the following committee minutes:

Planning	11 <sup>th</sup> September
Planning	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Finance & Administration	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
5. To Approve accounts for payment
6. To Approve Bank Reconciliation for the month ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018
7. To Consider a late 2017-2018 grant application from the Phelipps Charity
8. To Agree Christmas Eve closure
9. To Receive an update on Christmas Tree Project
10. To Consider the purchase of civic pendants
11. To Consider motions for the forthcoming DAPTC AGM
12. To Receive verbal reports from County & District Councillors and other organisations
  - a) Chairman's engagements
  - b) County Councillor
  - c) District Councillor
  - d) DAPTC – Eastern Area
13. Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas
14. To Confirm date and time of next meeting as Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45p.m. (*time subject to change*)

**MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN ITS CAPACITY AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF THE VILLAGE HALL.**

- 1. To Receive apologies for absence**
- 2. To Record any declarations of interest**
- 3. To Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018**
- 4. To Approve Booking Fees for 2020**
- 5. Items of Report and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**
- 6. Date and Time of the next meeting**

## ITEM 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

### Minutes of the FULL COUNCIL held at the Village Hall, Corfe Mullen on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Harrison - Chairman

Cllrs	Alexander	A Holland	Mattocks	Waterman
	Anderson	P Holland	Parkin	
	Dix	Honeyman	Perry	
	Everett	Jefferies	Stennett	

Officer in attendance: Katrina Blee (Clerk) and Claire Gamble (Assistant Clerk).

At this point, Cllr Parkin offered her comments on the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan Review.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

There were two members of the public present: David Mills of the Carnival Committee and David Peden Chairman of the Allotment Association.

#### **18/166 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **18/167 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Dix declared an interest in item 18/178 as she is an allotment tenant. Cllrs Harrison and Honeyman declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 18/172 & 18/174 as they are CMSA committee members. Cllrs Mattocks and Jefferies declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 18/172 & 18/174 as they are trustees of the Corfe Mullen Sports Association. Cllr Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18/173 as he is a member of the Corfe Mullen Carnival Committee.

These declarations were noted, however the Clerk pointed out that in respect of Item 18/172 the area where the fence was to be erected is owned and managed by the Parish Council and not the Sports Association.

#### **18/168 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were approved.

Nem Con.

#### **18/169 Committee Minutes**

Minutes of the following committees were noted:

Planning	14.08.18
Planning	28.08.18
Community Services	14.08.18

#### **18/170 Accounts for payment**

Updated accounts for payment were tabled at the meeting showing the division of the insurance premium between Parish Council and Village Hall.

The Clerk advised that the TPS Project Management invoice may not be the final one as they were still chasing the contractor regarding the installation of the replacement railings.

Cllr Parkin queried the level of the insurance premium and suggested that in future the Council approach underwriters directly, however the meeting reminded her that the

Council does use a broker who provides recommendations from different companies' underwriters. The Council's insurance requirements were last reviewed in 2016 and the Council undertook a procurement exercise, considering three quotations put forward by the broker which did result in a change of insurers to ensure value for money. The Council entered into a three-year agreement with the new insurer with a nil rate increase per £ insured during this period. The next review is due in 2019.

The following accounts were therefore authorised for payment:

<b>PARISH COUNCIL ITEMS</b>		
201082	CMYT - grant payment	3654.10
201083	Morris Construction Ltd - disposal of old skate ramps and basketball posts, gully clearance - wheel park project	720.00
201084	K9 Security Ltd. - security August	768.00
201085	TPS - project management Wheel Park Project	2400.00
201086	ESPO - toilet rolls	17.42
201087	Came & Co - general insurances	3623.59
201087	Came & Co - vehicles Insurance	700.00
dd 19.09.18	DCC - waste collections from rec. for August	133.20
dd 19.09.18	DCC - waste collections from rec. for August	133.20
dd 17.09.18	UK Fuels - fuel	75.00
dd 01.10.18	EDDC - office rates	360.00
dd 01.10.18	EDDC - cemetery rates	235.00
dd 29.09.18	Vodafone - sim card rental g'stuff building	9.84
dd 25.09.18	British Gas - office electricity 13.8.18-11.9.18	52.68
dd 21.09.18	Southern Electric - street light supply	54.32
card 06.09.18	Co-op - items for groundstaff	5.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12808.15</b>

<b>VILLAGE HALL ITEMS</b>		
201088	Olivers Heating - gas service	216.00
201089	Sage UK Ltd - accounting software annual support	201.60
201089	Sage - Instant Payroll Extra Annual Licence Plan	226.80
201090	PHS - annual duty of care re sanitary bin collections	90.30
201086	ESPO - cleaning consumables	14.52
201087	Came & Co - general insurances	1697.40
dd 17.09.18	Dual Energy - electricity usage August	136.58
dd 01.10.18	VH rates (pd direct by VH)	59.00
card 11.09.18	Batteries for projector remote - Small Hall	4.20
card 14.09.18	Coffee mate for coffee a.m.'s/bingo	12.49

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2658.89</b>
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Nem Con

**18/171 Bank Reconciliation**

The following bank reconciliation was approved:

Nat West current		1930.55
Scot Widows Business Deposit		500.79
Petty Cash		2.18
Cooperative current	106465.56	
less unrec. payments	-10063.34	96402.22
Cooperative dep. a/c		2.84
Coop Charge Card		-251.14
Public Sector Deposit Fund		227656.07
<b>Total</b>		<b>326243.51</b>

Nem Con

**18/172 New Safety Fence at Sports Pavilion**

Members were asked to consider the specifications of the new safety fence at the pavilion proposed by the preschool wanting to rent the pavilion:

1. Remove existing slabs and prepare post locations
2. Excavate and place posts with aris rail fixed nursery side
3. Fix fence planks vertically in the region of 1500mm high with a 25mm gap between
4. Tops of planks to be rounded (picket style)
5. Install patio slabs and make good patio where required
6. Fit one gate, with hi-security pad-lock

It was agreed that the specifications above should be accepted subject to clarification of the type of timber, and if untreated, would it be painted. In addition, the Clerk was asked to request that the Parish Council will need to be provided with keys/combination to the lock.

Nem Con

**18/173 Recommendation from Community Services Committee regarding siting a Christmas tree. Windgreen**

Standing Orders were suspended in order that David Mills of The Carnival Committee could contribute to the discussion on this item. He explained that the Carnival Committee has secured a number of sponsors but is up to £2800 short of the amount required for this project. This excludes the cost of upgrading the electric pillar.

Permissions will be needed as soon as possible from Dorset County Council in order for the tree to be installed in 2018, alternatively this will start in 2019. The Clerk reported that she had previously obtained permission for the Parish Council to upgrade and assume responsibility for the electric pillar, and to erect a tree, but would need to seek permission that the tree installation would now be managed by the Carnival Committee.

Members were very keen to see the project move forward and Cllr Parkin proposed that the Parish Council pledges to meet any shortfall the Carnival Committee has in order to fund this project, up to a maximum of £3,500, to allow for the cost of the pillar upgrade. This was seconded by Cllr Anne Holland.

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting then considered the following recommendations from the Community Services Committee: -

1) DCC is formally requested to grant permission for the land to be used for the Christmas tree and for the Parish Council to upgrade the electric point and assume responsibility for this.

The Clerk has already received permission for the Parish Council to do this, agreed to request that DCC is happy for the tree installation to be a Carnival Committee project.  
Nem Con.

2) Ask DCC what, if any, crowd/protection barriers are necessary and any other conditions.

Noted that the Carnival Committee's insurers require barriers. Agreed that the Clerk should check on this and other conditions or requirements.  
Nem Con.

3) Ask DCC if any signage can be put up temporarily highlighting business/ sponsors.  
Agreed that the Clerk should ask DCC.  
Nem Con.

4) Ask DCC what level of Public Liability would be required.  
Agreed that the Clerk should ask DCC.  
Nem Con.

5) The Parish Council meets the cost of upgrading the electric point and power for the lights.  
Agreed. (Cost of upgrading the electric point included in the £3500 in proposal above).  
Nem Con.

6) The Parish Council commits to make a financial contribution in future years (level to be agreed on an annual basis).  
This was proposed by Cllr A. Holland and seconded by Cllr Parkin.  
Voting: unanimous.

#### **18/174 Request from Corfe Mullen Sports Association to site a Refuse Bin**

Following information from Cllr Alexander, it was agreed that both the Parish Council and the Sports Association should check with their insurers to see if there are any limitations regarding the siting of refuse bins near to buildings. Subject to this information, it was agreed to delegate the decision on the siting of the sports association bin to the Clerk who will liaise with Cllr Mattocks and the Head Groundsman before deciding.

Nem Con

#### **18/175 Correspondence Received**

Weed Spraying Complaint – The Clerk read out a response from DCC to the recent complaint about the standard of weed spraying in Corfe Mullen.

Members discussed the response and Cllr Parkin proposed that a response is made asking that future spraying takes place earlier in the year and that monitoring of the spraying and its effectiveness is put in place, this was seconded by Cllr Paul Holland.

Vote: 11 in favour 2 abstentions

Councillors were asked to submit details of problem roads ideally with photos to the Clerk for onward submission to DCC.

#### **18/176 Verbal Reports from County & District Councillors and other organisations**

- a) Chairman's Engagements – the Chairman attended Portland Civic Day, and the Corfe Mullen Wheel Park Opening. He thanked Cllrs A and P Holland for helping at the latest Community Litter Pick which went well and was also attended by the local MP. He also reported that the recently relaunched Good Neighbour Scheme is proving successful with the number of volunteers now into double figures.

- b) *The County Councillor reported as follows: -*
- (i) *A recommendation on the appointment of the Chief Executive of the new unitary council has been made and will be considered by the Dorset Councils shortly.*
  - (ii) *She recently attended a seminar regarding Council Tax harmonisation.*
  - (iii) *Logos for the new authority are being considered.*
  - (iv) *A petition has been lodged at DCC to reduce the speed on Blandford Road North. This will be considered at a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Following a request, it was agreed that the Clerk will put in a request that Cllr Parkin attends as a representative from the Parish Council.*
  - (v) *Following a complaint about visibility at the mini-roundabout outside Hillview Post Office she has emailed the Community Highways Officer who will explore options which may include cutting back a hedge.*
  - (vi) *She reported that an area of Japanese knotweed is being treated in Froud Way.*
  - (vii) *The Win on Waste sessions at the Library are going well.*
- c) *District Councillor Harrison reported as follows: -*
- (i) *Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee received figures from the recent Local Plan Review consultation. 508 responses were received, 94 of which were from Corfe Mullen.*
  - (ii) *A Corfe Mullen-based catering company has recently received a Level 5 food hygiene rating.*
- d) *Corfe Mullen Sports Association - Cllr Honeyman reported that two members of the CMSA committee are expected to resign at the next AGM. There continues to be healthy numbers playing sport at the recreation ground. There are very occasional reports of cricket balls going into the tennis court areas. The Clerk added that this also happens occasionally in gardens in Rectory Avenue.*
- Cllr Harrison reported that replacement road cones are proving to be more effective in reducing anti-social parking on football days.*
- e) *Beacon Hill Liaison Committee – Cllr Jefferies reported that public consultation meetings have been arranged by Suez for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October and it is anticipated that a planning application will be made following this consultation.*
- f) *DAPTC – Towns and Larger Parishes Group*
- Cllr Paul Holland reported on the DAPTC Larger Councils Meeting held on 31 August 2018 at Lyme Regis as follows: -*
- (i) *It was noted that DCC were not forthcoming on the progress of change, however a fortnightly newsletter was now being sent to all Clerks for distribution.*
  - (ii) *The situation regarding the transfer of assets varied widely across the county.*
  - (iii) *Grant funding for organisations including the CAB was unclear in the longer term however the current grant funding policy will remain for the financial year 2019-20. The budget for the new authority is due to be set in February 2019.*
  - (iv) *Dorset Council will be the collection authority from 1 April 2019, but it will depend on central government as to whether alignment of council tax in different areas will happen then or be phased in over two years or more.*
  - (v) *The new Dorset unitary Chief Executive is due to be appointed by 27 September and the second tier before Christmas.*

- (vi) *Requirements for Local Plan updates are changing, however completed plans are likely to be accepted. A five-year supply of housing land will be required by each of the new councils, with previous shortfalls not needing to be taken into consideration*
- (vii) *Concern was expressed that DAPTC training sessions were based largely around Dorchester and few in the east of the county. Training on the new National Planning Policy Framework was an urgent priority. Cllr Holland suggested that the Parish Council could use an alternative provider for this.*
- (viii) *DAPTC AGM is 10 November in Dorchester.  
Next Towns & Larger Parishes meeting is 16 November at Blandford.*

g) *DAPTC – Eastern Area*

*Cllr Waterman reported that the next meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.*

h) *Youth Trust*

*Cllr Jefferies reported that sessions continue to be well attended and that the DofE projects are very well attended with candidates coming from other areas where DofE is not offered. The new clerical assistant Linda has settled into post well. One of the part-time youth workers has resigned and a replacement will be recruited.*

*Cllr Harrison reported that the Trust's AGM is on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.*

**18/177      *Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas***

- a) *Scouts Gate/Fence - The Clerk reported that the Scouts Association has replaced the gate posts alongside the Scout hut and are also replacing old fence panels with concrete panels which were thought by its fire officer to be a potential fire hazard. The panels backing on to the Parish Council's compound may also be replaced at a later date.*
- b) *Hardstanding at Springdale Road Bus Stop area – The Clerk reported that at a recent Community Services meeting it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the concreting work to improve the area should proceed at a cost of £1264 & VAT. This was agreed.*  
  
*Nem Con*
- c) *Complaint re: Wheel Park - The Clerk advised that a family had an unfortunate experience at the wheel park recently with young adults being abusive and smoking an illegal substance. She had reported this to the Police who have advised that residents should phone 101 at the time this is happening and if a patrol is in the area and available they can attend to speak to those concerned.*
- d) *Firewise Community Upton Heath - Cllr Jefferies reported that this initiative would see kits including bollards/road closed signs etc stored at strategic locations on pavements near to the heath so that they can be used in the event of a fire and asked for advice on permissions. The Clerk advised her that she would need permission from DCC as the highways authority and would also need to check the planning permission position.*
- e) *Table Tennis Table at Recreation Ground - Cllr Mattocks has registered this on 'PING!', a national database which lists locations of table tennis facilities.*
- f) *Poaching in Stony Down Plantation Area – Cllr Parkin reported that Lord Rockley has reported that poaching activity is intensifying.*
- g) *Wheel Park railings: The Clerk reported that the contractor had made an error in re-manufacturing of the wheel park railings, which has delayed their installation, this is in hand and being chased by the Parish Council's project manager.*
- h) *Badges for councillors: Following discussions with councillors in other areas, the Chairman reported that he would like to propose that the Parish Council Chairman's*



escort and previous Chairmen are given a badge to wear at civic functions. He has obtained costs for consideration at a future meeting.

**18/178 Relocation of the Allotments**

The Clerk confirmed that in the light of news from the Council's landlord this no longer needed to be a confidential item. The landlord has confirmed that it is unlikely that the existing site will need to be vacated before the end of 2018.

It was therefore agreed to issue a further three months' notice to quit to allotment tenants, which will expire on 31 December.

Nem Con

Standing orders were suspended in order for David Peden, Chairman of the Allotments Association to outline his concerns that although a three months' notice to December is not too problematic for allotment growers, it would be very regrettable to receive a further three months' notice in January, as then no crop planning, seed sowing or planting could take place, meaning that there would effectively be no allotment provision for the forthcoming 2019 growing season.

**18/179 Date and time of next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7.45pm (time subject to change).

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**ITEM 4 COMMITTEE MINUTES TO NOTE (separate document)**

**ITEM 5 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PARISH COUNCIL ITEMS		
201105	K9 Security - September security at rec.	720.00
201106	Fletchamoore - tarmacadam works at cemetery (25% deposit)	3987.90
201107	DAPTC - Clerks Seminar	70.00
201108	D J Andrews - Ford Ranger door repair	143.65
201109	Sage - Instant Accounts renewal	201.60
201110	Borough of Poole - grounds maintenance September & fertiliser app. in June	1699.20
dd 23.10.18	BT - quarterly rental & phone charges	465.74
dd 24.10.18	British Gas -monthly office electricity	74.16
dd 19.10.18	S Electric - streetlight energy September	47.05
dd 19.10.18	S Electric - cemetery electricity	17.92
dd 01.11.18	PWLB - quarterly loan repayment	5141.90
dd 01.11.18	EDDC - cemetery rates	235.00
dd 01.11.18	EDDC - office rates	360.00
dd 08.11.18	Siemens - quarterly copier lease rental	330.00
dd 15.10.18	UK Fuels - fuel	102.35
dd 29.10.18	Vodafone - sim card rental g'staff bldg.	9.84
card 03.10.18	Post Office - stamps	13.40
card 01.10.18	Easy Gate - rubber stops	24.48
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13644.19</b>

<b>VILLAGE HALL ITEMS</b>		
201111	White & Sons - tarmacadam drive and car park	23760.00
dd 15.10.18	Dual Energy - electricity usage September	124.10
dd 20.10.18	BT - payphone line rental & calls	68.51
card 05.10.18	Disc. Cleaning Supplies - litter picker	11.99
card 06.09.18	Reach Publishing - advert for cleaner	76.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24040.60</b>

## **ITEM 6 BANK RECONCILIATION**

<b>Bank reconciliation 30.09.18</b>		
Nat West current		23742.66
Scot Widows Business Deposit		500.79
Petty Cash		2.18
Cooperative current	68858.92	
less unrec. payments	19388.51	49470.41
Cooperative dep. a/c		2.84
Coop Charge Card		-300.18
Public Sector Deposit Fund		227795.18
<b>Total</b>		<b>301213.88</b>

## **ITEM 7 LATE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2017-18**

At the Finance & Administration Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018, it was agreed that a late application from the Phelipps Charity for £250, being the cost relating to the relaunch of the charity, could be considered at a future Council meeting, subject to receipt of the charity's accounts.

At the March Full Council it was reported that an application had been received, but that this was for grants to individuals applying to the charity. No accounts had been submitted, therefore it was agreed to consider the application once these had been received.

At the same meeting the Internal Auditor's report questioned whether the Phelipps Charity had demonstrated need for a grant, as the Internal Auditor had calculated that, based on the level of grants/vouchers the charity had given out, its reserves would cover 40 years' of future grants.

The Parish Council has just received a Receipts and Payments statement from the Charity on a template of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, rather than the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

It is not clear whether the committee of the Trustees has formally approved any annual financial statement or produced an annual Trustees' report.

The Charity (which is now just one charity, other branches or charities having been either deleted or amalgamated), has withdrawn all its investments and has all its monies in its day to day bank account. Total funds held at 31.12.17 were £15,316.38. Two grants were made in 2017 totalling £238.25.

The Charity is requesting a grant of £250 for this year's grants. There is sufficient provision within the budget to fund this.

**For decision.**

#### **ITEM 8 CHRISTMAS EVE**

Christmas Eve falls this year on a Monday and in view of this, the Council is asked to consider:

- a) That the last working day before Christmas will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December;
- b) That Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December is given as an extra day's leave to staff.

**For decision.**

#### **ITEM 9 CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**

The Council has permission to proceed to take over the electric pillar, upgrade it and connect it, and to allow the Carnival Committee to erect a lit Christmas tree at Windgreen.

Although a quotation has been received for the pillar upgrade and accepted, a connection quotation is awaited.

As it is only temporary, the County Council has agreed to some modest advertising, it is suggested on a single banner listing the sponsors.

It may now only be possible to commence this project in 2019.

**To note.**

#### **ITEM 10 PARISH COUNCIL PENDANTS**

The Parish Council Chairman has suggested that in the future, ex-Parish Council chairmen receive a badge/pendant in a similar design to the chain of office, and that in addition, a badge is provided for the Chairman's spouse/escort, the latter to be passed on with a change of Chairman with the chain of office.

The pendants could also be provided for long serving councillors/staff if desired. The cost is £80 + VAT each, minimum order of 10.

**For decision.**

#### **ITEM 11 DAPTC AGM MOTIONS**

The DAPTC motions are below and the Council is asked to consider how it wishes its representatives to vote on each on them.



# Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10th November 2018 - 10am

Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

### MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY MEMBER COUNCILS

#### **Motion 1** (from Beaminster Town Council)

**Beaminster Town Council propose that DAPTC urge NALC to lobby the Government to restore funding to Local Authorities to enable them to support (subsidise) bus services and other forms of public transport in rural areas**

*A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal.*

Since July 2017, subsidies from Dorset County Council (DCC) to local transport operators have been cut. Serious concerns have been voiced over reductions in the number of services supported by DCC from 35 down to just seven as it is forced to save another £1.85million. This has meant that, apart from school runs, buses have been withdrawn from large areas of Dorset. This has had the effect of isolating many members of the community, particularly the young and the elderly, who find themselves unable to travel to hospitals or doctors' surgeries, go shopping and socialise with friends and families and to make use of facilities outside their villages.

*B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).*

The No.6 service from Bridport to Yeovil only runs on the A3066 and avoids all villages not on this route. The number 40 service from Bridport to Yeovil includes Broadwindsor but is, otherwise, the same route as the no 6 service.

Netherbury and Salwayash are excluded from any bus service except for school transport at the start and end of the school day where available seats may be limited.  
No bus route is available on Saturdays.

The isolation caused by the lack of transport has meant that Beaminster Town Council has, in response to the outcry from the community, been forced to provide a bus service on Saturdays to enable members of the wider community, including nearby villages, to travel between Bridport and Crewkerne. This allows them to connect with the train services and buses on-going to Yeovil. Bridport Town Council is about to trial a bought-in service for its own surrounding villages which have been cut off from the towns in West Dorset. Although parish & town councils have the power to spend money on community transport, it is very difficult to maintain a bus service relying on volunteers as drivers and administrators.

#### **Motion 2** (from Bryanston Parish Council)

**For consideration of planning applications, can we propose that parish (and town) councils should be supported in being actively involved in all consultations between developers and planners, and directly involved in the resulting decision-making.**

*A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal.*

The current process feels like a pointless rubber-stamping exercise, rather than giving councils a valued input about planning applications that directly affect their residents.



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### **MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY MEMBER COUNCILS (Continued)**

*B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).*

Parish Councils are only involved as a consultee in planning applications in their parish, like any third party, rather than directly involved in discussions and decisions.

An opportunity to discuss an application with the planning officer responsible would enable residents' viewpoints to be discussed face to face and save numerous letters to the planning office, in response to notifications that are days old. This would probably only apply to a small number of applications but should be the norm for larger developments which would have an impact on the larger community.

For a larger development, it would save hours of work writing letters expressing concerns that merely seem to be filed on the *Dorsetforyou* website, with no reply or discussion.

#### **Motion 3 (from Chideock Parish Council)**

**Chideock Parish Council asks NALC to urgently lobby central government to completely overhaul how adult and child social care services are funded.**

*A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal.*

Currently the services are provided and funded by principal authorities. Many are reducing, axing or devolving services in order to have sufficient funding for adult and child social care services, and some are cutting the level of social care support provided due to lack of funding. Given the ageing population and the increased statutory social care demand for children, this can only get worse. The only solution which would ensure that there is uniform provision of good social care for all who need it is to shift the funding mechanism to central government.

*B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).*

This issue potentially affects any elector in any part of England.

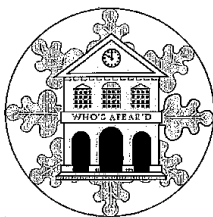
#### **Motion 4 (from Lyme Regis Town Council)**

**Lyme Regis Town Council would like NALC to continue to pursue the means for Town and Parish Councils to receive a percentage (e.g.5%) of Business Rates paid by businesses, within their town and parished areas.**

*A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal.*

Pressure from a reduction in services to residents in towns and parishes would be eased by receiving some income from business rates they don't currently receive, and also provide some real financial substance to the 'localism' initiative previously advocated by Government.

The income need is made more apparent when County and District councils invite Towns and Parishes to pick up the services and level of support they will no longer provide and the lower levels level councils of very much less means examine how the costs can be met within their relatively very small precepts.



## Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils

### Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10th November 2018 - 10am

Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

#### **MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY MEMBER COUNCILS (Continued)**

*B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).*

The reduction in services and support to residents in towns and parishes by District and County Councils, particularly in rural areas, puts new and raised pressures upon town and parish council resources as they try to fill the void for those they represent; often the most vulnerable.

#### **Motion 5 (from Silton Parish Meeting)**

**Chairmen of Parish Meetings to be provided with their own copies of their Parish Electoral Registers.**

*A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal.*

Para. 24 of NALC Legal Topic Note 6 (dated September 2014) states that "only local government electors for the parish may vote at an assembly of a parish meeting". However, The Electoral Registration Office have stated that the Silton Parish Meeting Chairman is not entitled to a copy of the Parish Electoral Register and so does not know who is entitled to vote and is therefore unable to comply with this requirement.

*B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).*

Parish Meetings may ask for a vote but the Chairman is unable to verify who is eligible to vote. The suggestion that electors could contact the Registration Office to receive written confirmation of their eligibility are impractical and unworkable as eligibility should be able to be confirmed at that point and not several weeks later.

#### **Motion 6 (from Studland Parish Council)**

**Studland Parish Council request that NALC lobby for legislation to require applicants for tree felling in Conservation Areas to supply reasons for such work in their applications.**

*A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal.*

Trees in Conservation areas are being removed often without any supported reason for removal. The loss of trees in the Conservation Area is affecting the visual panorama of the area. Tree felling applications in the Conservation Area, without any supporting reasons, are encouraging others to present tree felling without any explanations.

*B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).*

All Parishes and Town Councils in Dorset with Conservation Areas are affected by the issue.