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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL **HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH JULY 2022**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jane Bremner, Julie Leah, Katie Moore, Peter Noel (Chair), Martin Sayers, Judith Sheppard (Vice Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Tuck, Parish Clerk; Melissa Kirkby, Deputy Clerk; Belinda Bawden, Dorset Council Cllr.

FC22/65 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

Melanie Harvey, a candidate for co-option was present.

FC22/66 DORSET COUNCIL ISSUES

A report was given by Cllr Belinda Bawden which included the topics listed and is attached as Appendix A.

1. Financial Management Report
2. Local Plan update
3. Latest news
4. Consultations and Reviews
5. Forthcoming consultations
6. Events
7. Vision & Purpose
8. Issues to take to Dorset Council for Charmouth
9. Ward Member Communications

FC22/67 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andrew Lightfoot (previous engagement).

FC22/68 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

FC22/69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

FC22/70 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 24 May 2022, circulated to members were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

FC22/71 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were none.

FC22/72 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JUNE 2022

a) FS30.22a. Fireworks Policy

RESOLVED to approve the updated Fireworks Policy (as attached to the Foreshore Minutes).

b) Correspondence from CHCC regarding coastal defences and Shoreline Management Plan

Cllr Sheppard reported that a letter had been received from the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre about coastal erosion and the effects on the Factory Building. The Clerk confirmed that the previously produced Pathfinder report had been considered by the Council and that it had been decided not to pursue. The Clerk said that she would talk to the members about this previous report and other relevant information. The members agreed to a meeting after their talks with the Clerk and try and clarify answers to the questions asked by the CHCC.

FC22/73 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELD, CEMETERY AND STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JUNE 2022

No proposals.

FC22/74 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JULY 2022

a) Application No. P/TRD/2022/04294 Charmouth Primary School – G1 – Willow x 1 Full to ground level. T34 – Crack Willow – Re-coppice. T47 – Silver Birch – Fell to ground level. T74 – Monterey Pine – Fell to ground level. T88 – Scot’s Pine – Fell to ground level. T95 – Goat Willow – Re-coppice. T158 – Fell to ground level. T159 – Rowan – Fell to ground level. Approved - Tree Works - Reg 14 - Does not require consent so was just noted by the members.

FC22/75 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JULY 2022

a) FGP22/24 - Supplier Payments

June 2022

HMRC (PAYE)	£2,926.41	
Groves	187.15	
Screwfix	54.45	
Screwfix	94.96	
Joe Turner	119.17	
Cartridge Save	105.10	
Amazon	25.20	
Amazon	24.45	
Amazon	119.81	
Lyreco	60.41	
Bridport Building	65.92	
Sonder Digital	24.00	
The Doodle Cloud	143.28	
Shanies	120.00	
Flowbird	151.97	
Water 2 Business - Toilets	379.28	
Bridget C Bowen	430.00	
Mark Wickenden	564.76	
Peter Grinter	22.00	
Zurich	4809.64	
Garry Pitcher	29.98	
Morgans	24.78	
Axminster Garden Machinery	1019.10	
T Beviss	30.00	
Prospect Garage	324.04	
		£11,855.86
Online Payment		
Water 2 Business	360.60	£360.60
Already paid		
HAV Control Ltd	17.10	
Banana Print	11.90	
Keo Films Ltd	300.00	
Toolstation	39.96	
Start Safety UK	14.52	
		£383.48
		<hr/> £12,599.94

July 2022

HMRC (PAYE)	£2,343.94		BACS
Morgans	100.38		
Bridport Building Supplies	140.16		
Joe Turner	155.97		
A J Supplies	55.00		
Garry Pitcher	39.99		
Prospect Garage	201.15		
Shanie's	90.00		
Flowbird	121.40		
Axminster Tool Centre	9.80		
Yellowbox	45.85		
Creative Solutions	71.64		
C B Potts	163.84		
Proteck Products	493.20		
Flowbird	134.26		
Screwfix	64.97		
Peter Grinter	22.00		4253.55
Water 2 Business	49.73	Pay online	
ICO	40.00	Pay online	
			£4,343.28
Already paid			
Dave Humphrey	59.50	Paid 1/7	
Onecom	212.24	DD	
			£271.74
			<hr/> £4,615.02

RESOLVED to the approve the additional payments for July.

b) FGP22/25 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED to the approve the Bank Reconciliation up to the end of May 2022.

c) FGP22/26 Income and Expenditure against Budget

RESOLVED to approve the Income and Expenditure Budget for April and May 2022.

d) FGP22/28 Clerk's Report

- RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's Report.
- e) FGP22/29 Health and Safety Policy Statement/Manual

RESOLVED to approve the Health and Safety Policy Statement/Manual.

- f) FGP22/34(a) Purchase of a new tractor

The process for the purchase of the tractor:

After advice from the Council's Internal Auditor/DAPTC, it was

RESOLVED that in line with Financial Regulation 11.1 a) the process for the purchase of a new tractor is exempt from the tendering regulations as it is a specialised supply/proprietary article.

- g) FGP22/37(a) New Beach Huts (In Committee)
- h) FGP22/37(b) Chapel Roof (In Committee)
- i) FGP22/37(c) Tractor (In Committee)

FC22/76 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE HR COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 JULY 2022

- a) HR22/8(d) Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy

RESOLVED to approve the Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy (as attached to the HR Committee minutes).

- b) HR22/9 Update to Employee Handbook re Emergency-Dependant Leave.

It was agreed by the members that this item should be deferred to a future meeting to allow further updates regarding bereavement.

FC22/77 REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANISATIONS

- a) Nominate a representative for the River Char Project

The Environment Working Group had requested that the Council nominate a representative. It was

RESOLVED that Cllr Julie Leah be the representative on the River Char Project.

Post Meeting Note – Julie Leah was appointed as the Rep for the River Char Project in January 2022. A different rep now needs to be appointed for the Lower Char Community Project.

b) Vacant positions:

i) Twinning Association rep – due to resignation of Maralyn Hinxman.

Remained vacant.

ii) POPP rep – due to resignation of Maralyn Hinxman

RESOLVED that Cllr Judith Sheppard would be the representative to Dorset Partnership for Older People Project.

Post Meeting Note – it appears that POPP was a short term project which has now disbanded and therefore doesn't now require a representative.

iii) Charmouth Local History Society rep

Remained vacant.

FC22/78 COUNCILLORS

a) Resignation of Mrs Maralyn Hinxman

The Clerk confirmed that the Notice had been erected and confirmation received that no election has been called and therefore, the Council can proceed with co-option. New adverts will be circulated.

b) Withdrawal of application for co-option from Mrs Jacqui Polley

The Clerk reported that Mrs Polley had withdrawn her application for the time being due to ill health. This was noted by the members.

c) Application for co-option from Mrs Melanie Harvey

The Clerk reported that an application had been received for co-option by Melanie Harvey. She was very warmly welcomed and it was

RESOLVED that Melanie Harvey be co-opted to the Council and be assigned to the Foreshore and Emergency Committees. She will continue sitting on Emergency Plan Working Group.

FC22/79 EMERGENCY PLAN WG

Cllr Sheppard reported that the latest planned meeting had been postponed. A new date had been arranged for this table top exercise to test the flood plan. A further meeting will then be organised in September between the Working Group, volunteers and hopefully a representative of Dorset Council.

FC22/80 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANISATIONS OR REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

- a) Cllr Jane Bremner reported that she had been to the Annual Meeting of Bridport Citizen's Advice. Over 4,000 people have been helped from the Bridport office. Last year this had been very employment based but this year it had swung to be help with the cost of living, Ukraine refugee information and help with benefit reviews such as household support. To apply for benefits you need to be familiar with the internet and so lots of people use the Advice centre to help with their forms.
- b) Cllr Martin Sayers had attended the Bridport Local Area Partnership meeting. They had a presentation by Dorset Digital / Jurassic Fibre about fibre connection. As far as Charmouth is concerned they aren't doing anything but the village is on Openreach's list. They plan to serve Charmouth and Bridport with gigabit by 2026.
- c) Cllr Katie Moore had attended the meeting of the St Andrews Community Hall meeting. They are maintaining the building and are looking at increasing the number of solar panels. They are looking to increase the number of activities that they offer. They have now got Pickleball.

FC22/81 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR JUNE & JULY 2022

- Following notification from Julie Leah, owners of Seadown Holiday Park and Manor Farm were notified about Giant Hogweed on the river banks on their respective land. We are grateful that both took the issue seriously and acted very quickly to eradicate the problem.
- Julie Leah is asking whether someone would be attending the NALC Course on Empowering Communities. She suggested the Deputy Clerk might be interested.
- NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin/Newsletter received weekly and circulated
- Dorset Council latest news received weekly and circulated
- DAPTC E-News and Training News received weekly and circulated
- DAPTC:
 - Information on Tour of Britain which starts from West Bay and moves eastwards through Dorset;
 - Details of Dorset Shared Prosperity Fund;
 - Dorset Training E-News July-August;
 - New Legislation regarding Councillor Disqualification;
 - Updates from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service;
 - Working Together Webinar - Community Resilience & Severe Weather Planning;
 - Motions for DAPTC 2022 Annual General Meeting by 30 September:
 - Change of Email Address;
 - Congratulations on achieving DAPTC's 2021-22 single Star Award certificate;
 - Membership Survey;
 - Minutes from 26 May DAPTC WA meeting.
- BLAP (all info circulated to Martin Sayers/Peter Noel):
 - Bulletins: 19/07/22, 21/06/22, 07/06/22, 24/05/22;

- Parish Liaison agenda (13/07/22 mtg);
- BLAP Steering Group notes (09/06/22 mtg) and notification of next meeting on 08/09/22;
- BLAP Annual Assembly Minutes (31/5/22 mtg).
- NALC – Notification of Star Council Awards 2022.
- Cllr Belinda Bawden:
 - Proposed Temporary Road Closure of Stonebarrow Lane from 0930 and 1530 from 13 September 2022 until 14 September 2022 to allow for Western Power works;
 - Open Licensing Applications – whether those relating to Charmouth would be helpful and the possibility of a meeting;
 - Heatwave alert – circulated;
 - Road works reports;
 - U3A Sustainability & Net Zero Talk (as LRTC Councillor).
- Dorset Coast Forum:
 - DCF E-news – extra news!
 - DCF E News July.
- Dorset CAN - Dorset Deserves Better:
 - DDB Campaign asks questions at Dorset Council Full Meeting;
 - Energy Security Event 14-07-22.
- Char Valley PC
 - Reminder - Next River Char Event - 21st July 2022;
 - River Char Community Project - Wednesday 15th June.
- Dorset CPRE - May/June and July Newsletters.
- Dorset Council Email Scan alert.
- Dorset Council Notification of Temporary Road Closure for Charmouth Challenge.
- Active Places Newsletter June 2022.
- Flood Wessex Volunteers' Week 2022 – A Time To Say Thanks.
- Dorset Council Community Governance Review - Final Recommendations which don't include the request to include Stonebarrow Manor and Newlands Holiday Park within Charmouth Parish.
- Matthew Piles, Dorset Council Corporate Director Economic Growth & Infrastructure – assurance that the recent meeting on planning is just the start of ongoing communication with Towns and Parishes.
- Enquiries via website contact form:
 - 'A' Level Student visit and research;
 - Scattering of ashes;
 - How to request an election following the recent vacancy notification;
 - Replacement of cairn info plaque and trimming of tree in Jubilee Garden;
 - Witness of irresponsible fossiling;
 - Complaint about road stopping up at Old Lyme Road;
 - Taking horses on the beach;
 - Search for graves;
 - Damage to window by stone from strimmer – Magna thankfully!
 - Request for licence for a food outlet van at Charmouth Foreshore.
- St Andrew's Community Hall:
 - Notification of meeting on 5th July;

- Minutes of meeting on 3rd May.
- Citizen's Advice
 - Annual Report;
 - Annual General Meeting on Monday 11 July 2022 – Jane Bremner attended.
- Climate and Ecological Emergency Support:
 - Meeting Weds 20 July 7.30pm and Notes from June meeting;
 - Notes and presentation from May CEE support meeting and information for 16 June meeting.
- Photos of Cake and Cuppa event held thanks to the donation from CPC.
- Notification was sent to Dorset Council about an unstable wall at the front of 2 The Old School House, Lower Sea Lane – notice to repair has since been sent to the housing association.
- Information sought from Volunteering Dorset.

FC22/82 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Bremner spoke about the visit by the South West in Bloom judges on the 18th July. They spent three hours looking around the village and talking to people from various groups such as CHCC, Library, Morgans, St Andrew's House, History Society and the Gardening Club. They were very impressed with the lack of rubbish and dog mess as well as the tidiness of the village. The criteria for judging is based on horticulture, community involvement and bio diversity. They will have the official results in October. This year is just a starting point for the future.

FC22/83 IN COMMITTEE

- a) Proposal from F&GP Committee - FGP22/37(a) New Beach Huts

Due to the continuing problems with the beach huts quotes had been obtained for better quality huts. It was proposed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Poultons Dorset to replace seven beach huts (Green 5-11) at a cost of £2796 plus VAT per hut. At total of £18,851.00 plus VAT, and to allow a 15% contingency. The funds will come from the current Replacement Beach Hut Budget of £4000 and the remainder from Ear Marked Reserves FSH6 Foreshore Hut Replacement. Implementation would be at the end of Sept when the current rental period ends.

- b) Proposal from F&GP Committee - FGP22/37(b) Chapel Roof

Further to receipt of quotes/recommendation from the Council's appointed agent, Daryl Chambers (Bridport TC Surveyor), it was

RESOLVED to accept the quotes for scaffolding and roofing from O'Brien Roofing amounting to a total cost of £7943.70 plus VAT. It was also resolved to allow up to £10000 to allow for gutters and fascia repair/replacement as identified after the specification had been drawn up. The funds will come from the current

budget of £5000 and up to £5000 from General Reserve GEN6 (up to £15000 agreed from this fund in May 2022).

c) Proposal from F&GP Committee – FGP22/37(c) Tractor

The acceptance of the offer/quote for the purchase of the tractor:

Further to receipt of two quotes, it was

RESOLVED to accept the independent offer for the purchase of the Council's existing tractor of £8500 plus VAT (as opposed to £8000 plus VAT trade in offer) and to purchase outright the "in stock" New Holland tractor from Francis Buglers at a cost of £38950 plus VAT. This expenditure would be allocated as follows - £8500 from sale of existing; £5000 from current year's budgets; £15000 from General Reserve GEN6 (previously agreed May 2022); balance of £10450 from General Reserve MC1.

d) Termination of Tenancy at Will

Notice from the tenants had been received to terminate the Tenancy at Will on Room 2, The Elms 2nd Floor on 30 September 2022 – rented for 7 months not a year as initially stated. It was agreed to instruct Martin Diplock to re-advertise.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

APPENDIX A - Report on Dorset Council to Charmouth Parish Council – 26 July 2022

1. Financial Management Report

At the Cabinet meeting on 26 July, the Quarter 1 financial management report 2022/23 was discussed.

The Council's budget requirement is £331.6m and was funded from rural services delivery grant (£2.5m), new homes bonus (£3.8m), business rates (£46.3m) and council tax (£279m).

2021/22 ended with a very small overspend and this brought the Council into the current year in a relatively confident planning position..... Risk remains and needs careful monitoring and reporting during the year. At the time of writing, CPI inflation in the UK has reached 9.1% and this is widely expected to rise further.....

.... The Council's budget is essentially fixed in cash terms and its ability to raise income is limited. There are national controls in place around council tax and business rates and ability to generate income from trading is relatively limited in the short-term as well as potentially at odds with wider economic development ambitions....

..... There are also major policy changes within our planning horizon – such as the social care funding reforms and work on education funding formulae. There is also significant political turbulence and the volatility around ministerial offices will make setting and implementing policy extremely challenging...

.... Significant changes in the way the Council does business are also on the horizon, most significantly in the form of the adult social care reforms, but also through a raft of other changes announced through the Queen's Speech. These come on top of local and national circumstances for social care, which are proving extremely challenging for all councils but more intensely for areas like Dorset where the demographic means a compounding of national concerns due to a localised concentration of those factors. All of these have made it necessary for the S151 Officer, the Council's Chief Finance Officer, to raise the risk assessment to high.

At the end of Quarter 1, the Council is forecasting net budget pressures of £6.576m

The 2021/22 draft outturn report set out Cabinet's agreed, strategic approach to reserves management. Dorset Council therefore started the current financial year with a general fund balance of £33.2m and a further set of aligned, earmarked reserves was summarised in that document.

Any overspend for the year falls to the general fund to finance, although the Council has a contingency budget of £8.7m in place, established during the budget process for the current year and this will help mitigate some volume of price increases and unforeseen events with financial impact.

However, whilst the Council's position is sound and gives a good starting point for the development of the MTFP, the issue of the accumulated overspend on the High Needs Block (HNB) of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) remains. In March 2022, the Department of Education (DfE) and Dorset Council signed a £42m agreement to eradicate Dorset's cumulative DSG deficit by 2025/26.

Financial planning, strategy and the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

The Council will shortly start the process of refreshing the MTFP and developing the budget strategy for 2023/24. Recent budget rounds have seen significant turbulence and volatility, and the backdrop to setting the budget for next year is likely to be very similar, with uncertainty around prices, markets and labour conditions.

The first update of the refreshed update of the MTFP financial model will come to Cabinet in October for endorsement of the planning assumptions for the year ahead as well as the longer-term financial planning horizon.

2. Local Plan update

The projected adoption date has been moved back by two years until 2026 and the government has agreed that Dorset can pilot a new methodology for the local plan process which aims to ensure a plan that is more reflective of local needs and priorities and is less driven by centrally-generated housing numbers. Responses from the public consultation and the need to co-ordinate the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan will be reflected in the revised Local Plan. Dorset Council sounds optimistic that the government will protect it from the risk of unplanned development in the absence of a Local Plan but recognises the risk the current political uncertainty creates.

The statement sets out Dorset Council's stated planning aims and ambitions.

<https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2022/07/26/dorset-council-local-plan-cabinet-update/>

3. Latest news

New footpath between Charmouth and Lyme has new signage

<https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2022/07/21/new-sections-of-the-dorset-coast-path-for-walkers-to-enjoy/>

Free swimming for Under 16s in Dorset <https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2022/07/16/free-swimming-for-children-and-young-people-this-summer-holiday/>

Families who are looking for a wider range of summer activities can also take part in Summer in Dorset, a wide and vibrant collection of enriching activities that all include a nutritious meal. Young people who are eligible for benefit-related Free school meals, can access all Summer in Dorset free of charge.

If you have any questions regarding the free summer swimming offer or Summer in Dorset, please contact holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

4. PSPOs taking effect recently

The Lyme Regis Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022.

The Order creates offences relating to: Consumption of alcohol, Intentional feeding of gulls and anti-social behaviour within the controlled zone. The Order was made on 19 May 2022 and will come into force on the 1 July 2022 and will expire on the 30 June 2025.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour/public-space-protection-orders-for-anti-social-behaviour>

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/2662975/3.+Lyme+Regis+ASB+PSPO+2022+FINAL+19.05.22.pdf/fbd280b7-c61a-8c60-bd5f-87758aa83db8>

The Dorset Open Land Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022.

The Order creates offences relating to lighting of fires within the Ringwood, Wareham East and Wareham West controlled zones. The Order was made on 19 May 2022 and will come into force on the 1 July 2022 and will expire on the 30 June 2025.

<https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2022/07/01/dorset-a-no-go-area-for-bbqs-and-campfires-as-new-fines-come-into-force/>

5. Consultations and Reviews

Community Governance Review

Lyme Regis & Charmouth – no change

Changes in Bridport area agreed.

Weymouth area proposals deferred for further discussions.

Library Strategy Consultation

1st phase – Oct 21 to Jan 22 – over 7,500 submissions received, 6 school workshops, 40 research interviews. Main findings already published e.g.

- Over 90% still visit buildings
- Online access doesn't reduce use of physical libraries

DCMS Library Strategy for England informs Dorset Council's process – Libraries team met DCMS 20 July.

An abridged strategy with an embedded survey will go out & focused consultation will take place over the summer, including Friends of Libraries groups and an update for DAPTC 1st August.

Let's Talk Libraries Phase 2 of the public consultation will run from autumn to winter.

Community-run libraries are very much part of the DC strategy and key to their service provision.

6. Forthcoming consultations

Dorset Council Bus Improvements Survey – closes 11 September 2022

7. Forward Plan

The Forward Plan for the Cabinet in September includes:

Additional Procurement Forward Plan Report - over £500k (2022 - 2023)

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership

Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Libraries Review

In October, the following will be considered:

Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and budget strategy

Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Children's Services

Browse forward plans - Dorset Council

8. Events

Dorset Year of Culture 2023

9. Vision & Purpose

At Dorset Council we:

- are an advocate for Dorset on a local, national and global stage
- we work together with our communities and our partners to make things happen
- put people first and design services around their needs now and in future
- are open, accessible and accountable
- use time and money wisely
- value people and build on their strengths

Dorset Council's Plan 2022-2024

Key Cabinet Commitments

Working on your behalf, we will ensure that we achieve the best outcomes, continuing to lobby Ministers and Dorset MPs on a regular basis to ensure a fairer deal for Dorset.

To achieve our vision for 2024 we will:

Dorset Local Plan – Take a different approach to Local Plan preparation by being far more strategic, including a two-year extension for having an approved plan. We will continue to work with Homes England and the New Communities Team to deliver a sustainable garden town in Dorset.

Housing for local people - Develop stronger relationships with registered providers (including housing associations), working together to deliver affordable housing to rent. We will build on our investment in council owned temporary accommodation to substantially reduce the dependence on bed and breakfast for those who are homeless and need short-term accommodation.

Climate and Ecological Strategy – Deliver on our agreed policy and commitments and attract government funding to enable us to meet our net zero target by 2040.

Adult Social Care – Change the way we deliver services to ensure we respond to increased demand at a stable and affordable cost.

Children’s Services – Continue to roll out our £37.5m Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) investment programme and undertake the objectives set out in our 2020-2023 Children’s Plan and the Strategic Alliance for Children & Young People.

Assets and Property – Drive our disposal and repurposing programme and maximise the potential of the Dorset Centre of Excellence in Shaftesbury.

Shaping the Integrated Care System – Get a better deal for the council in the partnership that will ensure the best outcomes for those who need our support and achieve affordable costs to the council and the NHS.

Community Safety – Work closely with Dorset Police to ensure we achieve the best outcomes when dealing with local crime and anti-social behaviour. We will work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to make Dorset the safest county in the country.

County Deal – Work with Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Council and Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to bid for a County Deal agreement with the government which will enhance and drive economic development, the skills agenda, and attract additional government funding.

Digital Innovation – Continue to pioneer new technologies and create the foundations for long-term economic prosperity. We will work to safeguard and encourage job retention and growth, working with the private sector.

Dorset Council Refresh – reported to Cabinet 26 July

The main changes to the Dorset Council Plan are as follows with 6 priorities changed and condensed to 5 priorities:

- a) ‘Economic growth’ changed to ‘driving economic prosperity’
- b) ‘Unique environment’ and ‘climate and ecology’ merged to a single new priority ‘protecting our natural environment, climate and ecology’
- c) ‘Suitable housing’ changed to ‘creating sustainable development and housing’ which also now incorporates more of our work on the Local Plan as well as housing
- d) ‘Strong healthy communities’ and ‘staying safe and well’ merged into a single priority for ‘creating stronger, healthier communities’
- e) Creation of a new priority ‘becoming a more responsive, customer focused council’

Help for Residents

Dorset Household Support Grant Opened 6 June, run by Citizens Advice

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents>

Access to Food – Social Supermarkets - Community Stores, Food Banks, Free School Meals, Community Fridges, NHS Healthy Start Schemes, Help with Shopping & Prescription delivery

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents/access-to-food>

Issues to take to Dorset Council for Charmouth

Beach steps

Footpaths

Wooden bridge over river

Engine idling outside primary school and shops

Speed limits, especially in The Street

Individual case studies

Ward Member Communications

Monthly surgery in Charmouth Library – usually last Monday in the month but the next one will be Monday 22nd August. I'm also planning to go to the Holland Room in the Magna area to be accessible to residents there from September.

Social media – I post Dorset Council notices on Facebook Charmouth notice board; also Green Group if relevant. Are there other social media groups or pages I should post to & communicate with?

Green Party leaflet was delivered at the end of July.

Suggestions for other communications platforms or printed media are very welcome, but bearing in mind:

- We only have one ward member for Lyme Regis & Charmouth but we are now a team of five on Dorset Council and do have a voice.
- The Green Party has to fundraise locally for our printed materials – we simply don't have the resources the big parties have.
- Dorset Council as an organisation is politically neutral and I have been advised that it is important that their communications reflect political opposition as well as support rather than risk always being seen as a mouthpiece for the majority party, so if people are not happy with policies or actions, please let me know.

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