

Purbeck District Council April 2014 Report

Elections May 22nd

There are going to be three different elections on Thursday May 22nd. Your Parish Council is up for election which is 11 people but as well as this there is a District Council election and the national European election (for which you can vote for more than one person) – so you may be casting 15 or more different votes on probably three different ballot papers! The last date for applying for a postal vote is 7th May but please apply earlier than that if you are going to be away. You can apply for a postal vote for this one election or for a period of time that you specify. If you want to be part of the democratic process of electing your representatives for the Parish, District and country and you think there is any chance of being away I urge you to register for a postal vote now.

New Waste Collection Scheme

Thank you to everyone who has embraced this scheme so enthusiastically, the first few weeks have gone reasonably well and we hope that any teething troubles will be short! If you need assistance with regard to the new recycling scheme please contact the web site www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset or telephone on 01305 221040 if you cannot get an answer on the normal help lines you can phone the PDC switchboard (01929 – 556561).

There appears to be a rumour going round that the recycling centre in Westminster Road Wareham is changing what you are allowed to take in following the introduction of the new recycling scheme. I am absolutely assured that this is not the case. There will be a small reduction in the number of public recycling bins throughout the County and I will report on this next month.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Purbeck District Council has just adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule ready for implementation on 5 June 2014. CIL is a charge which is applied to development to help fund infrastructure required to accommodate growth in Purbeck. The CIL Schedule listing the charges for different planning uses and geographical areas is currently available on the website at <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/Purbeck/CILExamination> . The website is being updated shortly to include a guide for developers and applicants and links to national guidance and the CIL forms on the Planning Portal at <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeck-community-infrastructure-levy> .

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

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