

# Purbeck District Council March 2014 Report

## Council Tax

Council Tax is yet to be agreed as I write this article but it seems likely that it will rise by 1.95%. This is likely to be the total rise when added to County, Police and Fire precepts.

## Proposed Minerals Extraction at Philliols Farm (Reference AS12)

I spoke at some length at the Parish Council Meeting about this application to extract Gravel from this site that has been lodged by the landowner. I have submitted the following formal response as the County Councillor for the area.

The site should be deleted as it is unsuitable on many different levels.

1. Potentially significant deleterious impact on surface and groundwater systems in the area.
2. Residences in the vicinity will be severely and negatively impacted
3. The farm is an effective long standing working farm which should not be lost for temporary gain and then permanent loss
4. There will be significant deleterious impact on a wide variety of species some protected, particularly the fairy shrimp
5. There will be widespread and deleterious landscape impact throughout the area that will be difficult if not impossible to mitigate

## The new waste collection scheme - good news for the environment

Savings of over £1.4m p.a. for Dorset residents were achieved in the first year and the Dorset Waste Partnership is on track to achieve £2m annual savings for rate payers by 2015. Our new 'recycle for Dorset' service starts in Purbeck District in the w/c 3rd March when 41,000 more households will benefit from being able to recycle a wider range of materials, with a weekly food waste collection and an optional garden waste collection. With the new system you need to separate the recycled materials and food waste from the residual waste for landfill. The recyclable waste will be put into your old waste wheelie bin and your residual waste goes in the new smaller wheelie bin. You will now be able to recycle plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, thick or thin cardboard, paper and small amounts of shredded paper, but please do not put any recycling in plastic bags. Your old green recycling box will now only be used to collect any glass bottles; this separation of glass is to stop any broken glass contaminating other recycled materials. Our weekly collection of cooked or uncooked food waste goes in the larger of the two new brown bins and the small caddy is for collecting the food in the kitchen. The new 'recycle for Dorset' scheme will dramatically reduce the amount of your waste going to landfill. With 94,000 households already using the service their recycling rate has doubled to more than 62% and the amount of waste going to landfill has reduced to less than 5%. We hope to do even better in Purbeck.

You should by now have received a leaflet with your new smaller wheelie bin and food waste containers plus your new collection dates calendar: if not or to find out more please visit <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset/about> where you can report problems and find answers and you can telephone 01305 221040 but please only if really essential.

## 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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