

Dorset County Council November 2014 Report

Boundaries

There are plans to redraw the boundaries between the five divisions in Purbeck to achieve greater electoral equality which has become unbalanced caused by population movements. This is led by Central Government who have asked the County Council to come up with some proposals to correct the imbalances. Any changes would take effect at the next election in 2017. Although the division of Egdon Heath is currently in balance, County have decided to change (of necessity) a number of other divisions which in turn has had a knock on effect on Egdon Heath. Currently the division includes Wool, Chaldon Herring, Moreton and Winfrith but the new proposal deletes these and puts in their place Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers. The Parishes of Bere Regis, Affpuddle, Bloxworth and Morden remain in the division. I am consulting with all the affected Parishes before I pass my opinion on it but if you want to respond there is a consultation opportunity on the Dorset for you website. Clearly the name would probably change as well.

Mineral Extraction

There have been some new sites added (by landowners) for consideration for Minerals extraction which will be incorporated into a further stage of consultation. Given the controversial nature of minerals sites the consultation would be at a sensitive time for councillors involved in local elections (not DCC, but all of Poole and Bournemouth as well as district elections in parts of Dorset). For these reasons the decision has been taken to postpone the consultation until late spring/early summer 2015. The aim will be for all consultation documents to be available for consideration by the public as soon as possible after the elections.

There is a newsletter that Officers are preparing to bring stakeholders up to date with the progress of the situation. This will shortly be put on the Dorset website. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the minerals team. Contact details of the relevant officers are:

Mineral Sites Plan:

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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. and at Wool in Knowlewood Knapp communal lounge at 11.30. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Dorset County 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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