



BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

C/O WARDON HILL FARM, LONG ASH LANE, DORCHESTER, DORSET, DT2 9PW

CLERK: MRS AMANDA CROCKER

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Dear Councillor

6th April 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th April 2025. This meeting will be held at the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis commencing 7pm. Members of the press and public are welcome.

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AGENDA

1. Period of public participation
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To co-opt a new Parish Councillor
4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2025
5. Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda
6. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and review dispensations received
7. Dorset Councillors' Report – attached
8. Key Topics
 - (a) To receive an update on the VE Day celebrations
 - (b) Neighbourhood Plan Review update
9. Finance
 - (a) To approve monthly expenditure – report attached
 - (b) To agree the bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2025
 - (c) To agree the position against budget as 31st March 2025
 - (d) To agree the renewal of the accounts and cemetery package for a further 5 years at a cost of £652.50 per annum – to include support and data backups
10. Planning & Housing
 - (a) To consider planning applications:
 - P/HOU/2025/01346 48 West Street – Erect a single storey rear extension to existing garage, demolish existing structure
 - P/VOC/2025/01567 73 West Street – Demolition of workshop and replace with 1 bed dwelling and plot separation (with variation to condition 7 of planning permission P/VOC/204/07437 to enable use of Heritage Flush Semfenester double glazed units in Anthracite)
 - P/FUL/2025/01365 Rogers Hill Farm – Repowering of the existing Rogers Hill wind turbine with a larger wind turbine
 - P/LBC/2025/00386 15 North Street
 - 1. Repair broken roof truss in bedroom one; 2. Remove chimney 2, make good thatch
 - P/HOU/2025/01853 6 Rye Hill Close – Erect two storey side extension
11. Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
 - (a) To review the Tree Hazard Review – to agree the next phase of tree work
 - (b) To receive an update on the EV charges
 - (c) Defects
12. Environment and Conservation
13. Police, Traffic and Roads
14. Community Liaison
 - (a) To receive an update on the new Communibus
15. Children & Youth
 - (b) To receive an update on the play park replacement

16. Correspondence received since the agenda was set
17. To receive the Clerk's Report and reports from Councillors on items not covered by the agenda
18. Items to be included in the Parish Magazine
19. Items for the May meeting – including the Annual Parish Meeting

Dorset Council Report April 2025

We hope that you find the following report interesting and informative - please do circulate with your networks.

Laura Beddow and Mike Baker

Dorset Councillors for West Purbeck

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Local Notes

First, congratulations to Wool on their successful Neighbourhood Plan referendum. The 'yes' vote was 96% reflecting the excellent work done in both producing and publicising the plan. If you haven't already done so, it's well worth a read <https://www.woolparishnp.com/>

Dorset Council recently hosted an excellent Digital Showcase at the Dorset Innovation Park; this is Dorset's only Enterprise Zone and it's great to have this facility in West Purbeck. A new arm's length company (owned by the council) will soon take over management of the park, with the aim of creating hundreds of new jobs, boosting investment and growing the local economy. Find out more here: [Dorset Innovation Park set for major transformation under new management company - Dorset Council](#)

We are continuing to work with local stakeholders to improve bus services in the ward; it's not as straightforward as it sounds, but the mood music is now quite positive.

Best regards,

Laura & Mike

Useful links for residents:

Report a missed bin [Missed bin collection - Dorset Council](#)

Reporting road issues [Verges, trees and hedges - Dorset Council](#)

Cost of living support [Cost of living help - Dorset Council](#)

Tree management [Tree Management - Dorset Council](#)

ASB reporting [Anti-social behaviour - Dorset Council](#)

News from Dorset Council

Dorset is gearing up for VE Day Celebrations

Starting on the bank holiday 5 May, Dorset will join the nation in celebrating the 80th anniversaries of [Victory in Europe \(VE\) Day](#) and [Victory over Japan \(VJ\) Day](#).

Street parties, picnics, and barbecues will be held across the country echoing the jubilant celebrations from 80 years ago.

While VE Day falls on 8 May, the celebrations start early. Bank holiday Monday, 5 May, is all about bringing communities together.

Dorset Council want to encourage communities, businesses and schools to host their own events, including street parties, exhibitions, and educational activities in the spirit of the 1945 celebrations. See more [here](#).

Town and Parish Councils across Dorset will also be organising their own events, so check your local information sites to see what's happening near you.

New modular homes for ex-rough sleepers

Five new multicoloured self-contained modular flats for former rough sleepers have been unveiled, as charity The Bus Shelter Project and Dorset Council prepare to welcome new tenants to start the next step of their journey towards living independently.

The flats have been purchased by the council as 'moving-on' units, also known as Phase 2, so people who have already successfully engaged in the Bus Shelter's support programme can access the service if they need to.

They were craned into position last month and the first guests will be getting the keys to their new accommodation this week.

You can read about the fabulous units and scheme here [New modular homes for ex-rough sleepers are streets ahead - Dorset Council](#)

Councillors support approach to double the number of affordable homes

Councillors have voted today to support an increase in the supply of affordable homes in Dorset. This will be achieved through use of council-owned land and buildings and by leasing more homes across the county. A plan to supply 100 homes to be used for temporary accommodation for family and single households within 12 months will start first.

The plans will help to reduce the numbers of people waiting on the housing register.

The approach will double the number of new homes built each year by working alongside our Registered Provider partners who currently build around 460 new homes a year.

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/new-models-for-housing-delivery

Dorset Integrated Prevention Partnerships (DIPPs): A Beacon of Support for the Community

Dorset residents facing periods of uncertainty, short-term illness or life crises such as mental health challenges or bereavement, are being given a helping hand through a new network of support from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.

The Dorset Integrated Prevention Partnership (DIPPs) network is a collaborative partnership of five organisations working together to deliver a wide range of support to help residents who may not be eligible for formal support from Adult Social Care. The five - Help and Kindness, The You Trust, The Lantern Trust, Volunteer Centre Dorset, and Shelter - are bringing their expertise to ensure people receive the best possible support.

[Dorset Integrated Prevention Partnerships \(DIPPs\): A Beacon of Support for the Community - Dorset Council](#)

Bere Regis Parish Council
Payments Requested - April 2025

Invoice					
Date	Pay Ref	Payee	Comments	Total	
BACS Payments					
17.03.25	D/c	Blandford TC	Photocopying	6.48	
16.03.25	BACS277	Ian Ventham	March Lunch Club food purchases	162.58	
10.04.25	BACS278	R Morrall	NeighbourCar trips 3rd, 12th & 14th March	41.40	
01.04.25	BACS279	CloudyIT	April 2025 monthly support	104.28	
01.04.25	BACS280	A Lynam	March Lunch Club food purchases	36.10	
01.04.25	BACS281	A Pattison	Refund of allotment overpayment	17.00	
01.04.25	BACS282	A King	Lengthsman - March 2025	2450.00	
06.04.25	BACS283	DC Pension Fund	Pension contributions - April 2025	321.20	
01.04.25	BACS284	Print In the Bag	VE Day printing	59.00	
01.04.25	BACS285	A Pattison	NeighbourCar trips Feb 24 to Jan 25	76.50	
01.04.25	BACS286	Wessex Water	Stand pipe at cemetery 01.04.25 to 31.03.26	218.00	
01.04.25	BACS287	Andrea Pellegram	NP Review consultants	3976.30	
01.04.25	BACS288	AG Tree Services	Priority 2 tree work	840.00	
01.04.25	BACS289	D Fairhurst	Mileage Jan to March 2025	77.85	
06.04.25	BACS290	A Crocker	April 2025 salary + expenses	971.96	
				0.00	
		Total amount requested		9358.65	

Bank Position as at 31.03.25

Opening balances	7165621	4244.15	
	00155779	615.85	
	PSDF	198817.49	
			203677.49
Income for the month			
Account interest		699.77	
NeighbourCar		321.00	
Communibus		160.00	
Distgen		2261.04	
Allotments		632.60	
Cemetery income		260.00	
VAT refund			4334.41
Expenditure			
Lunch Club		192.86	
NeighbourCar		17.10	
Communibus		230.17	
Allotments		46.20	
Council		4743.80	
			5230.13
			<u>202781.77</u>
07165621		7118.81	
00155779		8149.32	
PSDF		187513.64	
			<u>202781.77</u>
Balance on accounts			<u>202781.77</u>
			0.00

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		2024/2025	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME				
Council				
100	Precept	£76,400.00	£76,400.00	£0.00
Total Council		£76,400.00	£76,400.00	£0.00
Council Administration				
200	Council Administration			
200/1	Bank Account Interest	£1,000.00	£8,294.03	£7,294.03
200/2	Grants Received	£0.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
200/3	Christmas Tree Income	£0.00	£672.50	£672.50
200/4	CIL Receipts	£0.00	£1,364.05	£1,364.05
200/5	Windturbine Income	£0.00	£14,791.17	£14,791.17
200/6	Miscellaneous Income	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Total Council Administration		£1,000.00	£36,321.75	£35,321.75
Cemetery				
300/1	Grave Purchases			
300/1/1	Earthen Grave	£3,500.00	£472.00	-£3,028.00
300/1/2	Cremated Remains	£0.00	£260.00	£260.00
300/2	Interment Fees			
300/2/2	Interment - over 12	£0.00	£1,080.00	£1,080.00
300/3	Monuments			
300/3/1	Erect a monument on a grave	£500.00	£0.00	-£500.00
300/3/2	Erect a monument over ashes	£0.00	£72.00	£72.00
Total Cemetery		£4,000.00	£1,884.00	-£2,116.00
NeighbourCar				
400/1	Mileage	£0.00	£1,758.70	£1,758.70
400/2	NeighbourCar Donations	£0.00	£83.00	£83.00
400/3	NeighbourCar Registration Fees	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00
400/4	NeighbourCar Grants Received	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Total NeighbourCar		£0.00	£3,861.70	£3,861.70
Salt & Pepper Lunch Club				
500/1	Lunch Receipts	£0.00	£2,676.00	£2,676.00
500/3	Lunch Club Donations	£0.00	£16.05	£16.05
500/4	Lunch Club takeaway meals	£0.00	£210.00	£210.00
Total Salt & Pepper Lunch Club		£0.00	£2,902.05	£2,902.05
CommuniBus				
600/2	Trip Fees	£0.00	£3,179.00	£3,179.00
600/5	Donations Received	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Total CommuniBus		£0.00	£3,429.00	£3,429.00
Allotments				
800/1	Allotment rental income	£979.20	£1,190.80	£211.60
Total Allotments		£979.20	£1,190.80	£211.60
Total Income		£82,379.20	£125,989.30	£43,610.10

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		2024/2025	Actual Net	Balance
EXPENDITURE				
Council Administration				
2000	Council Staff Costs			
2000/1/1	Staff Salaries	£12,978.00	£14,015.70	-£1,037.70
2000/1/2	Employers NI	£350.00	£678.99	-£328.99
2000/1/5	Employer Pension Contributions	£2,855.00	£3,083.52	-£228.52
2000	Total	£16,183.00	£17,778.21	-£1,595.21
2001	Council Office Costs			
2001/1	Insurance	£2,500.00	£2,061.47	£438.53
2001/2/1	Stationery	£600.00	£621.43	-£21.43
2001/2/2	Postage	£1,000.00	£72.05	£927.95
2001/2/3	Computer Costs	£3,750.00	£1,295.71	£2,454.29
2001/2/4	Telephones	£500.00	£303.36	£196.64
2001/2/5	Bank Charges	£0.00	£12.77	-£12.77
2001/2	Total	£5,850.00	£2,305.32	£3,544.68
2001/3	Mileage			
2001/3/1	Mileage - Staff	£400.00	£603.64	-£203.64
2001/3	Total	£400.00	£603.64	-£203.64
2001/4	Training			
2001/4/1	Training - Staff	£500.00	£178.50	£321.50
2001/4/2	Training - Councillors	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
2001/4	Total	£1,000.00	£178.50	£821.50
2001/5	Subscriptions			
2001/5/1	DAPTC	£605.00	£612.47	-£7.47
2001/5/2	Other	£130.00	£207.67	-£77.67
2001/5	Total	£735.00	£820.14	-£85.14
2001/6	Software Support	£800.00	£1,927.59	-£1,127.59
2001	Total	£11,285.00	£7,896.66	£3,388.34
2002	Council Audit Fee			
2002/1	Internal Audit Fees	£400.00	£303.96	£96.04
2002/2	External Audit Fees	£375.00	£315.00	£60.00
2002	Total	£775.00	£618.96	£156.04
2003	Play Area Costs			
2003/1	Annual Inspection Fees	£75.00	£82.50	-£7.50
2003/2	Surface Replacement	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2003/3	Path Renewal	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2003/4	Play Equipment Replacement	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2003/5	Play Equipment Repairs	£2,000.00	£998.43	£1,001.57
2003/6	Play area general	£1,000.00	£32.76	£967.24
2003	Total	£5,075.00	£1,113.69	£3,961.31

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Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		2024/2025	Actual Net	Balance
Lengthsman				
2004/1	Cemetery Maintenance	£0.00	£7,586.18	-£7,586.18
2004/2	Rights of Way	£0.00	£1,781.57	-£1,781.57
2004/4	Play Area Maintenance	£0.00	£2,047.50	-£2,047.50
2004/5	Litter Picking	£0.00	£3,486.91	-£3,486.91
2004/6/1	Elder Road	£0.00	£2,581.26	-£2,581.26
2004/6/2	Souls Moor	£0.00	£1,378.13	-£1,378.13
2004/6/3	Verges	£0.00	£5,385.63	-£5,385.63
2004/7	Central Car Park	£0.00	£354.38	-£354.38
2004/8	Hedges & Treework	£0.00	£5,048.77	-£5,048.77
2004/9	Miscellaneous Jobs	£34,000.00	£457.54	£33,542.46
2004	Total	£34,000.00	£30,107.87	£3,892.13
2005	Wild Life Group	£300.00	£348.10	-£48.10
2006	General Costs			
2006/1/1	Drax Hall Hire	£600.00	£345.00	£255.00
2006/1	Total	£600.00	£345.00	£255.00
2006/2	Election Costs	£1,000.00	£50.00	£950.00
2006/3	Advertising	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
2006/5	Churchyard Maintenance	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
2006/6	Christmas Tree			
2006/6/2	Christmas Trees Purchase	£0.00	£882.00	-£882.00
2006/6	Total	£0.00	£882.00	-£882.00
2006/7	Miscellaneous Costs	£2,000.00	£1,881.25	£118.75
2006/8	Defibrillator Costs	£0.00	£81.18	-£81.18
2006	Total	£4,600.00	£3,239.43	£1,360.57
2007	Projects & Events			
2007/1	Winter Contingencies	£0.00	£825.13	-£825.13
2007/2	Notice & Information Boards	£1,500.00	£220.00	£1,280.00
2007/3	Remembrance Sunday	£500.00	£570.90	-£70.90
2007/4	NeighbourHood Plan Review	£1,000.00	£6,408.15	-£5,408.15
2007/5	Treeworks	£2,000.00	£1,105.00	£895.00
2007/6	Pathway upgrades	£500.00	£458.02	£41.98
2007/7	Community Speed Watch	£1,000.00	£3,415.00	-£2,415.00
2007/8	Village Events	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
2007/9	Distgen Grant payments	£0.00	£3,501.67	-£3,501.67
2007	Total	£7,000.00	£16,503.87	-£9,503.87
2008	Central Car Park			
2008/1	Central Car Park Rates	£0.00	£7,389.81	-£7,389.81
2008	Total	£0.00	£7,389.81	-£7,389.81
Total Council Administration		£79,218.00	£84,996.60	-£5,778.60

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Cemetery				
3000	Cemetery Operating Costs			
3000/1/4	General repairs and maintenance	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
3000/2	Cemetery Water Charges	£210.00	£105.50	£104.50
3000/3/2	Cemetery Administration mapping	£0.00	£85.00	-£85.00
Total Cemetery		£1,710.00	£190.50	£1,519.50
NeighbourCar				
4000/1	Mileage			
4000/1/1	Mileage -Paid	£0.00	£1,119.42	-£1,119.42
4000/1/2	Mileage - FOC	£0.00	£122.40	-£122.40
4000/3/1	Telephone	£0.00	£593.74	-£593.74
4000/3/2	Advertising	£0.00	£252.25	-£252.25
4000/3	Total	£0.00	£845.99	-£845.99
4000/4	Stationery	£0.00	£110.00	-£110.00
Total NeighbourCar		£0.00	£2,197.81	-£2,197.81
Salt & Pepper Lunch Club				
5000/1/1	Food Purchases	£0.00	£2,076.21	-£2,076.21
5000/1/2/1	Non-food Costs	£0.00	£130.00	-£130.00
5000/2	Lunch Club Advertising	£0.00	£83.50	-£83.50
5000/3	Cards & Stationery	£0.00	£26.41	-£26.41
5000/5	Venue Hire	£0.00	£205.00	-£205.00
Total Salt & Pepper Lunch Club		£0.00	£2,521.12	-£2,521.12
CommuniBus				
6000/1/1	Fuel	£0.00	£502.18	-£502.18
6000/1/2	Repairs	£0.00	£408.36	-£408.36
6000/1/3	Servicing	£0.00	£119.90	-£119.90
6000/1/4	Insurance	£0.00	£774.12	-£774.12
6000/1/5	MOT	£0.00	£50.00	-£50.00
6000/1	Total	£0.00	£1,854.56	-£1,854.56
6000/4	Miscellaneous Costs	£0.00	£28.32	-£28.32
Total CommuniBus		£0.00	£1,882.88	-£1,882.88
Community Hall				
7000	Survey printing Costs	£5,000.00	£330.00	£4,670.00
Total Community Hall		£5,000.00	£330.00	£4,670.00
Allotments				
8000/1	Allotments - Lengthsman	£0.00	£1,303.74	-£1,303.74
8000/3	Allotment Administration	£0.00	£46.20	-£46.20
Total Allotments		£0.00	£1,349.94	-£1,349.94
Total Expenditure		£85,928.00	£93,468.85	-£7,540.85
Total Income		£82,379.20	£125,989.30	£43,610.10
Total Expenditure		£85,928.00	£93,468.85	-£7,540.85
Total Net Balance		-£3,548.80	£32,520.45	

CLERK'S REPORT APRIL 2025

Allotments – As at the end of March, all but 8 allotments had paid for the coming year and none had been given up. This leaves 12 people on the reservations list going forward.

Tree Management Plan – As part of the Streamside Tree Management Plan, it was agreed that an ecological survey of the area should be undertaken. AG Tree Services have kindly organised this and it is being undertaken by Pete Etheridge. He has been in touch with Dorset Wildlife Trust who oversee all the SNCI sites and they have indicated that they are willing to share some information about this particular parcel of land and provide more background information about its wildlife features, etc. This should be received during the week of the 7th April. It is hoped that the additional information will enable a more detailed document to be produced. Once this is done, AG Tree Services will be able to proceed with the Management Plan.

EV charging points – JoJu Charging, the company setting up the charging points, have confirmed that SSE have now confirmed connection dates for the installation of the charging points. These are:

1st fix – 22nd to 24th April

2nd fix – 5th to 6th May

The Lengthsman will be asked to cone of the bays on the evening of the 21st April and we will put something on Facebook as well to warn people. We are awaiting the meter installation date, so this will delay the final commissioning date slightly.

Communibus – Following the closure of Nordcat, a grant of £8,000 was agreed by Dorset Council to go towards the cost of the purchase of the new bus. A further grant of £2,000 was subsequently submitted to go towards the running costs and to cover the sign-writing of the new bus, the first year's insurance, regular safety reviews and MOT. All this means we will be able to keep the cost of the trips at the current level, despite the increase in fuel costs. Our grateful thanks are extended to Dorset Council and especially to the Public and Community Transport Team. The cleaning has all been done but there is still a problem with the Adblue. Unfortunately, the mechanic dealing with this has been off for the past two weeks as he is a retained fire fighter. He will be back in on the 7th April and does know this is an urgent job.

Neighbourhood Plan Review – The final draft of the Review has been produced and passed to Dorset Council for informal comment. At the same time, a request was made for the undertaking of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Dorset Council have responded saying it is unlikely that they will get their response back to our consultant before the end of the month.

Distgen – The final donation of 2024 amounted to £2,261.04. This means a total of £10,033.36 has been received for the year 2024. From this, grants have been given to the Food Bank, Youth Football, Scouts, Thomas Williams Educational Trust and the Village Hall.

PSDF Fund – The fund currently stands at £187,513.64, following the transfer of £12,000 back to the main account to cover the expenses for February and March. £744.50 interest will be added at the beginning of April.

Amanda Crocker