



# **BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Clerk: Mrs Amanda Crocker Email: [clerk@bereregisparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bereregisparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Dear Councillor

7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis to conduct the business below.

Signed

**A Crocker**

Clerk

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## **AGENDA**

1. To receive a presentation from Crestview Strategy UK Ltd regarding the installation of approximately 50 luxury cabins in Bere Wood.
2. Period for members of the public to raise any issues
3. To receive apologies for absence
4. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025
5. Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda – for report only
6. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and review dispensations received
7. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report – attached
8. Key Topics
  - (a) To agree a grant of £500 for the Village Hall to fund the cost of new smaller folding tables
  - (b) To agree Councillor responsibilities for the coming year
  - (c) To consider the recent reports on emergency effluent discharges into the Bere Stream
9. To consider Finance
  - (a) To approve monthly expenditure
  - (b) To confirm the reconciliation of accounts
  - (c) To review the position against budget
  - (d) To confirm the dates for Public Examination of the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
9. Planning & Housing
  - (a) To consider planning applications:
    - P/VOC/2025/02670 Blackhill Cottage, Shitterton – Change of use of land from agricultural to ancillary garden use (without compliance with condition 3 of planning approval P/COU/2021/04183 which is unduly restrictive and removes all permitted development rights)
    - P/LBC/2025/02508 Shepherds Cottage, Roke Road – Erect single storey side and rear extensions, new oak front porch and replacement garage (demolish existing) Listed Building Consent
    - P/HOU/2025/02513 Shepherds Cottage, Roke Road – Proposed single storey side & rear extensions, new oak porch and replacement garage
    - P/VOC/2025/02783 Masters Hyde Pit, Puddletown Road – Construction and operation of an aggregate processing plant and associated infrastructure – variation of condition 4 of 6/2016/0656
10. Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
  - (a) Defects
11. Conservation and Environment
12. Police, Traffic
13. Community Liaison
14. Children & Youth
15. To receive the Clerk's Report and Councillor's reports on items not covered by the agenda
16. Items for the Parish Magazine
17. Items for the July meeting

## Dorset Council Report June 2025

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

Laura Beddow and Mike Baker

Dorset Councillors for West Purbeck

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## Local Notes

### All change in Winfrith and Coombe Keynes

Cllr Brenda Mustoe recently stood down as Chair of the Winfrith Newburgh and East Knighton Parish Council. She will be replaced by Cllr John Yonwin.

Similarly, in Coombe Keynes, Jonathan Stuart has taken over as Chair of the Parish Meeting from Robin Bowler.

Brenda and Robin have done incredible work in their respective roles and will be tough acts to follow (no pressure John and Jonathan)!

### Time is running out to apply for community funding

Round 9 of the [Community and Culture Project Fund](#) is still open for applications, but deadline is looming to apply. The application period closes on **Thursday, 5 June**.

The grants, which are managed by Dorset Council, welcome applications for projects and events for community, arts, accredited museums, heritage, sport, youth, play and physical activity.

This fund offers small grants ranging from £1,500 to £5,000 to support organisations who want to start new activities or events that make a real difference to the lives of Dorset residents, especially those who are marginalised or disadvantaged.



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 Council Leader calls for national backing on clean energy vision

Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council, has written to The Crown Estate and the National Energy System Operator (NESO), urging them to support bold new clean energy proposals that could transform Dorset into a national hub for renewable energy innovation.

In his letters, Cllr Ireland reaffirms Dorset Council's strong commitment to clean energy and calls on both organisations to collaborate closely with the council to unlock the region's full potential. He highlights the critical role The Crown Estate and NESO play in enabling the success of these ambitious plans. Clean energy is the production of energy from renewable, zero emission sources that don't pollute the atmosphere when used. There are emerging opportunities for clean energy production to take place in Dorset which could see Britain become a clean energy superpower. Dorset's unique geology, deep-water port at Portland, and history of energy production at Wytch Farm and Winfrith make it an ideal location for clean energy development. The area is well-positioned to support offshore wind, carbon capture and storage, hydrogen technologies, and future energy innovations. The proposed projects could bring up to £28 billion in international investment to the UK, establishing new businesses, boosting the local economy, and creating a pipeline of skilled jobs and export opportunities. Cllr Ireland said: "Offshore wind in the English Channel will be the catalyst for the Dorset Clean Energy Super Cluster. It will attract manufacturing and investment in Portland, including carbon capture and green hydrogen production, import and storage. These projects will generate ripple effects—creating jobs, training opportunities, and further investment. To drive this vision forward, Dorset Council is a founding partner in the Dorset Clean Energy Super Cluster (DCESC)—a new partnership uniting private sector leaders, regulators, and government to accelerate green growth and strengthen the UK's energy resilience. Cllr Ireland's letters also stress the urgency of enhancing the UK's energy security and resilience, noting that Dorset is uniquely positioned to deliver at the pace required by government targets.

## **Just a Minute please - Looking at how AI transcription tool can make a difference**



Dorset Council has been chosen to take part in a trial for Minute, an artificial intelligence (AI) transcription and summary tool. The tool has been developed by the Government's Incubator for Artificial Intelligence to transcribe meetings and produce customisable summaries in formats helpful to council officers. The Incubator for Artificial Intelligence is part of the Government Digital Service (GDS) within the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. The team prototypes and deploys AI tools for use across the public sector. The Government says the Minute trial will help speed-up note taking across local authority services, including for example, streamlining burdensome admin tasks in the planning process to help meet their target of building 1.5 million homes by 2030. This could help speed-up actions after planning meetings, allowing officers to focus on the task in hand, rather than paperwork and make informed decisions to get homes built. This will support approvals so that bricks can be laid and homes built faster. The tool also helps take detailed notes in meetings between social care workers and their supervisors, allowing workers to focus on offering more support, instead of being bogged down by bureaucracy. Councillor Ben Wilson, Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation, said he was delighted that the council was part of the trial, which runs until July. "Artificial intelligence has the potential, if used ethically and securely, to revolutionise how the public sector works.

"This is a great example of how technology could be used as we transform the council to better serve our residents and improve outcomes," he said.

Dorset Council is one of 25 local authorities involved in the trial. More information about Minute and the trial can be found at <https://ai.gov.uk/projects/minute/>

## Solar savings for Dorset's highways



We are feeling the benefit of the sun, after installing solar panels on our highways depots in Charminster, Ferndown and Wareham.

Since the installations in 2022, we have saved approximately £54,000 a year in energy costs and significantly reduced our highways team's carbon emissions.

The three schemes were part of a [programme to install energy saving and renewable energy measures](#) at over 200 council-owned sites over the course of a year. This was made possible thanks to £19 million from central government's [Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme](#).

Cllr Jon Andrews commented: "The installation of solar panels at our depots is a significant step towards a greener future for Dorset. Not only are we reducing our carbon footprint, but we are also making substantial savings on energy costs.

"Even with the relatively small solar panel installations at the three depots combined, we are generating enough energy to power the equivalent of 77 average-size homes a year.

"This renewable energy, which costs nothing to generate at the three sites, is used to charge our equipment and growing electric vehicle fleet, and help power our buildings.

"We are committed to helping build a greener, more sustainable future for our county and it is fantastic to see the positive impact these solar panels are having on our carbon footprint and the council's energy bills." To meet our [carbon neutral target](#), Dorset Council needs to move away from using fossil fuels (like oil and gas) to heat and power its buildings by 2035.

To do this we need to improve the energy efficiency of our buildings, replace all oil and gas heating systems with low carbon alternatives, and generate any energy used from renewable sources.

Over 750,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity has been generated so far from the solar panels at the three depots. Excess energy generated by the solar arrays is fed back into the national electricity grid.

## Vegetable oil to help us achieve climate goals

Dorset Council is taking significant steps towards reducing its carbon emissions by swapping diesel in some of its big vehicles for hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO)

This is a crucial part of the strategy to meet the council's ambitious carbon reduction targets.

It supports the council's 2025 target of a 40% carbon emissions reduction and its 2035 net zero goal.

By this summer 2025, three quarters of the council's non-electric vehicles will be running on HVO, a cleaner alternative to diesel that can reduce carbon emissions by up to 90 per cent.

The council's contractors have confirmed that the HVO supplied to Dorset Council contains no palm oil.

HVO can be stored for up to 10 years, compared to diesel's one-year storage capability, reducing the cost and environmental impact of waste.

The changeover is easy to do without impact on the council's highways operations and is a significant milestone in the council's sustainability journey.

**Bere Regis Parish Council**  
**Payments Requested - June 2025**

| <b>Invoice</b>       |                |                        |                                           |              |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Date</b>          | <b>Pay Ref</b> | <b>Payee</b>           | <b>Comments</b>                           | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>BACS Payments</b> |                |                        |                                           |              |
| 11.04.25             | DDR            | Lloyds Bank            | Account charges 10.03.25 to 09.04.25      | 10.98        |
| 20.05.25             | BACS315        | J Park                 | Reimburse communibus costs                | 46.21        |
| 20.05.25             | BACS316        | Groundwork             | Repayment of unspent NP grant             | 318.27       |
| 17.05.25             | BACS317        | Gallagher              | Insurance renewal 01.06.25 to 31.05.25    | 2083.84      |
| 22.05.25             | BACS318        | I Ventham              | May 2025 Lunch Club food purchases        | 142.31       |
| 01.04.25             | BACS319        | ICCM                   | Cemetery Management subs 2025/26          | 105.00       |
| 01.04.25             | BACS320        | Dorset Council         | Car park rates April, May & June 2025     | 596.00       |
| 21.05.25             | BACS321        | Gallagher              | Premium adjustment re fidelity guarantee  | 95.70        |
| 20.05.25             | BACS322        | A Lynam                | May 2025 Lunch Club food purchases        | 30.83        |
| 04.06.25             | BACS323        | DC Pension Fund        | June 2025 pension contributions           | 321.20       |
| 27.05.25             | BACS324        | JoJu                   | 90% of installation of EV charging points | 9558.29      |
| 01.06.25             | BACS325        | CloudyIT               | June 2025 software support                | 104.28       |
| 31.05.25             | BACS326        | Andrea Pellegram       | SEA/HRS screening & scoping reports       | 2399.65      |
| 06.06.25             | BACS327        | AG Tree Services       | Phase 2 of tree works                     | 2940.00      |
| 04.06.25             | BACS328        | Minuteman Press        | Fliers and posters for Communibus         | 36.01        |
| 07.06.25             | BACS329        | A Crocker              | June 2025 salary + expenses               | 966.54       |
| 07.06.25             | BACS330        | HMRC                   | June 2025 PAYE & NIC                      | 343.05       |
| 01.06.25             | BACS331        | A King                 | Lengthsman - May 2025                     | 2953.13      |
| 12.05.25             | PAY            | Lloyds Bank            | Account charges 10.04.25 to 09.05.25      | 6.05         |
|                      |                |                        |                                           | 0.00         |
|                      |                |                        |                                           | 0.00         |
|                      |                | Total amount requested |                                           | 23057.34     |

**Reconciliation of Accounts as at 31.05.25**

|                                           |          |           |                         |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Opening balances                          | 7165621  | 47821.81  |                         |
|                                           | 00155779 | 9149.98   |                         |
|                                           | PSDF     | 188258.14 |                         |
|                                           |          |           | 245229.93               |
| Income for the month                      |          |           |                         |
| Account interest                          |          | 709.34    |                         |
| Communibus                                |          | 1905.00   |                         |
| Misc                                      |          | 13010.61  |                         |
| Lunch Club                                |          | 230.00    |                         |
| Allotments                                |          | 73.80     |                         |
| Cemetery income                           |          | 1220.00   |                         |
|                                           |          |           | 17148.75                |
| Expenditure                               |          |           |                         |
| Lunch Club                                |          | 125.41    |                         |
| NeighbourCar                              |          | 242.70    |                         |
| Communibus                                |          | 12221.50  |                         |
| Council                                   |          | 16846.00  |                         |
|                                           |          |           | 29435.61                |
|                                           |          |           | <u>232943.07</u>        |
| 07165621                                  |          | 40734.56  |                         |
| 00155779                                  |          | 3259.98   |                         |
| PSDF                                      |          | 188948.53 |                         |
|                                           |          |           | 232943.07               |
|                                           |          |           | <u><u>232943.07</u></u> |
| <b>Balance on accounts as at 31.05.25</b> |          |           |                         |
| Plus income not yet cleared               |          |           |                         |
| NeighbourCar                              |          | 302.15    |                         |
| Lunch Club                                |          | 260.00    |                         |
|                                           |          |           | 562.15                  |
| Less expenses not yet cleared             |          |           |                         |
| Council - June 2025                       |          | 22801.98  |                         |
| Lunch Club                                |          | 173.14    |                         |
| NeighbourCar                              |          | 46.21     |                         |
| Communibus                                |          | 36.01     |                         |
|                                           |          |           | 23057.34                |
|                                           |          |           | <b>210447.88</b>        |
| Accounts balances as at 08.06.25          |          |           |                         |
| 07165621                                  |          | 17677.22  |                         |
| 00155779                                  |          | 3822.13   |                         |
| PSDF                                      |          | 188948.53 |                         |
| <b>Balance as at 08.06.25</b>             |          |           | <b>210447.88</b>        |

# Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 10/05/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

|                                           |                               | 2025/2026    | Actual Net        | Balance           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                             |                               |              |                   |                   |
| <b>Council</b>                            |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 100                                       | Precept                       | £0.00        | £39,050.00        | £39,050.00        |
| <b>Total Council</b>                      |                               | £0.00        | £39,050.00        | £39,050.00        |
| <b>Council Administration</b>             |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 200                                       | Council Administration        |              |                   |                   |
| 200/1                                     | Bank Account Interest         | £0.00        | £749.33           | £749.33           |
| 200/6                                     | Miscellaneous Income          | £0.00        | £25.00            | £25.00            |
| <b>Total Council Administration</b>       |                               | £0.00        | £13,784.94        | £13,784.94        |
| <b>Cemetery</b>                           |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 300                                       | Cemetery Income               |              |                   |                   |
| 300/1/2                                   | Cremated Remains              | £0.00        | £540.00           | £540.00           |
| 300/2/3                                   | Interment of cremated remains | £0.00        | £680.00           | £680.00           |
| <b>Total Cemetery</b>                     |                               | £0.00        | £1,220.00         | £1,220.00         |
| <b>NeighbourCar</b>                       |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 400/1                                     | Mileage                       | £0.00        | £168.50           | £168.50           |
| 400/2                                     | NeighbourCar Donations        | £0.00        | £30.00            | £30.00            |
| <b>Total NeighbourCar</b>                 |                               | £0.00        | £198.50           | £198.50           |
| <b>Salt &amp; Pepper Lunch Club</b>       |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 500                                       | Lunch Club Income             |              |                   |                   |
| 500/1                                     | Lunch Receipts                | £0.00        | £444.00           | £444.00           |
| 500/4                                     | Lunch Club takeaway meals     | £0.00        | £50.00            | £50.00            |
| <b>Total Salt &amp; Pepper Lunch Club</b> |                               | £0.00        | £494.00           | £494.00           |
| <b>CommuniBus</b>                         |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 600/2                                     | Trip Fees                     | £0.00        | £310.00           | £310.00           |
| 600/4                                     | Grants Received               | £0.00        | £10,000.00        | £10,000.00        |
| 600/6                                     | Sale of Bus                   | £0.00        | £1,600.00         | £1,600.00         |
| <b>Total CommuniBus</b>                   |                               | £0.00        | £11,910.00        | £11,910.00        |
| <b>Allotments</b>                         |                               |              |                   |                   |
| 800/1                                     | Allotment rental income       | £0.00        | £299.80           | £299.80           |
| <b>Total Allotments</b>                   |                               | £0.00        | £299.80           | £299.80           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       |                               | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£66,957.24</b> | <b>£66,957.24</b> |

# Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 10/05/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

|                                     |                                  | 2025/2026 | Actual Net | Balance     |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                  |                                  |           |            |             |
| <b>Council Administration</b>       |                                  |           |            |             |
| 2000/1                              | Staff Costs - Salaries           |           |            |             |
| 2000/1/1                            | Staff Salaries                   | £0.00     | £2,336.00  | -£2,336.00  |
| 2000/1/2                            | Employers NI                     | £0.00     | £225.30    | -£225.30    |
| 2000/1/5                            | Employer Pension Contributions   | £0.00     | £513.92    | -£513.92    |
| 2000                                | Total                            | £0.00     | £3,075.22  | -£3,075.22  |
| 2001/2                              | Office Running Costs             |           |            |             |
| 2001/2/1                            | Stationery                       | £0.00     | £60.29     | -£60.29     |
| 2001/2/3                            | Computer Costs                   | £0.00     | £12.99     | -£12.99     |
| 2001/2/4                            | Telephones                       | £0.00     | £32.22     | -£32.22     |
| 2001/2/5                            | Bank Charges                     | £0.00     | £7.34      | -£7.34      |
| 2001/2                              | Total                            | £0.00     | £112.84    | -£112.84    |
| 2001/3/1                            | Mileage - Staff                  | £0.00     | £95.13     | -£95.13     |
| 2001/3                              | Total                            | £0.00     | £95.13     | -£95.13     |
| 2001/5/2                            | SLCC Subscription                | £0.00     | £60.00     | -£60.00     |
| 2001/5                              | Total                            | £0.00     | £60.00     | -£60.00     |
| 2001/6                              | Software Support                 | £0.00     | £826.30    | -£826.30    |
| 2001                                | Total                            | £0.00     | £1,094.27  | -£1,094.27  |
| 2002/1                              | Internal Audit Fees              | £0.00     | £334.95    | -£334.95    |
| 2002                                | Total                            | £0.00     | £334.95    | -£334.95    |
| 2004                                | Lengthsman                       |           |            |             |
| 2004/1                              | Cemetery Maintenance             | £0.00     | £1,364.97  | -£1,364.97  |
| 2004/4                              | Play Area Maintenance            | £0.00     | £131.25    | -£131.25    |
| 2004/5                              | Litter Picking                   | £0.00     | £879.38    | -£879.38    |
| 2004/6/1                            | Elder Road                       | £0.00     | £1,207.51  | -£1,207.51  |
| 2004/6/2                            | Souls Moor                       | £0.00     | £371.88    | -£371.88    |
| 2004/6/3                            | Verges                           | £0.00     | £586.25    | -£586.25    |
| 2004/7                              | Central Car Park                 | £0.00     | £223.13    | -£223.13    |
| 2004/8                              | Hedges & Treework                | £0.00     | £0.00      | £0.00       |
| 2004/9                              | Miscellaneous Jobs               | £0.00     | £131.25    | -£131.25    |
| 2004                                | Total                            | £0.00     | £4,895.62  | -£4,895.62  |
| 2006                                | Total                            | £0.00     | £0.00      | £0.00       |
| 2007                                | Projects & Events                |           |            |             |
| 2007/1                              | Winter Contingencies             | £0.00     | £133.11    | -£133.11    |
| 2007/4                              | NeighbourHood Plan Review        | £0.00     | £3,313.58  | -£3,313.58  |
| 2007/5                              | Treeworks                        | £0.00     | £2,395.00  | -£2,395.00  |
| 2007/8                              | Village Events                   | £0.00     | £81.50     | -£81.50     |
| 2007/9                              | Distgen Grant payments           | £0.00     | £600.00    | -£600.00    |
| 2007/10                             | Electric Vehicle Charging Points | £0.00     | £3,744.31  | -£3,744.31  |
| <b>Total Council Administration</b> |                                  | £0.00     | £19,667.56 | -£19,667.56 |
| <b>Cemetery</b>                     |                                  |           |            |             |
| 3000/2                              | Cemetery Water Charges           | £0.00     | £218.00    | -£218.00    |
| <b>Total Cemetery</b>               |                                  | £0.00     | £218.00    | -£218.00    |



**NeighbourCar**

|                           |                 |       |         |          |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 4000                      | Operating Costs |       |         |          |
| 4000/1                    | Mileage         |       |         |          |
| 4000/1/1                  | Mileage -Paid   | £0.00 | £360.00 | -£360.00 |
| 4000/1/2                  | Mileage - FOC   | £0.00 | £73.80  | -£73.80  |
| <b>Total NeighbourCar</b> |                 | £0.00 | £433.80 | -£433.80 |

**Salt & Pepper Lunch Club**

|                                           |                |       |         |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 5000/1/1                                  | Food Purchases | £0.00 | £264.09 | -£264.09 |
| 5000/5                                    | Venue Hire     | £0.00 | £60.00  | -£60.00  |
| <b>Total Salt &amp; Pepper Lunch Club</b> |                | £0.00 | £324.09 | -£324.09 |

**CommuniBus**

|                         |                           |       |            |             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| 6000/1/1                | Fuel                      | £0.00 | £50.00     | -£50.00     |
| 6000/1/4                | Insurance                 | £0.00 | £854.28    | -£854.28    |
| 6000/3                  | Driver Expenses - parking | £0.00 | £10.00     | -£10.00     |
| 6000/5                  | Road Tax                  | £0.00 | £171.00    | -£171.00    |
| 6000/6                  | Purchase of bus           | £0.00 | £11,000.00 | -£11,000.00 |
| <b>Total CommuniBus</b> |                           | £0.00 | £12,085.28 | -£12,085.28 |

**Allotments**

|                         |                                        |       |         |          |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 8000/1                  | Allotments - Lengthsman                | £0.00 | £350.01 | -£350.01 |
| 8000/3                  | Allotment – refund overpayment of rent | £0.00 | £17.00  | -£17.00  |
| <b>Total Allotments</b> |                                        | £0.00 | £367.01 | -£367.01 |

|                          |              |                   |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£33,095.74</b> | <b>-£33,095.74</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|

|                          |              |                   |             |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Total Income             | £0.00        | £66,957.24        | £66,957.24  |
| Total Expenditure        | £0.00        | £33,095.74        | -£33,095.74 |
| <b>Total Net Balance</b> | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£33,861.50</b> |             |

## **CLERK'S REPORT JUNE 2025**

**Tree Management Plan** – Phase 2 of the tree work has been completed. This involved removing any dead or dangerous branches, felling an ash that had serious decay in the main stem, pollarding a willow that was overhanging the boardwalk and felling two further ash trees and polar that had excessive lean over the path or towards overhead power cables. Now this work is complete, no further work should be necessary until the autumn.

**Play Area** – The next full inspection is due to take place in July 2025 at a cost of £113.94 including VAT. This is the legally required full RoSPC inspection, undertaken annually.

**Citizens Advice Energy Bus** – During the bus's time in the Central Car Park in April, 3 residents took up the service. They have asked if they could return later in the year when demand may be higher and more residents may need help. They have also offered to attend any community meetings to give a talk on the work they do and the support they provide. We will keep you informed of any dates when the bus will be visiting but, in the meantime, if you would like to have the team attend your function or speak to you, please let me know and I can put you in touch with the team.

**EV charging points** – The bays have now been marked out and are due to be connected to the power supply by the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

**Communibus** – Our new bus is now with us and received a full check before going into service. We will look to sign write the vehicle in the near future as and when trips allow. A full list of trips available for the remainder of the year has now been drawn up and notices will be available shortly.

**Neighbourhood Plan Review** – The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Scoping Opinion documents have now been drawn up and past to Dorset Council for comment. They will need to confirm whether they will adopt the opinion or request any changes. The documents will then be sent to the statutory bodies for consultation for a period of five weeks. Our consultants will then amend the report according to any feedback received, and Dorset Council will then produce a formal screening/scoping opinion. Only once this is complete will the actual SEA update be undertaken – it may be that by this time AECOM will be able to prepare this work using the technical support grant. Alongside this process, Dorset Council will be asked to initiate the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening process. The site surveys undertaken will be shared but it is anticipated that further work on a full HRA update will be requested. Dorset Council may well commission this externally.

**Allotments** – The allotments are all fully occupied and there are fourteen people on the waiting list. During a recent inspection, it was noted that, later in the year, it may be possible to create two more allotments on ground that is not currently being used. Prior to that, it will be necessary to hire a skip in order to remove the buildup of metal, glass and old carpet that has accumulated on the site.

**PSDF Fund** – The fund currently stands at £188,948.53 and £695.02 interest will be added in June. The interest rate for the period of May 2025 averaged 4.34%. Lloyds Bank continues to reduce the interest rates on its business accounts. The interest on the account held by the Parish Council will reduce from 0.80% to 0.70% from the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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