

Cllr Ryan Holloway-DC Report Wareham Town Council January 26

Dorset Council (DC) & Cabinet

The next full DC meeting will be on Tuesday 10th Feb, this meeting will vote on the budget for 2026/2027 it is expected that the council tax will be again 4.99% increase once again, as the Budget in November and the settlement figures received from the govt in December shows no real increase in support and once again we will have no option to raise the CT again. The next DC Cabinet meeting will be held on Thursday 29th January at 6.30pm.

DC Roadworks – New access for Lidl. on A351

All the junction alterations are now complete however construction on the site continues, I believe it will be early spring the site will be complete and the store officially opening.

Cost of Living Support for families on Income Support /Pension Credit.

The DC has put aside £500k extra available each year to support those in need. Contact the Citizens Advice or visit the DC Website for information. The foodbank and Community Fridge will be Open at the Youth Centre in the mornings, most days over the holidays.

DC Local Review of travel connectivity for Wareham area

As Beryl reported on this last month there are no new updates but I'm expecting a meeting will happen in the first quarter of 2026.

Wareham Level Crossing

We thank residents for their understanding and patience while maintenance and repairs were carried out on the electronic gates, all works are now completed and service resumed back to normal.

DC Asset Transfer-of Former Middle School Playing fields.

Were still awaiting news from DC to see what is happening on going forward on this, I will be chasing up Asset transfers this January. To see what is happening

Trigon Landfill Site on Bere Road

The Trigon Landfill Liaison Panel Meeting met in November with another meeting scheduled for February I will get confirmation hopefully later this month as I'm the chair of this liaison panel.

Wareham Area Speedwatch Volunteers

The Team have been recruiting new members, and need more, especially from Wareham Town. We have monitored at Sandford and Wareham TC areas to our evidence going forward. We need more suggestions of places to monitor within Wareham Town Walls to support the 20's plenty initiative. Suggestions from Arne PC too. Please contact Beryl on 550138.

Planning Enforcement & DC Road Works

If any Councillor suspects a breach of planning act 1990, please go to DC website and report your concerns there or contact your local DC Cllrs. Local roadwork information is notified to T&PC Clerk.

Beryl & I wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to working with you again in 2026.

Dorset Cllrs Monthly Advice Surgeries in Wareham Library.

Ryan on fourth Saturday every month; 10-12 noon: contact Mob: 07783362330

Beryl on second Friday every month 10.00-12 noon. Contact No. 01929 550138

All welcome to come along and see us, no appointment needed.