

Cllr Ryan Holloway DC Report – Wareham Town Council April 2024

Dorset Council (DC)

The next full DC meeting will be after the DC and T&PC Elections on 2 May, on Thursday 16 May at 6.30pm with the new elected Councillors for a term of five years to May 2029.

The support service for homelessness and those in fear of losing their homes is available with DC in partnership with Shelter and the Citizens Advice Teams.

Beryl & I have been liaising with the Wareham Men's Shed Group and Care Dorset (Trading Company of DC), to ensure support for the continuation of their arrangement in using the DC owned Purbeck Connect Building and garages, in Sandford Lane, in doing woodworking projects for the local area.

DC Road Works

Urgent Gas Repairs on North Street, West Street and Mill Lane are now completed. Early notice of BT Open Reach Road closure of Morden Road checking Telegraph Poles at the Sherford bridge to Chitten Hill junction with A35 on 24 June.

Wareham Area Community Speedwatch Team

We have had the initial training and will be out and about, weather permitting, later in April.

Residential roads that the Parish Council have put forward will be considered. More team members would be welcome; contact Beryl 550138.

Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation - Wareham Youth Centre now a Family Hub

The PYCF has been a Charity Trust for seven years and appreciates the support funding given by the Town and Parish Councils. Hopefully with ongoing support to ensure the Youth Centre continues to thrive for Young People to have a place to be with their friends. As well as the Family Hub being set up, PYCF have taken on the Community Fridge and fresh fruit/vegetables and excess Supermarket Bakery goods, from Not Just Sundaes, who, unfortunately, have stopped trading due to lack of volunteers. We are the registered body for the Purbeck Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, as DC have this year relinquished their registration status for the DofE Groups in Dorset. The Purbeck DofE have been meeting in the Wareham Youth Centre on Sundays for 6 years.

Cordite Way – Footpath 30 – update

With the help, donated by Jade-Aden, a JCB and dumper has carried away the mud slurry to ensure the path will be habitable, a layer of scalping's will be needed now. An informal meeting of the Design group of the Friends of the Cordite Way we had a meeting at the Labour Club on Wednesday, 10 April at 7.30 with Maria Burns to determine the 3 illustrative Notice Boards.

2RN Arne Shuttle Bus – Summer Timetable

There are adequate funds left, with the help of £600.00 from Wareham TC, which is much appreciated thank you, to enable the shuttle bus to run this summer from May to October, 2 days a week Wednesdays & Sundays. At the Meeting held in March at the Town Hall, there was a consensus to form a Steering Group, a sub-committee of the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership (PCRP) to meet in May/June to encourage local support and grants/funding for a Shuttle Bus in 2025 to benefit the local rural folk. For connections not just to RSPB Arne and Purbeck Park (Norden) for Swanage Railway, but to connect with No 40 and X54 & to visit places of interest. All local T& PC's are requested to send representatives.

Dorset Cllrs Monthly Advice Surgeries: These are on-going in the library. Ryan - Third Tuesday every month at 5-6.30pm. Beryl - second Friday every month 10.15 -12 noon.

As this is the last Town Council Meeting before the local Elections, I wish to thank you all; the Town Clerk, Chairman and Members, for all the hard work that you do, and have done over the years I have been reporting to you as a Dorset Councillor since May 2019. It has been an honour, privilege and enjoyable to have worked together in sharing information and to achieve improvements to this unique Parish. Thank you.