

## **Cllr Beryl Ezzard DC Report June 2026 for Wareham Town Council**

### **Dorset Council (DC) Meeting**

At the full DC Annual Meeting held on 14 May, there was one change to the Cabinet of Cllr Ryan Hope standing down after 2 years as the Community Engagement Port Folio holder, with Cllr Matt Bell being appointed in his stead. Good News: The final figure of £169,000 underspend for 2025/26 is the first surplus of the DC budget since it became a Unitary Council in 2019. There has been an adjustment of the structure of the various Cabinet responsibilities. See the Dorset Council website. The next DC Full Meeting will be Thursday 16 July at 6.30 pm.

### **Motorcycling Speeding Monitoring**

Motorcycling noise and speeding issues have been reported by residents across the Wareham Ward, and especially on the Wareham Bypass, A351 & A352. At our recent by-monthly briefing by the area Police Inspector it was agreed that extra monitoring by the traffic police and by using the mobile speed van will be used early morning, evenings and weekends when the perceived speeding is noticed. Residents living near main roads are requested to note the Registration of the motorbike speeding and passing it on to the Police.

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

The DC has ongoing support available for those in need, which has been confirmed to continue until 2029. Contact the Citizens Advice or visit the DC Website. The free Foodbank & Community Fridge is Open, 10 am – 4pm at the Wareham Youth Centre every day except Sundays.

### **Wareham Lloyds Branch Closed on 16 June**

The Lloyds Bank group have recently informed our MP, DC, and us, that there will not be any continued support in Wareham Library, after the closure. This is disappointing, although telephone banking and using the Post Office is available for their clients, they state. The new ATM at Nationwide Wareham Branch next door, will soon replace the Lloyds one that is no longer in use.

### **Purbeck Shuttle200 - Stakeholder support needed.**

Great news – our Purbeck Community Rail Partnership (PCRP) bid for the shuttle minibus to DC for monies from BSIP (DfT) has been successful for three-years. Although, reliance on community support to match fund as an element of the funding is needed, to facilitate community stakeholder involvement. The shuttle bus will start on Wednesday 22 July, and continue every Wednesday throughout the next three years. Holiday times it will also run on Tuesdays and Saturdays. It will be a regulated timetable service starting from Wareham Station, thro' Wareham to the Lookout, Ridge to RSPB Arne and then on to Purbeck Park (Norden Station) and then return via Norden Farm (A351) and back to Arne and Wareham.

### **Trigon Landfill Site on Bere Road**

The Environment Agency is monitoring the site on an ongoing basis. There have been more complaints recently. The Trigon Landfill Liaison Panel Meeting was postponed from May to Wednesday 8 July at Wareham Town Hall at 1.30 pm.

### **Wareham Area Speedwatch Volunteers**

The Team welcomes new members. We have monitored at Sandford and Wareham TC areas, to support the 20's plenty initiative that Wareham TC are considering. Contact Matt to volunteer on email: [warehamareaspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:warehamareaspeedwatch@gmail.com)

**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. No appointment needed all welcome.