

Australain Stonecrop or New Zealand Pygmy weed. Good work has been done on both but the invasive weed around the edge is returning. Constantine has increased the number of roofs from his property that drain into the pond and is seeking to increase this further. The water level of the pond is low. This is in part because the rainfall last winter was low but we are concerned that there may be other reasons. That the level has been low has allowed action to be taken more easily on the invasive weed around the edge

Playground Representative

In his absence Paul Whetham advised that the playground is in good order
Airfield Officer

AF reported that he had attended the inquest on the tragic plane crash and it was judged to be an accidental death

2019.38

Report Councillor Jane Somper

Cllr Somper advised that the full council had met twice and the Leader Cllr Spencer Flower with concerns regarding finance for Children and Adult services had written to the Chancellor.

The new workforce aims to reduce costs of service delivery by £5.5m in year and £10m in the first budget year.

Dorset Highways has undertaken a vast programme of repairs to roads and bridges. All scheduled work can be seen on the website which includes a roadwork map. Paul Starkey is the Community Highways Officer

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Work has started on a Local Plan for Dorset to determine what level of development is needed. Planning applications procedures have changed slightly and Parish and Town Councils can now request committee consideration within the consultation period. The final decision rests with Head of Planning who is Mike Garrity. The Head of Development Management is Anna Lee.

A cross party panel has been set up to work with Town and Parish Councils for future partnership working. The Cabinet Member leading this is Cllr Tony Alford cclranthny.alford@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

There will be a public meeting arranged to discuss the Corporate Plan (consulation October-December 2019) Cllr Somper intends to arrange a meeting for the Beacon Ward and adjoining wards.

The Council website has been upgraded and updated Dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

The council magazine Dorset Council news will produce another edition in November. The full cost of production is met through advertising.

Jane's email is cclr.jane.somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

2019.39

Finance

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation and advised that the second half of the precept would be credited in late September. She reminded Cllrs of the need to consider the precept for the coming year which would be applied for in January 2020

2019.40 *Questions from the public*
There were no questions from the public

2019.41 *Correspondence*
There was none
Meeting dates for 2020 were decided as:-
Monday January 20th Monday May 11th Monday September 14th

2019.42 *Items for the next Agenda*
Precept 2020/21

Date of next meeting

Monday January 20th 2020 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35 pm