# Report To Councillors dated 23rd February 2024

### **Parish Council meetings**

- Reminder: next & final PC meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March

### **Bradpole Parish Archive**

- A new website page has been created to receive a copy of the archive when finalised.

## Correspondence

- Dorchester-based Arts Development Company: Bridport chosen to be 2024 Dorset Town of Culture.

## **Council Re-organisation 2024**

- In prep for April Fool's Day changes will be made to the content of the website over the coming weeks.
- A Press Release is being prepared for Bridport News a copy will be circulated when finalised.

#### **Council Taxes**

- **Dorset Council** have published their <u>approved budget</u> which indicates an increase at Band D of £1.82 per week (£94.64 p.a.) for 2024/25. This does **not** include the Bridport Town Council Tax (<u>BTC PRESS RELEASE</u>) which proposes £189.21 p.a. at Band D\* representing a year-on-year increase of £143.67 (c.315%) for current Bradpole Parish Band D households and a reduction of £85.32 (c.30%) for Bridport Band D households.

# **Dorset Council**

- **Dorset Local Transport Plan Consultation.** BTC have produced a **draft response**.
- <u>20mph speed limit approved</u> for central Bridport does **NOT** include St Catherine's School. Referred to Dorset Ward Cllr for Bridport for further consideration.



#### **Finance**

Chqs issued: #2015: Dorset Council £2725.37 (incl VAT). ROW SLA.

#2016: GW Shelters: £2113.06 (inc VAT). Bus shelter refurbishment.

#2017: Viking £39.50 (inc VAT). Printer paper. #2018: ICO Office £40 (inc VAT). GDPR renewal fee #2019: Cllr Smart £29.99 Archive project printer inks.

# **Green Spaces**

- Nothing to report

#### **Planning**

- New: Planning Applications Page on the BPC website.
- No new applications received.
- **UPDATE:** <u>P/FUL/2023/07114</u> Unit 2 Seals Cove St Andrews Trading Estate: Retention of raised decking and nautical attraction. Consultation closed-**BTC** to discuss a response at their <u>26/02 planning committee meeting</u>. <u>P/HOU/2023/03710</u> 2 Newfoundland: Decision awaited.
- BANP: Steering Group Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Joint Councils meeting 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. Cllr Everall will attend both.

## **Scheme of Delegation**

- Nothing to report

#### **Parish News**

- Flooding: Dorset Council team has again been clearing drains etc. around Lee Lane this week.
- First Wessex to be asked to replace the damaged timetable frame on lamppost at the Lee Lane Bus Stop.
- **Lee lane & Jessopp Avenue Junction**: BTC have received a request (not referred to BPC) for a 30mph sign. (Note: there a 30mph at the Lee Lane junction with the A35 and after Jessopp there is a de-restricted sign.)