

DILTON MARSH PARISH COUNCIL – NEWS AND UPDATES– APRIL 2024

Planning Applications

Details of planning applications are posted on the PC website and information on any planning decisions can be found in the PC minutes. Minutes are published on the website and copies can also be requested from the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan for Dilton Marsh

Thank you to those residents who responded to the recent Regulation 14 consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation has now closed and the planning consultants are pulling together the responses and preparing a report for the Steering Group and the PC to consider. Further information and details of the next stages will follow shortly.

Village Litter Pick and ‘Meet your Councillor’ event – March 2024

The PC held a very successful and well attended litter pick event on Saturday 16th March. A big thank you to those residents who attended. The weather was kind and there was a record turn out of volunteers!

This time, the PC also held its first ‘Meet your Councillor’ event at which members of the Council and Wiltshire Councillor Suzanne Wickham were in attendance. This is an opportunity to come along and meet councillors, raise any issues and have a chat about all things Dilton Marsh. The PC plans to hold regular such events, to tie in with the seasonal litter picks.

Dates for future events will be published nearer the time. Tea, coffee and cake always provided!

Parish Council Projects

The PC is currently working on a number of projects:

- Consideration is being given to the purchase of a second Speed Indicator Device. Members have allocated funds in support of this project and it is hoped that a decision on which device to purchase will be made at the April meeting.
- Work continues on the preparation of a Flood Plan for the parish. If you are aware of any areas which are prone to or at risk of flooding please let the Parish Clerk know. If you are interested in supporting the work of the PC by becoming a volunteer Flood Warden please also let us know.
- Wiltshire Councillor Suzanne Wickham has delivered new seeds to the PC for the expansion of the Pollinator Corridor areas. Flowering shrubs have also been planted at Lansdowne Green and snowdrops at the bottom end of the village. The PC will also be carrying out a village wide autumn planting. Please do keep your eye out over the spring and let the Parish Clerk know of any ‘bare’ areas or locations which required additional planting.

Forthcoming PC business

The PC will be holding its two annual meetings on Thursday 16th May 2024. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30 with the Annual Council Meeting at 8.00 pm. Please do come along and hear what the PC has been doing during 2023/24.

The PC will also be reviewing the accounts for year ending 31st March 2024 (subject to receipt of the Internal Audit report). All information relating to the finances of the Council will be published on the website and will also be available from the Parish Clerk once the year end procedures have been concluded.

Following the annual meetings, the PC will set its priorities and projects for the 2024/25 municipal year. Please do come along to the June meeting to have your say on what you like the Council to focus on in the year ahead!

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

The election for the PCC will be held on 3rd May 2024. Residents attending the polling station are reminded that photo ID is now required. Voters with postal votes are also asked not to return these to the polling stations but to post via Royal Mail. Should you require a postal vote please note the deadline for applying is 24th April 2024.

Parish Council Website

A big thank you to those residents who have kindly supplied photos of the parish for the website – look out for the new images!

The Parish Council has recently developed and launched its new website. Do check this out at www.diltonmarshparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have any community information you would like publicised on the website please contact the Parish Clerk via clerk@office.diltonmarshparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of every month (apart from August) at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Please do come along!

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