

Ward Councillors Report July 2026

20mph Speed limits

Consultation from DC underway, closing date 17th July.

Defra Funding for National Landscapes

Delivery of the National Landscape Management Plan facilitates DC meeting its statutory duty in relation to protecting the landscape. Specifically, to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty. Along with aspects of delivery in the Dorset Council plan, in particular responding to the climate and nature crisis.

Cabinet agreed to accept the DEFRA funding offer of £1.7 million, this is determined via the national funding formula and is the core majority funding DNL.

DC is the accountable body for the DNL partnership and hosts the DNL team.

PSPO

West Bexington had problems with overnight camping during the hot weather in May, I raised this with the Police team and have been told that a further enforcement officer is being recruited, their sole area of responsibility will be Chesil Bank and Purbeck.

Hospital Discharge Carers Pilot

DC have commissioned Help and Care to run a 6mth pilot to reduce unplanned admissions and readmissions. Unpaid carers will be supported pre-hospital admission, contingency planning and telephone support on discharge. It is hoped the outcome will be to help people to stay in their homes.

Care Quality Commission Rating

DC Adult Social Care received a Good rating from CQC following an assessment.

Free School Meals

Removal of the Universal Credit limit means that more children could be eligible for free school meals. Please see the link below and add to your social media pages if you feel it is appropriate.:

[More Dorset children could qualify for free school meals - Dorset Council](#)

A35 road closures reminder

From the 1st July to the 18th July the A35 from Bridport to Axminster will have overnight closures. 8pm – 6am.