

Report – May 22

Update on stolen post box – Edmondsham

Please see below message from Royal Mail stating the following:

Thank you for your contact regarding a Postbox that was removed.

On receipt of your email, I contacted the Collections Planning Manager concerned. I'm sorry to advise that I have been informed that the above-mentioned area does not warrant the installation of a new Postbox at this time.

As part of our regulatory requirements, we must ensure that there is a post-box within half a mile of at least 98% of all 'delivery points' (usually a customer's letter-box) nationally. As the current posting facilities in the above-mentioned area already meet these requirements, I regret that we are unable to meet your request on this occasion.

220517 Dorset Councillor's Report to Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council

Interruption of Dorset Council Meeting

Members may be aware that the Dorset Council Meeting of the 14th April was interrupted by two members of the public, who had been watching from the Public Gallery, and who entered the Chamber and each glued a hand to a heavy table at the front of the Chamber. This happened after a motion to urge Government to revise the Minerals section of NPPF to enable LPAs to decline Planning Permission on Climate Change Grounds was defeated by the Administration. The next motion, to urge the Government to use whatever forms of energy generation are necessary to reduce the impact of the Energy Shortage, including mining, drilling and fracking, had just been proposed (by the Leader) and seconded when the interruption occurred. The meeting was moved to Committee Room 1, where the Chair announced that no debate would be allowed and we would move straight to the vote. This resulted in a number of protests by Councillors, including me. However the vote was carried.

The next Full Council is on Thursday 12th May, and a number of additional security measures have been put in place, including card-controlled access into the Chamber.

Community & Culture Project Fund

The third round of the Community and Culture Project Fund, which is managed by Dorset Council, is now open and welcoming applications for projects and events for community, arts, accredited museums, heritage, sport, youth, play and physical activity.

The grants are designed to kick-start new activities that will benefit the local community and offer support to marginalised and disadvantaged groups in the Dorset council area.

Not for profit groups are welcome to apply for the grant, which can fund up to £5,000 towards a project that will have a social impact and support local communities and hard to reach groups.

Draft Library Strategy

In October 2021, the Council launched an 11-week public consultation to inform its new draft library strategy.

The consultation did not include any proposals for change, it sought the views of library users and non-users, partners, businesses, and employees to understand how the service could better meet the needs of residents now and in the future.

Analysis of over 7,500 survey responses were brought together with the findings from engagement workshops and evidence around local need, to inform a draft library strategy, which will go to a joint Overview Committee. The draft library strategy will then be subject to a second phase of public consultation this summer.

Chairman's Report –

Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council has been in existence for 50yrs since the rulings changed and Edmondsham were given 3 seats to sit alongside Cranborne Cllrs.

I have served on the PC for many years, under different Chairman's and clerks.

There have been many changes over the years – from attending meetings remotely (due to COVID 19) to the district council becoming a unitary council in 2019 and paper becoming a thing of the past!

I am pleased to report the Parish Council has managed to keep within its budget over the last few years.

The Parish Council is pleased to continue to give grants/donations to various projects in Cranborne & Edmondsham.

It may have taken a long time but Cranborne is finally having a bus shelter installed during the summer months. I would like to thank the Bus Shelter Working Group for their hard work over the last year.

The Parish Council are looking to install a defibrillator machine in both villages this year – this is work in progress and updates will be made available as and when the information is available.

The next big project that the Parish Council will be undertaking is to install new play equipment in the playpark along with new benches and picnic tables. Hopefully the new benches and picnic tables will be installed in time for this year's summer holidays.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers throughout Cranborne & Edmondsham who did what they could to help out during COVID 19, the outpouring of support was fantastic and overwhelming - what an amazing place we live in.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Marcus Edwards for his hard work over the years, Marcus will be missed by everyone. A new grounds contractor has been in place since November 2021.

And finally, I would like to thank all of the Parish Councilors, whether they are still serving or have retired in the last couple of years, for their continued support in what has been some of the most trying circumstances. And, I would like to thank the Parish Clerk for her hard work over the last couple of years.

POLICE REPORT

Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant Jane MOORE.

Firstly my apologies that I cannot attend this evening, but PC Tom Clements will be with you to give the report, he is your local Police Constable.

We are pleased to report that Crime and ASB for your Parishes remains low. For more local details you can look on the website [Police.uk/crime maps](https://www.police.uk/crime-maps).

In recent weeks we have seen a rise in non-dwelling burglaries (Shed and outbuildings) in Rural East Dorset and always encourage our communities to report any suspicious vehicles or persons seen in the area. The team are on hand if members of your communities require Crime Prevention advice.

Your Local Officers and Patrol Teams that cover your area, also priorities patrols relating to Rural Crime and Poaching offences. PC Tom Clements and PCSO Andy Flanagan have both worked in the Neighbourhood Policing Team covering your area for many years and we benefit from their local knowledge and many contact throughout your communities.

Please also keep an eye on Dorset Police Website - Neighbourhood Policing Team Pages, this gives details of our current priorities, how to contact us, details of 'meet the police' engagements, as well as how to contact some of our other partner agencies that we work closely with.

The team and I also use social media (Facebook and Instagram) to keep our communities up to date with incidents and engagement events. Please feel free to follow our pages.

'Dorset Alert' is another great way of communities receiving information about what is happening in their area and details of this can be found on our Webpages, or you can contact us directly to get signed up.

Tom will be more than happy to answer any questions, or you can contact me directly

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