

District Councillor Annual Report – Abbey Ward
CLlr Emma Parker, Cllr Jane Somper

North Dorset District Council Offices, Blandford

The final full council meeting was held at Nordon on Friday 24th March

There will be change of location for council meetings

All NDDC meetings will now take place at South Walks House, with the exception of Full Council and Planning or any meeting with high public interest. These meetings will take place at Durweston Village Hall, for the time being as it has all the facilities required to hold large meetings. There are plans for a hub to be located within the district but currently we cannot provide the relevant information

Accessing services at Nordon

District Council Services are now based at South Walks House in Dorchester this includes, senior management, Legal, Financial Services, HR, IT, Business Improvement, Democratic Services, Digital Access, Economy, Leisure & Tourism and Elections

Residents can still access services such as Housing, Planning, Building Control and Revenues and Benefits from the Nordon offices until full closure, or move to a new site. The reception office is fully staffed and operational during office and the duty officer services will continue to be operated.

The following services will still operate out of Nordon:
Housing, Technical Services including Facilities, Building Control, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Planning Policy, Planning, Trees, Conservation, Land Charges, Revenues and Benefits.

The Nordon Project Board are currently waiting for the 4 bidders to submit their plans for the site at Nordon by mid-April. Councillors will then begin to consider the best option to take forward.

Move to Unitary Authority

We continue to await an announcement from Central Government on the Future Dorset proposals following last year's consultation and subsequent 6-3 vote to submit a formal proposal to the Secretary of State. We will update you further when we have any news. If no response is received by 13th April it is likely we will have to wait until after the County Council Elections in May.