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CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council held on 10th November 2022 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall

Councillors present:

J. Crouch, J. Bolt, S. Beresford, C. Crosbie, L. Prowse, F. Horsington, M. Keating, H. Brown, K. Burghart, and G. Muskett.

Cllr Haynes (Dorset Council)

There were no members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Bishop and Paul sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

There were no declarations of interests made.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2022

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

All resolutions had been completed or brought onto this agenda.

5. Update from the Chair

The Chair confirm the DAPTC AGM would be held the following week.

The planning (to be discussed at agenda item 18), where also on their agenda.

6. Public Discussion Period

There were no members of the public present.

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report had been received and distributed.

Cllr Haynes spoke on the Dorset Council deficit of £27M and how they were looking to close this.

She confirmed the issues of parking permits was now being dealt with internally.

8. Financial update and payments for authorisation

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **14 payments (PV's 79-92)** totalling **£ 9262.11**, that were authorised and approved for payment.

b. Half year budget report

The budget was O/S at this point with a 62.36% spend. However, it was clarified that the majority of big-ticket items were paid for and the Clerk expected all cost centres to come in on budget.

c. Reserves update

The general reserve sat at £ 4058.65, which was below the minimum guidance of 25% of Precept. However, the Clerk noted that VAT (as a debtor), totalled £ 2259.26, which when added to the general reserve, brought this within guidance.

d. Signatories on bank accounts

Members were content that the five signatories on the Lloyds account (Cllr's Crouch, Bolt, Beresford and Keating), along with the Clerk were sufficient.

Members were also content that the three signatories on the Unity Trust account (Cllr's Crouch, Bolt) and the Clerk along with Cllr Burghart (once registered) would suffice.

9. To receive committee reports and updates

a. Allotments

There were no issues in the allotment.

b. Burial Ground

Cllr Beresford confirm that a new finger would be replace the incorrectly worded 'Augustine's Well'. This would come from the Burial Ground funds under the Chair's power of expenditure.

c. Car Park

Cllr Prowse confirmed that the children's adventure equipment had been installed and that the trees with ash die back had been felled. The idea was that one of the trunk's would be used at future seating in the wildlife area.

The said wildlife area now had a path inserted in it and will now be left to winter.

Designs were being drafted for some noticeboards.

It was also confirmed that the EA had pledged some bird and bat boxes along with some native trees and hedging.

d. Children's Play Park

Cllr Keating confirmed that a latch on the main gate had been replaced.

e. Footpaths and Environment

The broken 'Long Street' sign had been reported.

Only one comment had been received as to regards to the broken gate in the Snicket.

It was agreed to place this on the next agenda with a view to remove

10. Planning

a. FUL/2022/06514

**Land And Building Known As Tithe Barn, Watcombe Farm, Frys Lane, Godmanstone
Erection of garage / plant room and associated change of use of land; construction of ground
source heat pump; re-alignment of previously approved driveway; associated landscaping.
(re-submission of withdrawn application (P/FUL/2021/05730)**

The Chair confirmed that a second application had been received for this site, and therefore recommended that a planning meeting should be called to discuss both applications.

This was unanimously agreed, and set for 23rd November 2022, in Godmanstone Village Hall.

11. Burial Ground extension update and discussion

The Clerk confirmed that the application had gone in and paid for. However, due to the land being within the AONB and conservation area, a raft of surveys had to be completed.

It was recommended that a working group be set up to deal with this.

Cllr's Beresford, Muskett, and Burghart volunteered and suggested Cllr Bishop be included if he wished.

12. Legal expenses for Burial Ground extension

Further to agenda item 11. It was agreed to deal with this after change of use had been granted.

13. Ratification of meeting dates for 2023

These were provisionally approved, with the AGM and Village Meet being moved to the 19th April 2023.

14. Grant funding window

It was agreed to open the window from 01st January 2023 until 28th February 2023, with a view to payments at the March meeting.

15. Honorarium payments

6 recommendations were put forward. All were agreed.

Each was to be awarded a £50 Gould's voucher.

16. Discussion on communications reply to policy from official mailbox

It was agreed that the Clerk must aspire to reply within 2 weeks of receipt of mail.

17. Discussion on overnighting vehicles in Kettlebridge Car Park

It was agreed that any vehicle that had been noted staying for over 3 nights should be contacted based on a health and safety concern, and then advised of the policy.

18. Discussion on planning application survey by DAPTC

Councillors agreed that the current system was not fit for purpose and therefore supported the findings of the survey that included, better site notices, letters to near neighbours, and easier to work planning portal.

19. Review of grass cutting (based on contractor withdrawal from contract)

All members agreed to ask the other contractor to quote for the areas that were being cut.

20. Additional defibrillator for Godmanstone

All members agreed to purchase a defibrillator, which would be installed on the exterior wall of the Village Hall.

Monies from the defibrillator reserve.

21. Defibrillator checks

Both Village Hall's had agreed to the weekly checks and monthly return.

Cllr Keating would personally check the New Inn for the short term.

22. Terms of reference for Governance committee

These were agreed with just one amendment, in that the Chair's of committee's were excluded.

This would provide another level of scrutiny once any recommendations come back to Full Council.

23. Draft Precept

Members agreed to the draft budget and Precept, with one minor amendment, in that Honorarium was reduced to £300. To that end the working document to Governance sat at £ 21500.00

24. Items for the next meeting

Removal of gate at the Snicket / Back Lane.
Setting the Budget and Precept for 2023/24

25. Date(s) of next meeting(s)

**Planning 23rd November 2022
Godmanstone Village Hall @ 7.00pm**

**Governance 08th December 2022
Cerne Abbas Village Hall @ 7.00pm**

**Full Council 12th January 2023
Godmanstone Village Hall @ 7.00pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2104 hours

Cllr Jill Crouch _____ ***Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council***