

Wayne Lewin – Clerk to the Parish Council

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 10th February 2022

Held in Cerne Abbas Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Councillors present:

**J. Crouch, F. Horsington, J. Bolt, M. Keating, R. Wilkin, G. Bishop, C. Crosbie, C. Paul,
L. Prowse, and L. Exton**

Also present:

1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Beresford and Cllr Haynes (DC) sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

Cllr Horsington declared an interest on any matter regarding the allotment field.

Cllr Horsington retrospectively declared an interest in agenda item 8f (Acreman Street).

3. To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 06th January 2022

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

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2022

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

To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 27th January 2022

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

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept had been acknowledged by Dorset Council and that wage remuneration was on the list of payments.

5. Update from the Chair

The Chair requested that if anybody heard about the company who had developed the Trim site going out of business, they should contact the CHO as soon as possible.

Nothing further had been heard about the fence outside the property on Church Lane.

The Clerk would chase this up.

Dorset Council had recommended via the Community Governance Review for CVPC to remain as a grouped Council, as it felt there was no community benefit to a change.

6. Public Discussion Period

The Chair gave permission to speak on agenda item 8f.

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report had been received and distributed.

Cllr Horsington had reservations as to why the Local Plan had been delayed. It was felt this would open the door to developments.

8. To receive committee reports and to agree action(s) in response to proposals and repairs

a. Allotments

Cllr Keating confirmed that one eviction notice had been issued due to not working the plot.

b. Burial Ground

The Clerk updated on the following matters:

- i. The gate was soon to be repaired, quoted at £350.00. This had been approved by the committee.
- ii. The gates would then be painted, quoted at £340.00. This also had been approved by the committee.
- iii. The path had been completed.
- iv. The tidy up had been quoted at £375.00. Again, this was approved by the committee.

Two interments had occurred in the last month.

c. Car Park

It was confirmed that Cllr's Keating and Prowse, along with the Clerk were to meet with the EA on the 15th February. The aim of the meet was to confirm when the car park would be open and provide the EA with a list of works to complete to ensure the car park was returned in the condition it was handed over.

It was requested that the EA were asked if a briefing could be conducted on how the reservoir system was controlled.

d. Children's Play Park

Cllr Keating confirmed that the new sign had been installed.

Other matters had specific agenda items.

e. Footpaths and Environment

Cllr Prowse confirmed that work was on going on the Tithe path to the water meadows.

There was no issue at the bridge at North Mead.

The finger post at Dickey Down had been reported but deemed low priority.

The finger post at 'The Turning Point' in Godmanstone had been installed.

It was requested if a waste bin could be placed next the bus shelter on The Folly.

Members agreed this should be explored further.

The Clerk would obtain a quote from Dorset Council.

f. Planning

**P/FUL/2022/00262 Land West of Field Barn Frys Lane Godmanstone
Erect wind turbine and solar panel array**

The Parish Council objected to this application on the basis of impact on the AONB.

A full report can be found on the Dorset Council planning portal.

**P/HOU/2022/00268 6 Acreman Street Cerne Abbas Dorchester DT2 7JX
Make alterations to existing dwelling, erect two storey extension to rear. Erect single storey annexe.**

The Parish Council supported this application.

9. Financial update and payments for authorisation

There were 7 payments (PV's 101 – 107) totally **£ 3774.05** that were approved and authorised for payment.

The Clerk declared that the Hall Hire cost centre and F&E reserve were both marginally overspent.

10. To form a Working Group to discuss the Cerne Abbas sewage system with Wessex Water

Members agreed to the working group, which would contain Cllr's Bishop and Wilkin along with Mr Popkin and Mr Mills. The working group were to report back any findings and were reminded that they could not make any decisions on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. Update on the path from Giants View Car Park to Kettlebridge Car Park

Cllr Keating confirmed that the EA would no longer complete or fund the above, due to an overspend in the reservoir project.

It was requested if the Council wish continue with this project.

It was unanimously agreed to continue.

Cllr Wilkin would speak to the Up Cerne estate and obtain permission to use the land.

The Clerk would obtain an estimate for stock fencing.

12. To allocate funding for the Cerne Abbas defibrillator

Cllr Prowse confirmed that three options had been sourced but had yet to establish the preferred option.

Members agreed to create a specific reserve of £3K for this project from the general reserve.

13. To approve funding for the Play Park resurfacing

Cllr Prowse had received a quote of £ 971.75 (net) whilst Cllr Keating had requested a quote from an alternative contractor.

It was agreed this project was in the best interests of the H&S of the area, so to that end, a sum not to exceed £1K, from CIL, was allocated to this venture.

14. To allocate funding for the public toilet in Cerne Abbas

The Parish Council had received confirmation that the public toilets would continue to be managed by Dorset Council. However, this was caveated by the fact that seasonal opening times may come into force.

In order to provide an option going forward, members agreed to create a specific reserve of £5K for this potential eventuality from the general reserve.

15. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillors all agreed that commemorating this milestone was something to be embraced by the Parish.

Members supported the lighting of the beacon by the landowner along with a firework display.

Members also supported the big lunch and Queens Green Canopy.

In order to facilitate these events, a sum £1K, from general reserves to a specific reserve was set aside for this occasion.

16. Road closure consultation – Charminster

Councillors had no comments on this matter.

Members also agreed that in future the road closure consultation and the road closure notice did not need to come to Council but to be placed on the website and social media.

17. Change of play park inspection provider

The play park committee had been disappointed with the quality of report from the contractor and had sourced an alternative.

However, since the last report and subsequent committee meeting, the report, and findings within had significantly improved.

It was agreed to stay with the current provider, who inspected every four months at a cost of £120 (net).

18. Initial discussion on move to electronic banking

The Clerk explain the pros of moving to electronic banking and cons of the current system.

The writing of cheques, cost of stamps and envelopes, time of distribution and potential late payment to creditors was very yesterday whilst electronic banking, which occur charges was much more fluid.

Both the Clerk and Chair had had Unity Trust Bank recommended to them.

Members were very enthused with this and requested the Clerk to explore this matter further.

19. Items for the next meeting

Wate bin at the bus stop on the Folly

Electronic banking

Transfer of funds to the F&E reserve

Items for the Village(s) meeting

Queens Platinum Jubilee

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

Full Council 10th March 2022
Cerne Abbas Village Hall @ 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2121 hours

Jill Crouch _____

Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council