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CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 13th October 2022
Held in Cerne Abbas Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm

Councillors present:

J. Crouch, F. Horsington, J. Bolt, L. Prowse, G. Bishop, G. Muskett and K. Burghart

Also present:

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Keating, Brown, Paul, Crosbie, and Beresford sent apologies along with Cllr Haynes (DC).

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

Cllr Bishop declared an interest in item 10ii.

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Cllr Horsington declared an interest in any matters to do with the allotment field.

Members agreed dispensation for Cllr Bishop to speak on agenda item 11.

Members disagreed to allow Cllr Bishop to vote on agenda item 11.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 08th September 2022

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

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

There were no matters that were not on the agenda.

5. Update from the Chair

The Chair noted that DAPTC were looking at motions for the AGM, and the planning issues as raised were paramount to the agenda.

There is to be a libraries consultation by Dorset Council in the future.

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 to members.

8. Financial update and payments for authorisation

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **9 payments (PV 70-78)** totalling **£ 2652.72** that were approved and authorised for payment.

b. Half year budget report

The Clerk that the percentage spend was **49.04%**. There were no budget line issues.

c. Reserves update

The general reserve sat at **£ 4058.65**. Although this was slightly below the guidance of 25-75% of Precept, it was noted that there was VAT due back of **£ 2259.26**, which would bring back in line.

Members were happy with this and agreed that the VAT should be reclaimed once a year.

d. Signatories on bank accounts

All were content that the current five signatories on the Lloyds account was adequate.

Cllr Burghart offered to be a third signatory on the Unity Trust account.

This was agreed by members.

9. To receive committee reports and updates

a. Allotments

There were no matters. It was confirmed the water had been turned off.

b. Burial Ground

It was confirmed that the epicormic growth had been cut back and removed.

c. Car Park

Cllr Prowse thanked Cllr's Keating and Muskett for watering the Jubilee oak.

The adventure trail was going to be installed the week commencing the 24th October.

Cllr Prowse was to meet with the EA on the 20th October, with a view to looking at locations for bird and bat boxes.

There is an intention to dig out the path to the wildlife area, with a view to creating less of a slope.

Cllr Muskett was in the process of designing a noticeboard for the area which will include the working of the dam and the nature around it.

It was confirmed that many bluebells had been planted and that the business sign had been relocated to the front of the entrance.

It was stated that £295 had been banked from the honesty box since the last meeting.

d. Children's Play Park

It was confirmed that two small signs had been replaced and that the 2 rotten posts had also been done.

e. Footpaths and Environment

Cllr Bolt confirmed that a review of the grass cutting contract had been completed by the F&E committee.

f. Update from action tracker

Although not directly on the action tracker, it was confirmed that the blockage of gullies and drains should be reported to Dorset Council.

Sewage flooding was the responsibility of Wessex Water, whilst the river growth was the call of the riparian owner. Enforcement on the last matter is via the Environment Agency.

10. Planning (JC)

i. P/HOU/2022/05141

38 Long Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorchester, DT2 7JG

Erect single storey double garage, (demolish existing garage)

This application was supported.

ii. P/FUL/2022/04283

15 Abbey Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, DT2 7JQ

Demolish existing shed and station 1 No. shepherd's hut

This application was supported.

iii. P/FUL/2022/04697

1 Black Hill Barn, Old Sherborne Road, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, DT2 7SJ

Continue use of the building as a Gin Distillery

This application was supported but with the condition that the building continues to be tied to the distillery.

11. Location of 04th finger post directing to village centre and public toilets

Cllr Bishop opened the debate by stating the following:

That due process had not been followed

There were electric and water services close by

Consider the views of those on Abbey Street

Cllr Bishop left the room.

Cllr Bolt confirmed the recommendation from the F&E committee in that the finger post should be located down Andrews Lane and that the Public Toilets should be included.

With this in mind and the comments from Cllr Bishop the following resolution was passed:

Councillors were content that due process has been followed.

In view of the concerns of residents, it was agreed NOT to place the finger post on the junction of Andrews Lane and Abbey Street, but approximately 3-4 meters down Andrews Lane, so as not to be seen by residents, other than when approaching from the river.

It was agreed that an alternative location or alternative fixing method would be looked at if the contractor established any issues with utilities.

Members agreed that a finger with public toilets on should remain. This was to ensure the consistency of route messaging.

All were happy that the finances as agreed at the June meeting were still available.

Members were content that works could commence immediately, subject to ground and weather conditions.

Councillors clarified that if the post was damaged, removed or altered, then it would be immediately replaced under the insurance policy.

Cllr Crouch would continue to lead on this project and would contact the contractor.

This was all unanimously agreed.

Cllr Bishop returned to the room.

12. Procurement of legal representation for purchase of Burial Ground extension

Councillors were not content that the quotes received were what was required.

It was agreed to speak to another company, and gain advice on what they recommended as what searches could be done, with a view to bringing back at the next meeting.

Members also agreed to apply for change of use via Dorset Council.

13. Procurement of removal of ash trees in picnic area (ash die back)

Members accepted the quote from Hardy's Tree surgeons.

It was requested that the contractor confirms what happens with the wood, and that if the trunks could be left for seating.

14. Procurement of path works in the Burial Ground

It was agreed that the costs as quoted were very expensive.

It was agreed that the Burial Ground committee review this again next year.

15. Procurement of fencing and gate for permissive path from Kettlebridge Car Park to the Giants View Car Park

The quote from Perrett fencing was accepted with the addition of two strands of wire on the top of the fencing.

**16. Permissive path from Giants View Car Park to bridge past Casterbridge Manor
Update and discussion on contribution of funds towards fencing to the Up Cerne Estate**

Members agreed to fund this part of the project with the Up Cerne Estate.

It was agreed to pay 50% of the costs up to a limit of £2000.00

This would be funded from CIL reserves.

17. Funding of defibrillators for the Village

It was agreed to purchase two defibrillators from Southwest ambulance services to the sum of £2800.00. This amount was to be split between the Parish Council and the Village Hall.

However, clarification was sought on how the defibrillators would be checked each week and by who.

Members agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

18. Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday

It was agreed to spend up to £40.00 on this matter.

19. Grant funding window

This item was moved to the next meeting.

20. Discussion on communications reply policy from official mailbox

This item was moved to the next meeting.

21. Discussion on overnighting vehicles in Kettlebridge Car Park

This item was moved to the next meeting.

22. Discussion on planning application survey by DAPTC

This item was moved to the next meeting.

23. Terms of reference for Committees

This item was moved to the next meeting.

24. Discussion on the motion book

This item was moved to the next meeting.

25. Items for the next meeting

Draft Precept

Terms of reference for Governance committee

Legal fees for Burial Ground extension purchase

Checking of the defibrillator

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

**Full Council 10th November 2022
Cerne Abbas Village Hall @ 7.00pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2108 hours

Jill Crouch _____

Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council