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**CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Full Council held on 08<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall**

**Councillors present:**

**F. Horsington, H. Brown, K. Burghart, C. Paul, G. Bishop. M. Keating, and K. Marshall**

There were 13 members of the public present including representatives from Applecourt and the Up Cerne estate.

Cllr Jill Haynes (Dorset Council)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr's Prowse, Muskett, Crosbie, and Beresford sent apologies.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests**

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

Cllr Horsington declared an interest in agenda items 9f 2 and 3.

Cllr Paul declared an interest in agenda item 9f 1.

Cllr Bishop declared an interest in agenda item 9f 1.

Cllr Bishop declared an interest in agenda item 15.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

**To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

**4. Matters arising from previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Update from the Chair**

The Chair thanked all those who filled in during his absence along with those who continue the hard work throughout the Cerne Valley.

**6. Public Discussion Period**

There were no comments at this time.

**7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council**

A report had been received and distributed,

Cllr Haynes was asked why the local plan was not going to be ready for 2024.

The short answer being the that after the public consultation of 8K people, and the censuses was the public were not happy. To that end, DC are looking to central government to look at a different way of working with a view to completing the Local Plan by 2026.

**8. Financial update**

**a. Payments for authorisation**

There were **14** payments (**PV's 21-34**) totalling **£ 5753.92** that were authorised and approved.

Advance approval was given to pay a deposit of legal fees of up to £2K, to Porter Dodson on production of an invoice.

The Clerk also confirmed that income was higher than expected, but a full budget report would be given at the next meeting.

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

**a. Allotments**

Cllr Keating confirmed that 2 plots were now available.

A site visit by Wessex Water identified that no check valves where in the taps.

New ones had been purchased and where to be installed by the end of the month.

**b. Burial Ground**

Porter Dodson were appointed as legal representation for the purchase of the Burial Ground Extension.

Members agreed to reasonable fees for fees up to £2K for seller and purchaser, with disbursements not to exceed £500, without consultation.

Funding from Burial Ground Reserves.

**c. Car Park**

There were no matters at the Car Park.

**d. Children's Play Park**

The recent inspection report picked up no new issues.

**e. Footpaths and Environment**

Members updated on the following:

Overgrown foliage around signs                      Reported to DC

Dirty signs    Reported to DC

Overgrown bank on the Folly                          Reported to DC

The bridge by Back Lane had been fixed

Authority was given to purchase a sign for the permissive path

Up Cerne estate were notified of overgrown permissive path

A leak at toilets had been reported and repaired

Next litter pick scheduled for 01<sup>st</sup> July

**f. Planning See Annex A**

**10. To form a Working Group to discuss the road management in Cerne Abbas Village Centre**

Members agreed to form a Working Group, consisting of 4 Councillors, businesses, and members of the public.

The aim would be to identify the primary issues and brain storm solutions that would satisfy the majority of the Cerne Abbas, and could be feasible for Dorset Council to achieve.

**11. Procurement of Village Gateways**

This item was moved to the next meeting.  
Members requested full costs that included installation.

**12. Closure of Coronation Reserve**

Members were satisfied that all expenditure had been accounted for.  
The reserve was closed and the remaining funds of £ 160.89 was transferred to the General Reserve.

**13. Replacement posts on Duck Street**

Cllr Keating requested that some of the posts had signs of rot.  
Cllr Horsington confirmed that some of the original purchases were stored at his farm.  
Authority was given to purchase some white paints and sleeves from the F&E budget.  
Once ready, the Clerk would ask DC Highways to install.

**14. Renewal costs for defibrillators**

Cllr Keating reminded members that the defibrillators were on a 4-year lease.  
He wished to ask how they would be paid for in the future. Options included:

Pay from General reserve  
Increase Precept  
Use excess budget(s)

It was agreed to create a specific reserve and use the excess of the Coronation to start the fund.  
Further discussions would be had at Governance and at end of year accounts.

**15. Planting of invasive species by pond on Abbey Street and the obstruction by other plants of outflow from the pond**

Cllr Bishop raised concerns as to regards the planting of Gunnera by the Pond watercourse.  
It was felt that this plant which grows very big and has prickly leaves, could potentially cause blockages in the drainage system of Abbey Street when it sheds its leaves.

It was agreed by all that prevention was better than cure and requested that the Ward Councillor should contact the Local Lead Flood Authority at Dorset Council to seek advice on this matter.

**16. Items for the next meeting**

Village gateways  
Grant application for cricket club

**17. Date(s) of next meeting**

**Full Council**  
**Cerne Abbas Village Hall**      **13<sup>th</sup> July 23 7pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2052 hours.

**Cllr Fred Horsington** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council**