

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Cerne Valley Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Thursday 28th November 2019 in Cerne Abbas Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs J. Barry, G. Bishop, R. Wilkin, F. Horsington, S. Beresford, J. Bolt, M. Baggaley, C. Heron, M. Keating and C. Paul.

1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Crosbie and Vickers sent apologies along with Cllr Haynes (DC).

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

Cllr Wilkin declared an interest in item 8f as the applicant.

Cllr Bishop declared an interest in items 10,11,13 as a resident.

Cllr Horsington declared an interest in items 8a and 16.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2019

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

To confirm the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 01st November 2018 (retrospective)

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

4. Issues arising from previous meeting

The Clerk updated the members on the following matters

1. The aerial tree inspections had been completed
2. A new sign for Kettle Bridge Car Park had been sourced
3. The yellow lines in Abbey Street had been done
4. The speed lines had been inserted on the C12
5. The new laptop had been purchased

5. Update from the Chairman

The Chairman mentioned that DAPTC were looking forward with DC as to integrate these bodies more with each other.

The Vice Chairman apologised to the public for the short notice postponement of the original meeting on the 14th November.

6. Public Discussion Period

There were no questions from the public.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

Cllr Haynes had sent in a report which had been circulated to Councillors.

There were no comments or questions.

However, Cllr Wilkin had raised concerns with Cllr Haynes, that tree applications for planning purposes were not discussed.

Although it was accepted that the discussed was made by the then WDDC he would like to discuss further about a point of contact to access this matter.

It was agreed to consider the voluntary appointment of a tree warden at the AGM.

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

a. Allotments

There were no matters.

b. Burial Ground

It had been agreed to get a quote for a damaged wall and to ask a contractor to clear brambles and remove clippings. Trees were to be discussed at item 17 and burial fees at item 18.

c. Children's Play Park

Remedial work is to be discussed at item 12. A watch was put on a swing which was slightly damaged. The maker name would be passed onto the Clerk.

d. Footpaths and Environment

The gate which passed from Duck Street to the playing field had been reported as damaged.

It had been agreed to adopt the telephone box in Godmanstone.

It had been agreed to continue with the Routine Maintenance programme for another year.

e. Kettle Bridge Car Park

New signs had been ordered for the entrance of the car park. The other signs had been moved to more appropriate locations.

The overhanging branches and brambles had been removed along with the broken fencing which had been repaired.

f. Planning

WD/D/19/002239 LAND WEST OF PIDDLE LANE, CERNE ABBAS

The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

1. Highway safety issues.
2. Not in keeping with a conservation area.
3. Not in keeping with an AONB.
4. The density of the building in relation to the plot.
5. Removal of mature trees.

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The Parish Council supported this application.

Signed.....
Chairman

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g. National Trust

Additional Funding for advisory and consultation work on new noticeboard

The Council were informed that the scope of the centenary of ownership of the Giant were in the planning phase.

The fencing had not been put in due to the weather.

The DC ranger had confirmed the steps leading to the Giant were the responsibility of DC.

Much discussion was then had on additional funding to pay for consultation and advisory work on the new noticeboard.

It materialized that design had changed from a 3-display to a 2-display panel of which the village element and the CVBG part had been merged into one.

The Council agreed to add an additional £400 to the noticeboard pot taking it to £1400. This was a majority vote of which Cllr's Barry and Horsington voted against as they believed the change of the design attributed directly to the business' which was not a proper use of public money.

9. To receive a financial report and authorise payments

The Clerk confirmed Precept spend was still within budget.

The following payments were authorised:

B&Q	1646	14.04
Dorset Home and Garden Service	1645	25.00
PKF Littlejohn	1647	288.00
DAPTC	1648	160.00
Elite Playground Inspections	1649	48.00
Lyons Gate Contracting Services	1650	294.00
Ebay (Mike Keating)	1651	11.98
Screwfix (Mike Keating)	1651	2.07
Dorchester Timber (Mike Keating)	1651	8.66
Wessex Grounds Services	1652	790.87
Lady Haigs Poppy	VISA	37.80
Dorset Home and Garden Service	1653	160.00
Signs of the Times (Gordon Bishop)	1654	216.44
Hardy Tree Surgeons	VISA	240.00
Hardy Tree Surgeons	VISA	660.00
Swift Signs	VISA	127.22
Dorset Home and Garden Service	1655	470.00
PC World	VISA	758.99

10. Signage on Abbey Street

The Council agreed that the proposed location of a no through road sign would have no benefit and so decided not to pursue the matter.

11. Dropped Curb on Abbey Street

The following actions were agreed:

- 1. For the dropped curb to be inside the yellow lines.**
- 2. For DC Highways to source all materials with the extra monies from the F&E reserves.**

Signed.....
Chairman

Date

12. Remedial works at Play Park on Duck Street

The last inspection report highlighted issues with the speed of gate closure. Two quotes had been obtained for the work.

The Council authorised expenditure of £ 470 for this work to be completed.

13. Bins by the Royal Oak

The matter of bin encroachment had resolved so no further action was required.

14. Parking in Chescombe

The matter of inconsiderate parking had resolved so no further action was required.

15. Highway maintenance

It was noted that the work done at the Piddle Lane / Long Street junction was already coming apart.

The Clerk would contact the CHO.

16. Allotment rental fees

The allotment committee proposed no increase on the current rate of £0.165 per sq meter.

This unanimously agreed.

17. Tree works in the burial ground

The burial ground committee requested a site visit with the tree surgeon.

No further action at this point was required.

18. Burial fees for 2020

The burial ground committee proposed changed to the fees as outlined below:

Exclusive Rights of Burial

Grave £500

Cremation £250

Internment Fees

Grave £200

Cremation £100

Erection of a memorial

Grave £125

Cremation £125

This unanimously agreed.

19. Funding request – St Johns Ambulance

Although members deemed this a worthy cause, the Council would prefer to keep grant money for local causes.

Signed.....
Chairman

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20. Funding commitment – river clearance on Duck Street

The Chairman reiterated thanks to all the flood wardens. However, it was identified that river clearance was the responsibility of the riparian owner, in case the school or DC. The payment earlier in the year was a times one offer and to set a precedent.

It was agreed not to allocation additional funding for river clearance. It was requested to put in the next Parish magazine the responsibilities of riparian owners.

21. Reallocation of specific and general reserves

It was agreed to move this to the next agenda.

22. Clerk's incremental progression

The finance committee recommended one incremental progression.

This unanimously agreed.

23. Honorium grants

Various individual cases where discussed and the following resolution agreed:

An award of £50 worth of Marks and Spencer's vouchers were given to 6 individuals.

24. Precept discussion 20/21

The finance committee recommended a Precept of £ 15200.

This unanimously agreed which constitutes a reduction from £ 15400 the previous year.

25. Items for the next meeting

Tree works in the burial ground

Reallocation of specific and general reserves

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

Full Council

09th January 2020

Godmanstone Village Hall 1930

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2135 hours.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date