

Wayne Lewin – Clerk to the Parish Council

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a Full Council meeting of the Cerne Valley Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 14th March 2024** starting at **7.00pm** in **Cerne Abbas Village Hall**

Please find a copy of the agenda below.

Councillors:

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests
3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **08th February 2024**

4. Parish Council matters arising
5. Update from the Chair
6. Public Discussion Period
7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

8. Financial update
 - a. Payments for authorisation

9. To receive committee reports and to agree action(s) in response to proposals and repairs
 - a. Allotments **(MK)**
 - b. Burial Ground **(SB)**
 - c. Car Park **(LP)**
 - d. Children's Play Park **(CC)**
 - e. Footpaths and Environment **(JB)**
 - f. Planning **(FH)**
 - i. P/PAAF/2024/00817
Barn At Cerne Park Farm Sydling Road Cerne Abbas
Change of use of agricultural barn to a flexible use (C1 Hotel)

10. Burial Ground Extension matters **(GB)**
11. Initial discussion on 2nd Village Gateway **(GM)**
12. Provisional end of year accounts **(WL)**
13. Items for the next meeting
14. Date(s) of next meeting

Full Council /AGM / Village Meeting
Cerne Abbas Village Hall **16th May 2024**

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Parish Clerk

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Minutes of Full Council held on 08th February 2024 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall

Councillors present:

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

1 member of the public

Full Council

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

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

Cllr Burghart declared an interest in agenda item8, PV 110.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2024

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

To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2024

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

4. Parish Council matters arising

It was confirmed that Henry Digby would light a beacon but set off any fireworks, for the D-Day commemoration day.

5. Update from the Chair

There were no matters from the Chair that were not on the agenda.

6. Public Discussion Period

There were no matters from the public.

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report had been received and distributed.

There were no matters for Dorset Council.

8. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were 9 payments (PV's 105-112) totalling £ 1456.28 that were approved and authorised for payment.

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

a. Allotments

There was nothing to report

b. Burial Ground

Cllr Beresford confirmed that the works to remove the growth by the Abbey had been brought forward.

The tomb had been dismantled (to make safe) and would be rebuilt as the weather warms.

c. Car Park

Cllr Prowse mentioned that the EA had requested some space in the car park during June / July for further dam works. It was agreed that the Parish Council would charge for this.

It was also stated that the DC had awarded a grant to cover the installation of EV charging points. A meeting would be scheduled with the EA.

It was hoped both projects would not be done at the same time.

To conclude, snowdrops and bluebells had been purchased for the wildlife area, and a new sign would be erected at the entrance.

d. Children's Play Park

Cllr Crosbie had a contractor looking as to why water was entering the roundabout.

The contractor would charge £25 a time to rid the area of water and grease the working parts.

A request to resurface the roundabout area would be discussed at the next meeting along with looking at relocating the litter bin.

e. Footpaths and Environment

Cllr Bolt mentioned that it all was quiet.

The white posts were ready to be installed on Duck Street.

It had been noted that pins were difficult to insert in the board at 'not the bus shelter'.

Concerns had been raised as to effluent running from the Up Cerne barns and leaking onto the roads and into the water courses.

The Clerk would contact the estate, the EA, and DC Highways.

There had been an issue with an electric fence blocking a bridleway, but this had now been resolved.

Both Linda and Caroline had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish tree warden.

f. Planning

With regards to application from the Up Cerne estate and the shooting lodge, Cllr Haynes had spoken to the officer at Dorset Council who was minded refusing but not bring to committee. She would investigate further.

10. Purchase of new printer

Members agreed to donate up to £ 50 towards a new shared printer.

11. Procurement of stock fencing for Burial Gound extension

On reviewing all quotes and estimates received, members agreed to procure Perrett Fencing as this was the cheapest quote and a known and trusted contractor.

12. Burial Ground Extension matters

It was confirmed that the documents, deeds, and searches had been received.

There were still answers needed to some of the enquires that were made.

The issue seemed to lie with the sellers' solicitors.

There was also the potential challenge of a permissive right of way.

It was noted that some searches may have to be redone as they were over 6 months old, prior to any completion.

13. Items for the next meeting

There were no matters at this point

14. Date(s) of next meeting

Full Council

Cerne Abbas Village Hall

14th March 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2020 hours.

Cllr Fred Horsington _____ **Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council**

Report to the Parish Council February 2024

Cllr Jill Haynes. Chalk Valleys Ward

Dear councillors' clerks and residents

Please find my February report below:

Council Tax Premium on Second homes and empty houses in Dorset

I was pleased to present the paper to full council on this matter and to have received the support of fellow councillors at full council.

For those properties classified as Long-Term Empty and Unoccupied a 100% premium will, from 1 April 2024, this will be applied after one year rather than the existing 2 years.

The introduction of the 100% council tax premium on second homes will come into effect on 1 April 2025, making a total council tax charge of 200%. Unlike empty dwellings, there is no requirement for a property to have been used as a second home for a fixed period of time before the premium can apply so it becomes chargeable from day one that a property is considered a second home (or dwelling periodically occupied).

Where exceptions are provided for in law and once final regulations have been provided, Dorset Council will adopt and apply such exceptions. The council website will be updated as soon as this information is available.

The additional funding will be distributed to all precepting authorities and Dorset Council are looking to spend a percentage of the new monies on affordable homes.

Voters encouraged to get their ID ready ahead of this year's local elections

Residents are reminded that they will need be registered to vote and show an approved form of photo ID when they go to the polling stations on 2 May to elect for Dorset Council councillors as well as Town and Parish Councils.

The Police and Crime Commissioner elections also takes place on the same day.

Following the Elections Act 2022, photographic identification is a mandatory requirement for everyone voting at polling stations.

Residents will also need photo ID to vote at parliamentary general elections, expected to be called sometime this year.

Various forms of photo ID are accepted, including a driving licence, passport, Older Person's Bus Pass, a blue badge or Disabled Person's Bus Pass. The full list of accepted ID can be found [here](#).

Residents can also use an expired ID as long as the photograph is still a good likeness.

For those without accepted photo ID, a [free Voter Authority Certificate can be obtained online](#). Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, 24 April to be processed in time for the 2 May elections. The Voter Authority Certificate is valid for 10 years and is valid for all elections.

If you need further guidance, you can also contact the Electoral services team on:

Email: elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01305 838299

To cast your vote in the upcoming elections, you must be registered by Tuesday, 16 April, 2024. If you're not already registered, you can complete the process on the [Government's website](#). Voters only need to register once, unless they have changed their name or address.

Postal votes:

There is no need for people to provide photo ID if you vote by post, but you will need to give your National Insurance number and date of birth.

Once your [postal vote](#) is set up, whenever an election, referendum or poll at which you are entitled to vote is called, you will be sent a postal poll card giving details of the forthcoming election, referendum or poll. This will be followed by a postal vote pack.

Bike It Plus

More children are now cycling to school in Dorset thanks to the success of the Bike It Plus project, says a [new report](#).

Bike It Plus, which is funded by Dorset Council and run by the charity [Sustrans](#), has been working with schools across Dorset to help encourage more young people to walk, cycle or wheel to school. In the past year, the project has supported over 36 schools to deliver fun and engaging activities that boost the skill levels of young people in walking, wheeling or cycling. Giving children and their parents the confidence and ability to travel to and from school actively.

The sessions have proven to be very popular and last year were attended by over 15,000 children, staff and parents. As a result, over 470 children in the county have been supported to learn how to ride a bike or improve their cycling skills. According to the project, this has led to an increase in the number of children now travelling to school by active means.

The team recently surveyed schools supported through the project and over 65% of respondents said they had seen a rise in the number of pupils now using an active mode of transport to get to school.

Council approves a balanced budget

Dorset Council's budget of £377 million for 2024-25 has been approved by councillors at the Full Council meeting on 13 February. This continues the council's commitment to maintain frontline services, without the need for cuts to balance the budget.

This year's budget setting exercise once again took place against a national background of extreme pressures for councils. These pressures include the high level of inflation which affects the cost of delivering council services, and also the continued growth in need for services that we provide to some of our most vulnerable residents.

Dorset Council provides around 450 different services to just under 380,000 residents.

While Dorset Council is not in the same financial position as many other councils across the UK, council tax will increase next year by just under 3 per cent and the adult social care precept by 2 per cent this is essential to ensure that services are not cut. The increase is equivalent to £1.82 extra per week for a Band D property.

Planning Services

County Hall, Colliton Park
Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

📞 01305 838336- **Development Management**

📞 01305 224289- **Minerals & Waste**

🌐 www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

P - Cerne Abbas PC

Date: 16 February 2024

Ref: P/PAAF/2024/00817

Support Officer: Bethany McSevney

Area: Northern

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Dear Sir/Madam

Application No: P/PAAF/2024/00817
Location: Barn At Cerne Park Farm Sydling Road Cerne Abbas
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural barn to a flexible use (C1 Hotel)

The above application for, Prior Approval - Agricultural to Flexible Commercial Use has been received.

The application can be viewed online. You will need to accept the terms and conditions to enter the online planning register.

**Any comments you wish to make must be made
Through the website using the link or qr code**

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403434&cuuid=F2352D63-A466-431F-92EF-5BB1DC34433A>



This link is unique to each consultee for each individual application.
Important - do not share this link, it is unique to you as a consultee in our system.
Using the link ensures your comments are processed efficiently.

We can only consider material planning considerations, when assessing and determining the application'. We cannot accept anonymous comments and all comments received along with your name and address will be published on our website.

If i do not hear from you by the 8 March 2024 council will proceed to make a recommendation. Our decision will be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

Bethany McSevney

Planning Technical Support Officer - Northern Team

CVPC Receipts 2324									
Date	Received from	RV	Grants	Precept	Allotment	Burial Ground	Car Park	Tax	Total
30/04/2023	Grassby (PH) Interment	1				210.00			210.00
15/04/2023	Allotments Rent x 28	2			378.00				378.00
19/04/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	3					195.00		195.00
30/04/2023	HMRC (VAT)	4						4,603.02	4603.02
05/04/2023	SSE (Wayleave)	5	15.36						15.36
17/04/2023	Williams (Interment)	6				105.00			105.00
17/04/2023	Williams (Exclusive Rights of Burial)	7				260.00			260.00
30/04/2023	Dorset Council (Precept)	8		10850.00					10850.00
05/04/2023	Woods (HS) Interment	9				105.00			105.00
19/04/2023	Grassby (BN) Memorial	10				50.00			50.00
19/04/2023	Grassby (BN) Interment	11				105.00			105.00
25/04/2023	Woods (FH) Interment	12				105.00			105.00
04/05/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	13					95.00		95.00
04/05/2023	Allotments Rent Cash and Cheques	14			177.55				177.55
04/05/2023	Allotment Rent x 13	15			199.80				199.80
10/05/2023	Fosters (MS) Interment	16				210.00			210.00
18/05/2023	Grassby (PH) Memorial	17				50.00			50.00
23/05/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	18					110.00		110.00
23/05/2023	Allotments Rent x 2 Cash and Cheques	19			24.55				24.55
23/05/2023	Grassby (JR) Interment	20				210.00			210.00
23/05/2023	Lloyds Bank - Charles North Dividends	21	102.34						102.34
26/05/2023	Allotment Field Rent	22			118.45				118.45
08/06/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	23					185.00		185.00
15/06/2023	SSE (Wayleave)	24	6.00						6.00
15/06/2023	Commonwealth War Graves	25	30.00						30.00
27/06/2023	Grassby (PS) Interment	26				105.00			105.00
13/07/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	27					320.00		320.00
11/07/2023	Grassby (JR) Additional Inscription	28				50.00			50.00
13/07/2023	Open Gardens (Charles North Charity)	29	3102.93						3102.93
08/08/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	30					240.00		240.00
07/09/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	31					395.00		395.00
12/09/2023	Lloyds Bank - Charles North Dividends	32	58.84						58.84
22/09/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	33					185.00		185.00
30/09/2023	Dorset Council (Precept)	34		10850.00					10850.00

02/10/2023	HMRC (VAT) H1	35						1805.52	1805.52
12/10/2023	Stones Masons (Memorial)	36				130.00			130.00
12/10/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	37					175.00		175.00
19/10/2023	Exclusive Rights of Burial (LP)	38				260.00			260.00
09/11/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	39					120.00		120.00
09/11/2023	Appleby - Additional Inscription (PS)	40				50.00			50.00
13/11/2023	Exclusive Rights of Burial (LP)	41				520.00			520.00
11/12/2023	Exclusive Rights of Burial (CK)	42				520.00			520.00
14/12/2023	Car Park Honesty Box	43					60.00		60.00
11/01/2024	Car Park Honesty Box	44					80.00		80.00
19/01/2024	Grassby (HK) Interment	45				210.00			210.00
22/01/2024	Exclusive Rights of Burial (CK)	46				520.00			520.00
26/01/2024	Exclusive Rights of Burial (DH)	47				260.00			260.00
08/02/2024	Car Park Honesty Box	48					80.00		80.00
			3315.47	21700.00	898.35	4035.00	2240.00	6408.54	38597.36

	Receipts	Current	Budget	%	Difference	
		£	£			
	Donations	3,315.47	250.00	1326.19	3065.47	
	Precept	21,700.00	21700.00	100.00	0.00	
	Allotments	898.35	900.00	99.82	-1.65	
	Burial Ground	4,035.00	4000.00	100.88	35.00	
	Car Park	2,240.00	1500.00	149.33	740.00	
	Tax Rebates	6,408.54	4536.19	141.28	1872.35	
	Total Receipts	38,597.36	32886.19	117.37	-5711.17	
	Payments	£	£			24-25
LGA 1972 s112	Salaries	13,570.84	13,200.00	102.81	-370.84	14100.00
	Expenses	511.65	400.00	127.91	-111.65	500.00
LGA 1972 s111	Administration	447.43	300.00	149.14	-147.43	500.00
SH&AA 1908 ss 23,26 & 42	Training	0.00	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
LGA 1972 s142 15 34 150	Honourarium	271.67	300.00	90.56	28.33	300.00
LGA 1972 s142	Association Fees	365.92	500.00	73.18	134.08	400.00
LGA 1972 s111	Hall Hire	174.00	200.00	87.00	26.00	200.00
LGA (Misc Prov)A 1953 s4	Insurance	482.04	600.00	80.34	117.96	600.00
LGA 1972 s111 & s114	Auditors	417.63	500.00	83.53	82.37	500.00
LGA 1972 s143 & s111	Grants	800.00	800.00	100.00	0.00	800.00
LGA 1972 s111	Playpark	565.61	600.00	94.27	34.39	500.00
PHA 1936 s87,LGA 1972 s142	F&E	1,753.47	2,700.00	64.94	946.53	2200.00
	Allotments	266.04	300.00	88.68	33.96	200.00
	Burial Ground	867.40	1,000.00	86.74	132.60	1200.00
		20,493.70	21,700.00	94.44	1,206.30	22,300.00
0.00	Allotments	898.35				
2269.90	Burial ground	1,765.10				
754.83	Car Park	1,485.17				
	Reserve	17,982.55				
	VAT	2,385.32				
	Total Payments	45,010.19				

RESERVES as @ 08th March 2024

Cash Flow	37738.00				
Allotments	2851.08				
Burial Ground	3514.33				
Play Park	1325.08				
Community Infrastructure Levy	14300.27	Allocated Monies	£12,500.00	£1,561.37	£238.90
Car Park	2000.00				
Footpaths and Enviroment	879.05				
Defibrillator Fund	1160.89				
Annual Operating Costs	0.00				
General	11707.30				
	VAT Reclaim 23/24		580.03		
			12287.33		
		Guide		Actual	
General Reserve Guidance 50 % of Precept	10850.00			11707.30	
Total Reserve Guidance 200% of Precept	43400.00			37738.00	

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

RECONCILIATION FOR THE YEAR 2023 - 2024

A		E		CURRENT BALANCE	
OPENING BALANCE		UNPRESENTED CHEQUES		OPENING BALANCE	44150.83
Carried forward	44150.83	PV	AMOUNT	PLUS INCOME	38597.36
01-Apr-23		117	83.89	SUB TOTAL	82748.19
TOTAL	44150.83	119	928.88		
		120	45.34	LESS EXPENDITURE	45010.19
		121	16.22	TOTAL	37738.00
B		122	14.40		
BANK DETAILS					
BANK ACCOUNT	BALANCE	125	18.00		
Lloyds Bank	28514.43	126	90.74	CUMULATIVE BALANCE	
Unity Trust Bank	10907.50	127	388.96	TOTAL BANK BALANCES	39421.93
		128	66.00		
		129	31.50	LESS U/P CHEQUES	1683.93
TOTAL	39421.93			TOTAL	37738.00
C				BALANCES	0.00
INCOME					
INCOME TO DATE	AMOUNT				38597.36
See Receipts Ledger				EXPENDITURE	45010.19
				TOTAL	-6412.83
TOTAL	38597.36				
EXPENDITURE TO DATE					
EXPENDITURE TO DATE	AMOUNT				
See Payments Ledger					
TOTAL	45010.19				
		TOTAL	1683.93		