

Wayne Lewin – Clerk to the Parish Council

**CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Full Council held on 09<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall**

**Councillors present:**

**S. Beresford, C. Crosbie, L. Prowse, F. Horsington, M. Keating, H. Brown, K. Burghart, and G. Bishop**

There were 8 members of the public present.

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, Cllr Horsington was proposed and seconded and duly appointed to Chair the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr's Muskett, Bolt and Paul sent apologies, along with Cllr Haynes from Dorset Council.

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

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

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Cllr Prowse noted that the sign on Long Street had not been mentioned in the minutes.

It was agreed to discuss this later under item 9e.

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, notwithstanding the one point above.

**4. Matters arising from previous meeting**

Cllr Crosbie confirmed the gate at the end of the Snicket had been removed free of charge.

Cllr Beresford voiced concerns as to the issue of children running into Back Lane.

It was mentioned that only one member of the public had raised any concerns.

The Clerk confirmed the boundary wall agreement had been signed.

**5. Update from the Chair**

The Chair publicly thanked Jill Crouch for all her hard work during her time as a Councillor for Godmanstone and during her tenure as Chair.

The Clerk would write to her in due course.

The Chair brought up the criminal act of the predetermined vandalism and theft of the finger post on Andrews Lane.

All members agreed that a new one must be brought in accordance with previous minutes.

**6. Public Discussion Period**

The boundary wall agreement was mentioned.

**The Chair confirmed that this was a small part of the wall joining a private property, and not the entire wall.**

The Parish Council was thanked for putting the St back on the finger directing to St Augustine's Well.

It was queried was Andrews Lane did not have a St in front of it.

**It was confirmed that it was likely named after a Mr and Mrs Andrews who once dwelled in the property next to the path.**

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

A report had been received and distributed to members.

There were no questions for the Ward Councillor.

**8. Financial update**

**a. Payments for authorisation**

There were **7** payments totalling **£ 2858.30 (PV 108-114)**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

**b. New signatories for Unity Bank**

Cllr's Muskett and Crosbie both offered to be signatories.

This was unanimously agreed.

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

**a. Allotments**

Cllr Keating confirmed that there were no known issues and that all plots were taken.

**b. Burial Ground**

Cllr Beresford had nothing further to report other than that on the agenda.

**c. Car Park**

Cllr Prowse commenced by confirming the fencing for the permissive right of way from the picnic area to the Giants View car park was complete.

There were a few snagging issues still to be sorted, such as tree roots.

Signage was being sourced, including one that stated uneven surfaces. This will not be obtrusive to the view to the Giant from the car park and likely be placed on the gate.

As this project was requested by the community, it was suggested that a small opening ceremony be conducted.

This was agreed, with a provisional date of 06<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 3pm earmarked.

The wildlife area was progressing well.

The EA had provided native hedging and trees which had been planted.

Nest boxes and bat boxes were due to arrive at the end of February.

They were also looking at the issue with the culvert and have a solution.

The noticeboard had been completed and is due to be installed soon.

The school had been approached to build some bug hotels and bee boxes and were very happy to do so.

A memorial bench will be installed in due course.

Cllr Prowse publicly thanked the family who wished to donate a large of money towards this.

**d. Children's Play Park**

Cllr Keating confirmed the latest inspection report had nothing new to report.

**e. Footpaths and Environment**

Cllr Prowse spoke on the Long Street sign, in that Dorset Council had no funds to repair. It was agreed to place this on the next agenda.

Mr Andrew Popkin had kindly offered to cut back the low branch on the riverside walk.

The Clerk would speak to the contractor and request a new finger post for Andrews Lane be sourced, ensuring it was of the correct height.

**f. Defibrillator update**

Cllr Keating confirmed that delivery had been taken of the defibrillators.

Approval was given to use the same electrician as the village hall, at a cost of £150 each unit.

Approval was also given to purchase a new battery for the defibrillator at the Church at a cost of £280.00.

Funding to come from the Defibrillator reserve.

It was confirmed that the Village Hall would conduct training on 25 April 2023.

**g. Planning**

**i. P/HOU/2022/07978**

**Beauvoir Court Duck Street Cerne Abbas DT2 7LA**

**Construct swimming pool**

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

Detrimental effort on an AONB

Detrimental effect in a conservation area

Close to a scheduled monument

Potential light pollution

Potential noise pollution

No screening

Potential flooding issue on water discharge from pool

Chlorinated discharge into water course

Sensitive area

Listed building setting

Inappropriate development of site

ii. **P/HOU/2022/05676**

**15 The Folly, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, DT2 7JR**

**Form 2 no. dormer windows to front of garage and replace existing rear roof light with dormer window. Form additional parking space**

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

This application is an inappropriate development for a garage that is within a conservation area, and that is not in keeping with the surrounding area.

It has the potential to overlook neighbours.

**10. Procurement of contractor for change of use on Burial ground extension**

The working group has sourced three contractors and had distributed the finding to all members. Council supported the recommendation to use Symonds and Sampson as the agent and placed an initial cap of £2K from the Burial Ground reserve to pay for the services.

Cllr Bishop was given authority to contact the company to move this project along.

**11. Support and funding for sandbag store in Cerne Abbas**

As no further information came forward this matter was now closed.

**12. Incremental progression for the Clerk**

The Clerk was awarded one incremental scale point progression with effect from 01 April 2023.

**13. Position and design of new Village Gateways**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**14. Request for Kings Coronation Street party funding in Cerne Abbas**

Members agreed to place £500 from the general reserve into a specific reserve which could be used for either Cerne Abbas or Godmanstone.

**15. Dog waste campaign**

The Parish Council fully supported Cllr Burghart with the request to set up a working group to tackle this issue.

**16. Cerne Abbas litter pick**

The Parish Council fully supported Cllr Crosbie with the request to set up a working group to tackle this issue.

The aim is to meet on the first Saturday of each month, at 9am at 'Not the bus stop'.

**17. Items for the next meeting**

Village gateways

New noticeboard for 'Not the bus shelter'

Update on bus shelter refurbishment

Grant awards

Items for the annual village meeting

19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Provisional end of year accounts

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<b>18. Date(s) of next meeting(s)</b>	<b>Allotments Committee</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup> March 1pm</b>
	<b>On site</b>	
	<b>Play Park Committee</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup> March 2pm</b>
	<b>On site</b>	
	<b>Car Park Committee</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup> March 3pm</b>
	<b>On site</b>	
	<b>Full Council</b>	<b>09<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>
	<b>Cerne Abbas Village Hall @</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2101 hours.

**Cllr Jacqui Bolt** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deputy Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council**