

**MINUTES OF THE CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th
MARCH 2022 AT CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs C Byrom, R Maslin, G Waters, A Taylor

Chair: Cllr C Hampton

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 0 members of the public

1. Open Session

No members of the public were present.

2. Apologies

21.88 Apologies have been received from Cllr Jonathon Pearce, Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes and PCSO Alison Donnison.

3. To receive any Declarations of Interest

21.89 No interests were declared at this stage.

4. Approve minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2022

21.90 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members with the agenda.

Resolved: The minutes reflect a true and accurate record of the meeting and are signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.91 Playpark fencing – Awaiting a final cost. This will be brought back to a future meeting.

Dogs in the play park – No further problems with dogs have been reported.

6. To co-opt new Parish Councillors

21.92 There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. Andrew Taylor and Nicole Searle had both put their names forward for the roles.

Resolved: Andrew Taylor and Nicole Searle are duly co-opted to join the Parish Council.

7. Dorset Councillor's Report

21.93 Cllr Haynes was not available to attend the meeting but had sent a report at the beginning of February to cover both February and March. This has been forwarded to members. The Chair summarised the report for the benefit of those members present.

Maintenance of highway verges – concern was raised about the amount of litter on the verges of all the roads throughout the county. It is disappointing that Dorset Council do not appear to be doing anything about this and nothing is mentioned in Cllr Haynes' report.

Resolved: Cllr Hampton will contact Cllr Haynes and ask for her response to this problem.

8. PCSO's report

21.94 PCSO Donnison was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a short report stating that there had been no crimes or incidents reported during the period from 10th January to 3rd March 2022, other than concern for a deer that had been injured and found on the road.

9. Parish Councillor's Reports

21.95 Cllr Maslin – The Play Area Group has started to look at the costings for various pieces of equipment, which will include the follow up maintenance cost as well. Cllr Maslin has been emailing other councils that have similar equipment to that wanted on our site but, so far nothing has been forthcoming. He will continue to explore various options.

Cllr Waters – Jubilee Planning – there was a meeting on the 15th February and another will be held on the 15th March. Chris Loader MP has been invited to attend the celebrations and will give a short speech. The group are looking for any resident who has alive at the Coronation and remembers the event.

Cllr Byrom – The Litter Pick will be taking place on Saturday 12th March, starting from the village hall car park, and running from 10am to midday. The Climate Action Group (CAG) will be looking at putting snowdrops and primroses and native daffodils in some of the banks through the village. The next meeting of the CAG will be on Wednesday 9th March and where they will be discussing alternatives to heating oil – perhaps reusing cooking oil.

Cllr Hampton – He has continued to follow up on the footpath at Brook Green that the developer was due to instal. He has spoken to the planners saying that this has not been done. This was passed to the Enforcement Officers who attended the site and will respond to the Planning Department in due course. Cllr Hampton will continue to pursue this. It was noted that the entrance to the proposed path has now been boarded up.

10. To receive the Correspondence Report

21.96 There was no additional correspondence.

11. To agree responses to planning applications

21.97 There were no applications to review.

12. To agree the payment of accounts and accept the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

21.98 The following payments had been requested:

John Lilley	Repair commemorative bench	BACS034	282.00
Community Heartbeat	Annual support 3.3.22 to 3.3.23	BACS035	151.20
A Crocker	Jan/Feb wages	BACS036	214.00
HMRC	Jan/Feb PAYE	BACS037	53.60

Total amount requested from Precept: £700.80

Resolved: Payments amounting to £700.80 are made.

Copies of the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget were issued with the agenda. No comments were made.

13. To confirm the Parish Council's support for the Play Park Steering Committee for play area improvements

21.99 Cllr Maslin explained that the bottom third of the open area has a play tunnel and a set of swings and the area is leased to the Parish Council from Magna Housing. The lease was recently extended to 12.5 years,

with a further 12.5 years if Magna decide they do not want to use it. In the knowledge of the extended lease, it was decided that it would be a good idea to add some more play equipment. A steering group has been set up to look at equipment for children up to the age of 10. The development of Brook Green enabled a footpath to be added, which would considerably increase the use of the play area and would mean parking would be in the area of the village hall, rather than in Streetway Lane. It would also make the area much more accessible for the school. With the potential loss of the footpath, the edge has been taken off the plan, slightly. Further issues were raised with the uncontrolled walking of dogs. However, under recent legislation, should an area be fenced off specifically for children's play, then dogs could be banned from the site.

At present, the group is looking at the various options regarding fencing and what area should be fenced.

A form of census in the village would be useful to see what residents' opinions are and to give an indication of what people would like to see on the site. Cllr Maslin asked if he could draft something to go through every letterbox in the village.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the work of the Play Park Steering Committee for the improvement of the site.

14. To consider items for the Annual Parish meeting

- 21.100 - Play Park update and results of the questionnaire
- Update on the Platinum Jubilee plans

The Parish meeting will be held on Monday 9th May, starting at 7pm, before the Parish Council meeting.

15. To receive an update on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative works

- 21.101 The planters have been completed. The first planter will be put out at the top of Drakes Lane. New compost will be needed for all the planters. It was suggested that the Parish Council liaise with the Gardening Club to see if they can help with this. Cllr Taylor will make enquiries but the Parish Council will fund the cost of any compost.

The commemorative bench – work has begun and should be completed very soon. Hard standing will be needed and the bench will need to be fixed. Cllr Maslin will speak to his contact at Eastments.

Resolved: Cllr Maslin to contact Eastments with regard to the hard standing and fixings for the commemorative bench.

16. Date of next meeting

- 21.101 The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 2022, commencing 7pm..

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:10pm