

Wayne Lewin – Clerk to the Parish Council

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council held on 11th May 2023 at Godmanstone Village Hall

Councillors present:

S. Beresford, C. Crosbie, L. Prowse, H. Brown, K. Burghart, G. Muskett, C. Paul, and G. Bishop

There were 10 members of the public present.

Cllr Burghart was proposed and seconded to Chair the meeting.

All members agreed.

1. Co-option of Parish Councillor for Cerne Valley Parish Council

Mr Kevin Marshall had put himself forward.

He was proposed and seconded and duly co-opted as a Councillor for the Cerne Valley Parish Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Horsington, Bolt and Keating sent apologies along with Cllr Haynes (DC).

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 11.

She requested a dispensation to speak and vote.

This was accepted by all members.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 09th March 2023

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 19th April 2023

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

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

The Clerk confirmed the school had received the Coronation mugs.

The noticeboard for 'not the bus shelter' had been ordered.

The broken Long Street sign had been fixed.

6. Update from the Chair

The Chair wished to publicly thank the organisers of the Coronation Street Party for an amazing day.

7. Public Discussion Period

No were no matters at this point. The Chair confirmed all could speak at the relevant agenda item.

8. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report had been received and distributed. There were no matters for Dorset Council.

9. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **13** payments (**PV's 8-20**) totally **£ 3567.54** that were authorised and approved for payment.

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

a. Allotments

It was confirmed that 2 plots were vacant and all but two rents collected.

b. Burial Ground

Cllr Beresford confirmed there were no matters other than that on the agenda.
The Clerk confirmed there had been 4 interments since the last meeting.

c. Car Park

Cllr Prowse mentioned that the tree that had been in the picnic area had now had the trunk removed.

This was done by a Parishioner who also made the slat for the bench in the play park.

The bird mess on the equipment was not deemed a permanent issue.

The permissive path was being well used.

Cllr Crosbie requested that the play equipment be checked along with that in the play park, as agreed at a previous meeting.

d. Children's Play Park

The new fence by the river was due to be installed soon.

e. Footpaths and Environment

The Clerk confirmed that the rattly grill on Long Street and the concrete spill on Alton Lane had been dealt with.

Cllr Crosbie confirmed that the public litter bin emptying would be synchronized in due course on a Thursday. Andrews Lane was often not emptied due to accessibility issues.

The fourth finger post was being installed on Friday (12th).

A litter pick was scheduled for 03rd June.

f. Defibrillator update

It was confirmed that all four defibrillators are in situation and working.

The training day was very well attended.

A massive vote of thanks was given to Cllr Keating and Cllr Brown for all their work.

The Clerk confirmed that the project had overspent by £34.54.

It was unanimously agreed to close the reserve with the general reserve taking the overspend.

g. Planning (JB)

i. P/FUL/2021/04650

**Mount Pleasant Farm, 2 Sydling Road, Cerne Abbas, Dorchester, DT2 7JT
Demolish existing dwelling & garage/store. Erect dwelling & garage/farm office/farm welfare building**

The Parish Council supported this application.

ii. **P/VOC/2023/01963**

9 The Folly, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, DT2 7JR

Erect single storey rear extension and 2 storeys rear extension granted by application no. 1/D/11/000861. (With variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission

The Parish Council offered no comment on this application but referred back to previous applications on this property.

11. Permanent patio structure on Church Lane, Godmanstone

The permanent patio structure had been reported to Dorset Council as an infringement of the Highway extent. Dorset Council Highways had requested the views of the Parish Council. Councillors and members of the public all thought that the patio and fence vastly improved the aesthetics of the Lane.

The Parish Council have no objections to the patio structure remaining in place, subject to homeowner completing the stopping up order as requested by Dorset Council Highways.

It was also noted that this is not a precedent but a one-off resolution.

This is no reflection on the ownership of the land.

12. Review of DAPTC subscriptions

Although members agreed that the support on a weekly basis was not worth the subscriptions, it was also noted that the risk of not being part of DAPTC for such areas as legal advice and training was of a greater issue.

It was therefore agreed to continue as part of DAPTC, with a further review to be conducted at a Full Council at a time to be agreed.

13. Position and design of new Village Gateways

Members were in total support of the design and locations (Casterbridge and Barton Farm).

It was requested that 3 quotes be obtained prior to any further resolutions.

14. Matters from the Annual Village Meeting

There were five matters from the Village Meeting which were discussed as follows:

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| a. Public Toilets | Wait for further developments from Dorset Council |
| b. River Path | Clear as and when required |
| c. Poles in AONB | Out of scope – no further action |
| d. Coronation Tree | No suitable location |
| e. Cones in Village Centre | To set up a Working Group |

15. Pedestrian signage at end of new permissive pathway

Dorset Council would not install a sign prior to Casterbridge Manor but were not averse to the Parish Council doing so.

Cllr Prowse and The Clerk would investigate designing some appropriate signage.

16. New glass for Godmanstone noticeboard

Members unanimously agreed to spend up to £200 on this project, funding from F&E budget.

17. Continued support a Godmanstone Road Safety Working Group investigating options despite lack of funding from Dorset Council Highways

It was agreed that Cllr Brown could continue to explore other options.

18. Purchase of field binoculars and/or 'National Trust: Out and About Bird Spotter for children of the school

It was agreed to purchase two sets of binoculars and the bird spotter book.

Funding from the grants budget.

19. Recommendation from the Burial Ground Working Group regards the purchase of the Burial Ground extension

As part of the 'Chance of use', an archaeological survey had been stipulated by the Planning Authority. The cost of this could be £4000.00

The options going forward were:

- a. Pull the whole project
- b. Continue with change of use and then, if granted, continue with purchase.
- c. Purchase plot and pay legal fees, then continue with change of use once this was complete and funds were available.

Much debate was had on which option held 'most risk', which came down to the purchase of the land and then change of use not granted or payable substantial fees for surveys and change of use not being granted.

Members agreed that the best option was to purchase the land, those securing it at the current agreed price – whilst saving funds for the survey to be completed.

The Clerk would contact the solicitors to move this project forward.

20. Items for the next meeting

To set a Working Group to discuss road management within Cerne Abbas village centre.

Procurement of Village Gateways.

21. Date(s) of next meeting

Full Council

Cerne Abbas Village Hall

08th June 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055 hours.

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