

Wayne Lewin – Clerk to the Parish Council

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council held on 09th March 2023 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall

Councillors present:

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

CLlr Jill Haynes (Dorset Council)

There were 2 members of the public present.

As Deputy Chair, CLlr Bolt Chaired the meeting.

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

The Clerk confirmed that nobody applied for election and that the Parish Council could go to co-option.

2. Apologies for absence

CLlr's Bishop and Paul sent apologies.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

CLlr Horsington declared any matters regarding the allotment field.

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

This were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with one addition, which was manually input and signed.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

CLlr Burghart confirmed positive feedback on the dog waste campaign and had excellent support from Dorset Council.

CLlr Crosbie was happy with the litter pick turn out and will go again on 01st April 2023.

All other matters were completed on moved to this agenda.

6. Update from the Chair

The Chair thanked members for the very successful opening of the new permissive right of way. She also thanked CLlr Brown for all the hard work into completing the transport survey. CLlr Brown confirmed it was nearly finished.

7. Public Discussion Period

Public were happy to talk on relevant agenda item.

8. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report and been received and distributed.

Cllr Haynes spoke on the following matters.

Business data (lots of information stored by different departments that could be shared)

Broadband intelligence (use and positioning of masts)

Levelling up fund

Staff shortages

It was confirmed the Local Plan was stalling due to conversations with Central Government over housing quotas.

9. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **13** payments (**PV's 115-127**) totalling **£ 3625.49** that were authored and approved for payments.

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

a. Allotments

Cllr Keating confirmed that the committee had met on 06th March.

The agreed items for the future included:

Purchase of a new first aid kit

Skip hire

Support the best allotment competition

Support to the allotments social in July

There was one plot available.

b. Burial Ground

Cllr Beresford had no issues in the Burial Ground other than on the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed that two interments were due at the end of the month.

c. Car Park

Cllr Prowse confirmed that the committee had met on 06th March.

The following matters were updated to members:

Screw caps on play equipment had been inserted

The very minor wood chip would be planed down

The Jubilee oak was in bud

Bird nest and bat boxes had been put up in the wildlife area

The information board had been installed

The memorial bench had been put in position, with a view to securing soonest

Wood chip had been ordered to create a path

The school had been engaged to make some insects homes

And the permissive path was open. A sign had been ordered.

d. Children's Play Park

Cllr Keating confirmed the committee meet on 06th March.

A quote for a new fence line by the river had been made.

£ 300.00 from the play park reserve was requested as to facilitate the turned and sanded of 20 further slates on the play equipment.

This was unanimously approved.

e. Footpaths and Environment

Members confirmed that various fly tipping had been reported

Cllr Brown confirmed the dilapidated bridge in Godmanstone had been removed.

f. Defibrillator update

Cllr Keating confirmed that a new battery had been brought for the church.

This defibrillator was now 'back on the circuit'.

An electrician had had a look at installing the New Inn and Village Hall(s) defibrillators.

Listed building consent had not yet been granted for the New Inn.

Cllr Keating requested £ 50.00 from the general reserve to assist with advertising of the defibrillators.

This was unanimously agreed.

g. Planning

There were no new planning applications.

11. Position and design of new Cerne Abbas Village Gateways

Cllr Muskett briefed Council on his ideas and designs.

This was still met by many questions.

To that end, Cllr Horsington agreed to work with Cllr Muskett on this project, with a view to bring this back in May.

It was also suggested to speak to Mr Richard Wilkin who was very keen on these gateways.

12. New noticeboard for 'not the bus shelter'

Cllr Prowse suggested that the Parish Council noticeboard needed updating.

A new board, with metallic backing have been sourced at £345.00, and was suggested it be placed on the right side of the shelter, with the current 'general information' notices moved to the current Parish Council notices spot.

This was agreed by all, and a budget of £500.00 budget was set from the F&E cost centre.

13. Neighbourhood Plan review

Cllr Brown was keen to revisit the Neighbourhood Plan as it had been some time since it was approved by referendum. The document (5 years in the making), contained little in the way in sustainability or green initiatives.

Cllr Horsington suggested that a full review, with all that comes with it should be looked at after the Local Plan had been made.

A new Neighbourhood Plan could then be built into this, thus saving time and energy.

It was agreed to review after the local plan but was noted that points could be placed on the agenda at any time.

14. Request for support for crossing on Duck Street from the school

Members of FOCS stated that crossing Duck Street, from the school to the playing fields was becoming very dangerous.

In the future it was likely to get worse, due to the increase in pupil numbers and the loss of the current playground for additional classrooms.

The Parish Council gave full support for FOCS to speak to the school, who in turn to speak to Dorset Council to look into this matter.

15. The broken Long Street sign

Cllr Prowse had spoken to Dorset Council who confirmed they had no money to replace this sign. Members agreed that this needed to be replaced and so set aside £300.00 from the general reserve.

The Clerk would speak to Dorset Council for a quote.

16. Grant funding requests

Come and Play along with Men of Cerne were both awarded grants of £250.00.

17. Revoke of minute February 23 (10) - Procurement of contractor for change of use on Burial ground extension

This minute was revoked as previously quoted costs on which the resolution had considerably increased by the nominated contractor.

18. Review of change of use fees for Burial Ground extension

Further to item 17, the working group recommended that Brian Twigg Town and Planning be appointed at the new contractor.

Initial terms were £70.00 per hour for 8 hours.

Members agreed to a cap of £2000.00, to be met from Burial Ground reserves.

19. Provisional end of year accounts

Members agreed to all payments and receipts, the budget, reconciliation, and reserves.

Council agreed to transfers of surplus or deficits in 22/23 cost centres to appropriate reserves.

This will allow the Clerk the opportunity to prepare for the next financial year.

20. Items for the next meeting and annual village meeting

Village gateways

Pedestrian signage at end of new permissive pathway

Update from the Godmanstone safe road working group

New glass for Godmanstone noticeboard

Litter picking update

Tree planting for Kings Coronation

Briefing from dog warden

Review of DAPTC subscriptions

EA update on wildlife area

Members agreed up to £100.00 for annual village meeting refreshments

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21. Date(s) of next meeting	Burial Ground Committee	
	On site	23rd March 6pm
	Footpaths and Environment	
	Cerne Abbas Village Hall	23rd March 7pm
	Annual Village Meeting	
	Cerne Abbas Village Hall	19th April 7pm
	Annual General Meeting	
	Cerne Abbas Village Hall	19th April 8 pm
	Full Council	
	Godmanstone Village	11th May 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1958 hours.

Cllr Jacqui Bolt _____ **Deputy Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council**