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Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Park Committee
held at 10am on Thursday 16th December 21 On site at Kettlebridge Car Park

Present:

Cllrs M. Keating, L. Prowse, and Mr G. Mortimer

Agenda

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Prowse was proposed and seconded.

There were no further nominations.

Cllr Prowse was therefore appointed as Chair.

2. Apologises for absence

Cllr Paul sent apologises.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

There were no declarations.

4. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October 2019

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

5. Works by the Environment Agency

a. Closure of Car Park

It was confirmed that the Car Park would be closed until January at the earliest.

The committee agreed this was hopeful thinking.

Cllr Keating agreed to write to the EA for an update, in the New Year.

b. Financial recompense for closure

Members agreed to continue to request £250 per month in lieu of honesty box.

c. Works to be completed by EA

The committee agreed to request the following:

- i. For the main area of the car park to be fully re-laid with appropriate hardcore, along with scrapping out the surface which was now mulch.
- ii. For all fencing to be replaced, with the appropriate wired standard panels.
- iii. For Kettlebridge Lane to be reinstated to how it was prior to work commencing.
- iv. For the island off Duck Street to Kettlebridge Lane to be reinstated with a border and backfilled.
- v. For the entrance to the car park to be reinstated as before.

d. Connecting track from Giants View Car Park to Kettlebridge Car Park

Members were very keen to proceed with this project.

It was agreed to request the green fencing adjoining the picnic area to be removed prior to the EA leaving the site.

e. Noticeboard at reservoir

It was agreed to ask the EA for a noticeboard so that the public can understand how the reservoir works and why, along with the work completed.

It must be in user friendly language.

6. Honesty box

a. Collections

Cllr Keating was happy to collect monies from the honesty box.

Cllr Prowse and Cllr Crosbie would both assist in his absence.

b. Allocation of funds for spending

It was agreed that all funds raised this financial year would be allocated to the picnic area and for a boardwalk by the reservoir.

Future funds would be used for general maintenance.

7. Picnic area

a. Grass cutting

It was agreed to continue with the contractor.

b. Picnic benches

It was agreed to get them sanded down, replace rotten timber, stained and pressure washed.

c. Maintenance of vegetation including trees

this would be discussed at the next meeting.

d. Play area

It was agreed, in principle, to create an adventure trail.

This would be discussed at the next meeting, but members were asked to think what they would like.

e. Bird and bat boxes

This was again a good idea but to be discussed at the next meeting.

f. Lighting

Members did not feel this appropriate.

8. Car Park maintenance and future projects

In addition to those mentioned above, it was agreed an appropriate sign, informing visitors that public toilets were in the village centre was a good idea.

9. Finance update

The car park had raised **£ 3816.32** during the financial year.

It was noted that £1K was donated by the contractors building the Duck Street homes, in lieu of using space for vehicles along with £1.75K from the EA as noted previously.

Members were still happy over £1K was raised from the honesty box which more than covered its purchase and installation.

The allocation of funds from Precept had £64.37 remaining.

The Car Park reserve sat at £1338.30

The committee agreed the following:

- a. Not to ask the Village Hall for funds under the Memorandum of understanding.
- b. Not to request any funds from Precept for 2022/23.
- c. To only bill the Village Hall for general maintenance if this figure exceeded £1500.00.

10. General discussion period

It was suggested that car parking guides, such as the wooden ones used at Studland, could be used. It was agreed that this could be an idea for the future.

It was also suggested to bulb to entrance (with native flowers). Again, this was deemed a good idea, and it was suggested the school got involved.

Members also agreed that if Dorset Council wished to explore further, the installation of EV points, that this would be welcomed.

11. Items for next meeting

- Play area
- Tree and verge maintenance
- Path from Giants View Car Park
- Boardwalk Regeneration of the old tree area
- Bird and bat boxes
- Public toilet signage

12. Date of next meeting

12th May 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:38am

Clr Prowse

Chair

Date
