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CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council held on 13th July 2023 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall

Councillors present:

F. Horsington, H. Brown, J. Bolt, S. Beresford, C. Crosbie, K. Burghart, C. Paul, G. Bishop. M. Keating, and K. Marshall

There were 10 members of the public present

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Muskett and Prowse sent apologies along with Cllr Haynes (DC).

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

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

Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 12.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 08th June 2023

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

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the EA and DC confirmed that the planting by 'The Pond' on Abbey Street was not a matter for them. They recommended the local flood warden have a look.

The Clerk contacted him but had received no reply.

5. Update from the Chair

The Chair thanked the Cerne Abbas Traffic Management Group on their work so far.

Mr Bob Foulser and the team of openers and helpers for the Open Gardens were also thanked for an outstanding event.

The Clerk confirmed that **£3102.73** had been donated from the Open Gardens to the Charles North Charity.

6. Public Discussion Period

A question was asked on the locked gate to the burial ground extension and if it would be opened.

It was confirmed that the land (and gate) was not the property of the Parish Council and those decisions would be made once the purchase had been completed.

Members were also briefed on the history of the site.

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report had been received and distributed.

There were no matters for the Ward Councillor.

8. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **15 payments (PV's 35-49)** totalling **£ 4712.29** that were approved and authorised for payment.

b. 1st quarter budget review

The Clerk confirmed that the budget spends sat at 23.47% at the end of the first quarter. The only concern was expenses, but this was likely to correct over the recess.

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

a. Allotments

Cllr Keating confirmed the taps had been replaced after the Wessex Water inspection and the shed had been painted.

The allotment social was scheduled for Sunday 16th July.

b. Burial Ground

The Clerk confirmed that all legal and financial paperwork had been completed and were just waiting on the searches.

Members of the Burial Ground Working Group were concerned that they had not copied in on any correspondence.

The Clerk confirmed that this was only the paperwork to start the process and any decision matters will be forwarded.

It was asked if dog waste bags could be provided – all agreed that this was a Burial Ground Committee matter.

c. Car Park

It was confirmed that the children from the school had created and installed a bug hotel, Bee home and hedgehog highway.

The Clerk had thanked the school. All agreed it looked fantastic.

d. Children's Play Park

Cllr Keating confirmed the new fencing was now in place and that the holes had been repaired with wood chippings.

Cllr Keating confirmed he was stepping down from the committee.

Cllr Crosbie agreed to step up and chair the committee.

Cllr Marshall agreed to join the committee.

e. Footpaths and Environment

It was confirmed that the new noticeboard in 'Not the bus shelter' had been installed.

At the same time, the old wooden frames had been varnished and new signs put up.

The overgrow in the Snicket had been reported to DC.

The blocked gully at the Piddle Lane / Long Street junction had been reported to DC.

The overgrown hedge at Chescombe had been reported to DC.

The permissive path from Giants View to Casterbridge had been reported to the Parish Council as overgrown and then forwarded to Up Cerne estate.

The beech hedge on Chescombe would be cut in September.

It was requested that a note of thanks be given to road team for the excellent resurfacing of Abbey Street, Chescombe and Abbots Walk.

f. Planning

P/FUL/2023/02976

2 Abbey Street Cerne Abbas DT2 7JQ

Install handrails to the steps

The Parish Council supported this application.

P/HOU/2023/02618

5 Abbey Street Cerne Abbas DT2 7JQ

Re-roofing and extending two storey element, new rear single storey extension

The Parish Council supported this application subject to the Conservation Officers recommendations.

P/HOU/2023/03190

36 Long Street Cerne Abbas DT2 7JG

Installation of a solar array of 14no photo-voltaic panels to the southern elevation of the double garage

The Parish Council supported this application subject to the panels being of solid black design and not with silver linings.

P/HOU/2023/03073

5 Duck Street Cerne Abbas Dorset DT2 7LA

Erect carport and store. Replace rear veranda & over-clad side extension.

The Parish Council supported this application.

10. Procurement of Village Gateways

After a brief discussion, and in the absence of the project lead, members agreed to move this to the next agenda.

11. Grant request from Cerne Valley Cricket Club

Cllr Keating spoke for the cricket club and the upgrades they are wishing to make to the pitch and facilities. A £1000.00 grant suggested.

However, it was confirmed that only £ 752.52 was left in the grant pot.

It was unanimously agreed to allocate this to the cricket club on production of a completed grant request form.

12. Recycling opportunities in liaison with the Cerne Abbas Sustainability Group

Cllr Paul recommended that the project as outlined by the group was an excellent one.

Laurel Spooner spoke and confirmed that a couple of bins would be placed in 'Not the bus shelter' which would take products from ink cartridges to spectacles to batteries.

Members all agreed this was a great idea and unanimously approved.

13. Conflict of interests with BDO LLP (External Auditor)

Members declared there were no personal or professional conflicts of interest.

14. Resolution and correspondence powers over stand down period

Members were content for emails to trickle through and for Chairs of Committees to continue with delegated powers.

It was agreed that larger matters that needed a resolution, should in the first instance, be discussed via the Chair and Vice Chair as to the direction of travel.

15. Proposals from the Cerne Abbas Traffic Management Working Group

Speed Wires After much debate about the merits of speed wires in the village centre, it was agreed that the F&E committee would be the best place to continue this.

Parking Bay It was agreed in principle this was a good idea. The length would be about two cars' lengths, with waiting times limited to 20mins and delivery loading time restricted to 7am - 6pm.

Public Car Park Signs Members agreed that a couple of directional signs would help alleviate the congestion in the village centre.

It was also agreed for the Clerk to write to the New Inn to establish if they could make their Car Park more obvious to those wishing to use the facility.

Cones Councillors agreed that the cones could stay until other measures were put in place.

Roundabout Although the idea at first was treated with scepticism, everybody agreed that a mini painted roundabout would benefit both parking, speed, and traffic flow.

One Way System It was decided that a one-way system down Duck Street would not feasibly work and would not be pursued.

Yellow Lines An extension of yellow lines on Duck Street should be explored.

Weight Restrictions The idea of signage showing weight and length restrictions for large vehicles was rejected as being both impractical and not required.

Parking Enforcement Yellow lines without enforcement seems pointless and unnecessary. The Clerk was requested to contact Dorset Council parking enforcements team and request frequent visits.

Parish Notices

Cllr Burghart confirmed that the Boundary Commission had decided to leave Cerne Abbas in West Dorset.

Cllr Crosbie mentioned that the next Cerne Abbas litter picks were scheduled for 05th Aug and 02nd Sep.

16. Items for the next meeting

Procurement of Village Gateways

Feedback from Dorset Council on proposals for traffic management

17. Date(s) of next meeting

Full Council

Godmanstone Village Hall

14th Sept 23 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2054 hours.

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