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**CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Full Council held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall**

**Councillors present:**

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

1 member of the public

**Full Council**

**1. Apologies for absence**

The Clerk sent apologies.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests**

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

Cllr Burghart declared an interest in agenda item8, PV 110.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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**4. Parish Council matters arising**

It was confirmed that Henry Digby would light a beacon but set off any fireworks, for the D-Day commemoration day.

**5. Update from the Chair**

There were no matters from the Chair that were not on the agenda.

**6. Public Discussion Period**

There were no matters from the public.

**7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council**

A report had been received and distributed.

There were no matters for Dorset Council.

**8. Financial update**

**a. Payments for authorisation**

There were 9 payments (PV's 105-112) totalling £ 1456.28 that were approved and authorised for payment.

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

**a. Allotments**

There was nothing to report

**b. Burial Ground**

Cllr Beresford confirmed that the works to remove the growth by the Abbey had been brought forward.

The tomb had been dismantled (to make safe) and would be rebuilt as the weather warms.

**c. Car Park**

Cllr Prowse mentioned that the EA had requested some space in the car park during June / July for further dam works. It was agreed that the Parish Council would charge for this.

It was also stated that the DC had awarded a grant to cover the installation of EV charging points. A meeting would be scheduled with the EA.

It was hoped both projects would not be done at the same time.

To conclude, snowdrops and bluebells had been purchased for the wildlife area, and a new sign would be erected at the entrance.

**d. Children's Play Park**

Cllr Crosbie had a contractor looking as to why water was entering the roundabout.

The contractor would charge £25 a time to rid the area of water and grease the working parts.

A request to resurface the roundabout area would be discussed at the next meeting along with looking at relocating the litter bin.

**e. Footpaths and Environment**

Cllr Bolt mentioned that it all was quiet.

The white posts were ready to be installed on Duck Street.

It had been noted that pins were difficult to insert in the board at 'not the bus shelter'.

Concerns had been raised as to effluent running from the Up Cerne barns and leaking onto the roads and into the water courses.

The Clerk would contact the estate, the EA, and DC Highways.

There had been an issue with an electric fence blocking a bridleway, but this had now been resolved.

Both Linda and Caroline had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish tree warden.

**f. Planning**

With regards to application from the Up Cerne estate and the shooting lodge, Cllr Haynes had spoken to the officer at Dorset Council who was minded refusing but not bring to committee. She would investigate further.

**10. Purchase of new printer**

Members agreed to donate up to £ 50 towards a new shared printer.

**11. Procurement of stock fencing for Burial Gound extension**

On reviewing all quotes and estimates received, members agreed to procure Perrett Fencing as this was the cheapest quote and a known and trusted contractor.

**12. Burial Ground Extension matters**

It was confirmed that the documents, deeds, and searches had been received.

There were still answers needed to some of the enquires that were made.

The issue seemed to lie with the sellers' solicitors.

There was also the potential challenge of a permissive right of way.

It was noted that some searches may have to be redone as they were over 6 months old, prior to any completion.

**13. Items for the next meeting**

There were no matters at this point

**14. Date(s) of next meeting**

**Full Council**

**Cerne Abbas Village Hall**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2020 hours.

**Cllr Fred Horsington** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair of Cerne Valley Parish Council**