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**CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Full Council held on 09<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Cerne Abbas Village Hall**

**Councillors present:**

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

Cllr Haynes (DC) and 8 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Paul sent apologies.

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

Cllr Horsington declared in any matters with regards the allotments field.

Cllr Brown declared an interest in agenda item 9f iii.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting along with a side note from Cllr Bishop as to regards agenda item 5, which is attached to these as the previous minutes.

**4. Matters arising from previous meeting**

Further to resolution passed at the last meeting on Village Gateways, a new quote from Dorset Council had arrived.

Cllr Muskett confirmed that this quote included the purchase, erection, and installation of the gateways, and therefore sought authority to use this supplier as it was cheaper, a known quality company, and no further costs.

**This was unanimously agreed.**

**5. Update from the Chair**

The Chair thanked Cllr Bishop for the continued work on securing a cost-effective solution to the Burial Ground extension survey.

The Chair confirmed (via a request from Cllr Brown), that CIL monies, which had not yet been received, could not be ring fenced for a road traffic calming projects in Godmanstone, which had not yet been designed or ratified by Dorset Council.

It was also noted that planning applications could not be refused (generically) on potential flood risk, but that all planning applications must be treated individually.

There was no update on the legal matters of the Burial Ground extension. The Chair stated that if there was any movement, then an extraordinary meeting would be called.

**6. Public Discussion Period**

Mr Richard Gueterbock updated members on the planning application at 2 Long Street, as regards to the difficulties encountered with the Conservation Officer.

The Chair thanked him and recommended that he sought to bring the Conservation and Planning officers together.

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

A report had been received and distributed.

Cllr Haynes confirmed the classroom extension had been approved by the Planning Committee. It was also confirmed that the parking proposals had been approved and budgeted for the next financial year.

The Clerk confirmed that analogue landline telephone report had been placed on the website and noticeboards and sent to the village magazine.

**8. Financial update**

**a. Payments for authorisation**

There were **8** payments (**PV's 82-89**) totalling **£ 2584.55**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

The Clerk confirmed that the annual pay rise was in and would be included in the wages for December 23.

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

**a. Allotments**

Cllr Keating reported no issues in the allotments, and confirmed all plots were taken.

**b. Burial Ground**

Cllr Beresford stated that the original works had been postponed until the next financial year as the tree surgeon had identified dead wood in the lime trees down at St. Augustine's Well. This matter took priority as a Health and Safety issue.

**c. Car Park**

Cllr Prowse reported no issues at the Car Park.

The Council were still waiting to hear on the EV charging points.

**d. Children's Play Park**

Cllr Crosbie was delighted on the works completed by the contractor.

It was noted that a noise was emanating from the roundabout. Unfortunately, it was out of warranty. The quote for repair from the supplier was excessive, so committee members would explore options.

**e. Footpaths and Environment**

Members updated on the following matters:

The hedge through the snicket had been cut back.

The footpath sign at Up Cerne had been fixed.

The footpath at Mays Cottage had been cut back.

The gully on Alton Lane had been reported to the EA for excess vegetation growth.

The footpath sign by Tithe Barn had been fixed.  
The fence on the footpath by the river had been fixed.

**f. Planning**

**i. P/FUL/2023/05466**

**51 Long Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, DT2 7JG**  
**Erect a single storey detached Consultation Office Building**  
The Parish Council supported this application.

**ii. P/PAEL/2023/06009**

**Cerne Abbas, Higher City Farm, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, DT2 7JT**  
**Remove 3 No. antenna, install 6 No. antenna and ancillary radio equipment to existing lattice mast. Install 1 No. GPS Module on existing gantry support pole at ground level, upgrade equipment cabinets within compound and carry out ancillary development thereto**  
The Parish Council supported this application.

**iii. P/FUL/2023/05221**

**Manor Cottage, Main Road, Godmanstone, Dorset, DT2 7AE**  
**Extension to existing residential garden for creation of outside swimming pool & conversion of existing barn to form guest annex**

Comment:

The Parish Council would, in principle, support this application subject to the advice given in the pre application being adhered to, and any comments from the Conservation Officers report.

**10. Honorarium payments**

Members agreed to award honorariums to the following for their volunteer efforts within the community:

Nigel de Candole  
Kevin and Liam Mansell  
John Ashworth  
Laural Spooner  
Nichola Wilkes

It was agreed to ask the Cerne Abbas Stores to produce a bespoke hamper for amounting to £55 each. This was unanimously agreed.

**11. Initial Precept Discussion**

The Clerk produce an initial budget of £ 22100.00.

Cllr Muskett requested an additional £200 into the F&E budget to allow for the purchase of salt bins. This was agreed.

The proposed Precept was therefore £ 22300.00, an increase from 23/24 which was £ 21700.00  
This will be further discussed at Governance committee in December.

## 12. Meeting dates 2024

The Chair explained the importance to all members of the Full Council and committee meeting leading up to the local elections on 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

This was due to purdah being called (likely at the end of March 24) – meaning the dissolution of the current Council.

**All members agreed to the meeting dates.**

## 13. Repointing of collapsed tomb

Cllr Beresford mentioned that the Burial Ground Committee had identified an insecure tomb which was likely to cause a health and safety issue.

Two quotes had been obtained.

The first was to repoint the tomb back to its original form	£ 1273.00
The second (to make safe) by lying down the tomb	£ 737.00

**Resolution 1 To waiver the procurement process as dealing with the only contractor in the area**

**Resolution 2 To repoint the tomb**

**Resolution 3 The cost of £ 1273.00 to be met by the Burial Ground reserves.**

However, it was mentioned that a similar undertaking was done by the vicar, and it was suggested that he was consulted prior to any works being done. The Clerk would contact him.

## 14. Flood warden's reports

Cllr Brown stated that the flood wardens were being called out on a more frequent basis.

It was emphasised the importance of good planning procedures, especially on new builds, as this could create more surface water runoff, thus leading to flooding issues – both at location and further downstream.

## 15. Items for the next meeting

Setting of the Precept

## 16. Date(s) of next meeting

Governance	
Cerne Abbas Village Hall	<b>14<sup>th</sup> December 23</b>
Full Council	
Godmanstone Village Hall	<b>11<sup>th</sup> January 24</b>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2031 hours.

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