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CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council held on 11th January 24 at Godmanstone Village Hall

Councillors present:

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

1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Paul and Cllr Bolt sent apologies, along with Cllr Haynes (DC).

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

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

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 09th November 2023

This were approved at a true and accurate record of the meeting. An Annex A (flood wardens Report was attached).

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

All recipients of honorarium awards had sent their thanks.

The tomb would be laid to rest within and the next week, whilst works to erect it would commence was the warmer weather comes in.

5. Update from the Chair

The Chair confirmed that the printer had broken, so a replacement would be on the on the next agenda.

6. Public Discussion Period

Mr David Sharman (Lib Dem) introduced himself as the candidate for the next election.

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

A report had been received and distributed. There were no matters for Cllr Haynes at this point.

8. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **14** payments (**PV's 91-104**) totalling **£ 5276.59** that were approved and authorised for payment.

b. Q3 budget report

The Clerk confirmed that the overall budget spends stood at 74.78%.

Other than administration and expenses, all budget headers were likely to come in or around on budget.

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

a. Allotments

Cllr Keating confirmed all was quiet. There was 1 plot available.

b. Burial Ground

Cllr Beresford mentioned there was nothing to report.

c. Car Park

Cllr Prowse stated that that the EV charging point had been approved.

d. Children's Play Park

Cllr Crosbie spoke on the flooding under the roundabout. This would be reviewed when the water levels recede.

It was mentioned if more of the entrance could be rubberised due to it turning into a quagmire. It was agreed to discuss this at the next committee meeting.

e. Footpaths and Environment

The duck street posts were mentioned. It was confirmed that these were on the agenda for the extraordinary meeting later.

It was confirmed the road sweeper had been in Cerne Abbas the previous week.

f. Planning

Cllr Horsington confirmed that the application at 2 Long Street (Goose Green) had been approved by the planning committee.

See Annex A for the remainder of the new planning applications.

10. Stock fencing specification for Burial Ground Extension

As part of the conditions of sell, the Parish Council must erect a stock fence on the boundary with Simsay.

After much debate the following specification was agreed for procurement purposes:

One continuous fence (no gates)

One strand of barbed wire

4-foot-high fence

It was provisionally agreed that in time, cooper beech hedging would be planted.

11. Future of the Church Defibrillator

Cllr Keating explained that there were issues with the Church defibrillator.

However, the warranty has 2 ½ year to run, so the company replacement the broken defibrillator with a loan one.

Members agreed to discuss this later, with the option of bringing it in line with the other village(s) defibrillator.

12. Speed wires for Duck Street (with a view to future speed monitoring measures)

Cllr Burghart was concerned with the speed of vehicles coming from Kettlebridge towards the school. However, the Clerk had confirmed that Dorset Council child safety team would insert SLOW signs on the road to act a deterrent.

Cllr Muskett also offered to sign the current signs.

13. Purchase of equipment for Flood Wardens

Mr Popkin had requested some equipment to assist the flood wardens in clearing the streams and river.

Members agreed to purchase some rakes and forks as requested.

14. Recommendations from Governance Committee

The Chair read all recommendations from the Governance Committee, and all were approved.

15. Setting the budget and Precept for 24/25

Further to discussions in November Full Council and Governance Committee, a Precept of £22300.00 was proposed.

There were no items to discuss therefore the Precept request to Dorset Council was set at £ £22300.00.

16. Items for the next meeting

There were no matters at this time.

17. Date(s) of next meeting

Full Council

Cerne Abbas Village Hall

08th February 24

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2015 hours.

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