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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Park Committee**  
**held at 2pm on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, On site at Kettlebridge Car Park**

**Present:**

Cllrs L. Prowse, C. Paul, and W. Lewin

**1. Appointment of Chair**

Cllr Prowse was proposed and duly elected Chair of the Car Park committee.

**2. Apologises for absence**

Cllr Muskett sent apologises.

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

No declarations were made.

**4. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

**5. The Car Park (inspection and maintenance proposals)**

The only issue was the damaged post at the entrance of the Car Park.

On inspection there was minimal damage and only a small piece of splintered wood needed replacing.

**6. The Picnic Area (inspection and maintenance proposals)**

It was suggested that the trees needed some dead wood removed a lifting of the canopy.

A limit of £700 (net) was set. The Clerk would contact the tree surgeon.

Cllr Prowse was concerned on the condition of the memorial plaque from the Queen's Jubilee.

The Clerk would request some guidance from the RBLI.

Some wood bark would be placed around the tree.

**7. The Permissive Path (inspection and maintenance proposals)**

The committee agreed to take over responsibility for the whole length of the path from the car park to the A352' including the stretch previously the responsibility of F&E committee.

Complaints had been received from the public about the overgrown path from the Giants View Car park to Casterbridge. It was noted that this was an Up Cerne Estate responsibly, however members agreed that the creation of the permissive path (for the safety of walkers) would have been in vain.

Members suggested that a quote be obtained with a view to cutting back the overgrowth from the Giants View Car Park to Casterbridge.

A budget of £200 (net) was set.

**8. The Wildlife Area (inspection and maintenance proposals)**

The committee was happy with the condition of the area. The following projects were agreed:

- a. To obtain more wood chippings to create a path (Cllr Paul) offered to source this.
- b. To purchase some wild daffodil bulbs and bulb planter. Cllr Prowse would purchase these on repayment.
- c. To seek advise from EA on other plants to sow in a shady and part boggy area.

It was agreed NOT to pursue creating an edging to the path.

**9. Review of additional Car Park signage**

It was agreed to purchase two further 'point left' signs to assist visitors to the Car Park.

**10. Finance update**

**a. Income, expenditure, and reserves 23/24**

Income from honesty box	£ 1540
Expenditure	£ 328.85

Reserves	£ 3479.95
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It was agreed that any excess could be allocated to other projects at year end but £ 2K must be kept in the reserve.

**b. Precept request for 2024/25**

No funds were requested from the Precept.

**11. Items for next meeting**

Further enhancements of the wildlife area

Routine maintenance of the picnic area

The Queen's jubilee plaque

**12. Date of next meeting**

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3 pm.

**Cllr Prowse**

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**Chair**

**Date**

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