

1. Soup & Pud Club.

The following correspondence was received:

"I think that you will know about the Soup and Pud lunches that have been taking place In Corfe Castle since November. They are run by Christine Kemp, Sue Sedgley and me. There have been three events so far with an average of 26 diners in attendance each time. We also have 6 volunteers to assist as well as ourselves present. We encourage all ages to attend this community lunch. It is offered as a free meal but if anyone wishes to make a donation, then it is accepted and the money is used towards future meals.

We applied to Dorset Council for a grant from the Community and Culture Project Fund (round 4) and we are delighted to learn that we have been offered an 'in principle' sum of £1000. This comes with a set of terms and conditions, one of which is that we ask either the Parish Council or the Village Hall Committee to administer the fund. In practice, this means that the Parish Council/Village Hall would submit an invoice to Dorset Council for the £1000 and they would then be responsible for passing it to us in amounts which we have previously agreed between ourselves.

We would like to ask if the Parish Council would kindly assist us in this way as we know that the councillors have been extremely supportive of the venture. Dorset Council have provided a template invoice.

The Village Hall Trustees have also been supportive of the lunches and so far have offered us rent-free use of the hall. However, going forward we will be paying rent and it seems sensible to keep the finances with a third party.

The offer was made to us on 19th January and we must start using the funds within 4 weeks of that date ie 10th February so it would be very helpful if you could let me know fairly soon if this is a possibility. We do have a newly opened bank account which is in the name of Corfe Community Kitchen.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Gill Sellen

On behalf of Corfe Community Kitchen"

Further correspondence was received to amend the 4 week date to 16th February 2023.

Recommendation: Corfe Castle Parish Council, agree to invoice Dorset Council, and release the money as and when required to enable the Soup & Pud club to continue.

2. Scout Group – March from West Street Car Park to Corfe Castle – St George’s Day

The following has been received:

“My name is Gareth Lloyd and I am the Wareham and Isle of Purbeck Assistant Cub Scout Leader (and Wareham Cub Scout Leader).

Every year, the Scout Organisation holds a St George’s Day parade for each of the groups around England to celebrate the day.

Wareham and Isle of Purbeck District Scouts (which includes Corfe Castle Cubs, Wareham, Sandford, Swanage, Wool, Bere Regis, Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers). All told this about 450 young people between the ages of 4 and 18, plus volunteer adult leaders. Each year, we have held the event in different parts of our group area.

We have been given permission to hold the ceremony in Corfe Castle this year which will be a fantastic event for the young people. We still have a lot of details to work out, but I wanted to first of all get in contact to see if the Parish Council would support us in this. Next year, St Georges Day on 23rd April is on a Sunday and so we will hold the parade on the day.

The provisional plan at the moment is to parade as per the map. We would start from West Street Car Park, down West Street and into the Castle. The aim is to set off at 10:30 on the Sunday morning and it would probably take half an hour to do this.



I am applying for a road closure of West Street for approximately 30 minutes from 10am on Sunday 23rd April.

Speaking to Dorset Council, they have advised that the Corfe Castle Parish Council can apply for a number of "free parking days" and they suggested that I request that the parish council applies for one of these to use West Street carpark on 23rd April for free. Would this be possible please?

I spoke to Denise Fuller, but the Sports Trust has turned down our request to potentially use the football field as an overflow carpark which is unfortunate but not unexpected (or unreasonable). We will try to minimise any potential impact on the parish by using carsharing and requesting that those able to use alternative parking (such as the NT carpark at the bottom of the hill).

I hope this will be a fantastic display of Scouting for the youths of Purbeck and I am sure that it will be greatly supported by those outside of Scouting itself.”

Recommendation: Corfe Castle Parish Council, apply for a free parking day within West Street car park for Sunday 23rd April.