

Correspondence.

1. Free Parking day request from Beavers / Cubs

The following was received:

"On 23 April 2023, the District held a St George's Day Parade through Corfe Castle village starting from Hollands Close, up West Street, and into the Castle. The parade itself lasted about half an hour from 10am to 10:30am, before congregating on the green area immediately inside the Castle grounds. The District would like to organise the same event on Sunday 21 April 2024. Permission has already been granted by the National Trust for use of the Castle. Planning permission for the relevant road closure is currently being sought.

I would like to enquire as to whether the Parish Council are able to grant free parking for Scout Leaders in the West Street Car Park for the duration of the event (approximately 2 hours) as was granted last year: permits were issued for display in car windscreens."

Recommendation: To discuss and agree if a free parking day should be applied for through Dorset Council for the 21st April 2024 within the West Street Car park.

2. Horse – Halves

A phone call was received, and details forwarded to Councillors via email. 19-09-23

"Just a quick note to let you know, we have been contacted by a MOP, stating her three-year-old son was attacked by a foul, when walking on the public right of way between Webbers Close and Abbotts Cottages in the field by Halves Cottages.

The MOP's sixteen-year-old son and three-year-old son had been visiting their grandma in Webbers Close and were walking home to Abbotts Cottages. When walking across the field, a foul started to follow the boys. The foul then sped up towards them, making the boys run. The foul caught up with the boys and kicked the three-year-old in the head, which made him fall over. The foul then went on to kick the young boy on the back whilst on the floor. Thankfully there was another group of walkers who ran over, grabbed the boy and ran out of the field. One of the walkers was a doctor so assessed the boy there and then spoke with the mum when she arrived just minutes later. It is thought the young boy suffered bad bruising and possible whip lash, but thankfully no broken bones or worse. The sixteen-year-old is as you can imagine in shock as to what happened to his younger brother.

The mum has contacted the foul owner, who has stated the foul has never done anything like this before, and therefore will not remove the foul from the field and will monitor to see if anything like this happens again.

The mum contacted us to report the incident, and I have suggested she also report the incident to several others including HSE, DC & the NT."

3. Advertising Boards

The following letter was received.

Corfe Castle Parish Council

Corfe Castle Dorset

Dear Councillors,

I write to express my deep concern regarding the signs that have been erected along the roadside of the A351 near to the Norden roundabout.

Signs advertising Hollis Mead products have been there for many months and now many more have suddenly appeared. Whilst I can understand the need to advertise the occasional charity event (providing they are quickly removed post the event), allowing private enterprises to erect boards advertising their products and to detract from the natural beauty of the village is not acceptable. They seem to be self-proliferating and it is getting out of hand. If Hollis Mead are allowed to continue this practice it will just encourage others to do the same.

I doubt very much whether these signs have been given approval. They are clearly for commercial purposes rather than supporting anything charitable and not in compliance with policy which can be seen here:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/traffic-management/road-signs-and-markings/dorset-council-unauthorised-signs-policy>

As you are aware, Corfe Castle is located within an AONB and these signs are an absolute eyesore. I travel to/ from the village daily and I am fed up of seeing/reading them. The view on the approach into Corfe Castle is/was magnificent and these signs have spoiled that.

I would be grateful if the Parish Council might address this issue as a matter of urgency and ensure that these signs and other permanent unofficial signs by the roadside are removed immediately.

I choose to remain anonymous as I do not wish to be pilloried on line or elsewhere and hope that the Parish Council agree with me and take action.

Thank you.