

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th JUNE 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cllr **Blinkhorn**, Cllr **Clarke** (Chairman), Cllr **Dru Drury**, Cllr **J Dragon**, Cllr **N Dragon**, Cllr **Haywood**, & Cllr **Parish**, Cllr **Roberts** & Cllr **Sumbler**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Marshallsay**, & Cllr **Spicer-Short**.

PUBLIC HALF HOUR.

No public were in attendance.

0622-67 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT(LGA) 1972 S85 (1))

Apologies have been received from Cllr Marshallsay, & Cllr Spicer-Short and accepted by all.

0622-68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declaration was made. NB this does not preclude any later declarations.

0622-69 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

To approve and sign as a correct record the minute of the full council meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 (LGA 1972, SCHEDULE 12, PARA 41(1))

Proposed Cllr Blinkhorn

Seconded Cllr Parish

RESOLVED – To approve and sign as a true and accurate record the amended minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022.

0622-70 DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Affordable Homes: In the last 12 months ending March '22 there has been a 75% increase in affordable homes built in Dorset mainly built by Housing Associations securing grants from Homes England.

Household Support Funding – Now Open for applications. Available through the Citizens Advice. Further Information can be found on the Dorset Council website. Applications are taking on average 10 working days to process application

Information Shop in Weymouth – Is now open and offers advice on health care, social care, wellness, community groups, volunteering & tourism.

Dorset Strategic Alliance Conference is being held on the 5th July at Lytchett Minster School. The conference is for representatives from across Dorset to come together and share ideas, opportunities and work together to progress activities and actions for young people with families. Further information and to book a space at the conference can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Innovation Park (Wool) – Formally opened a couple of weeks ago by the Minister of Defence Procurement. Bringing together military personnel, academic institutions & private sector companies to trial and experiment cutting edge technologies.

Dorset Council won part of a £5 billion bid for the national gigabit which will enable the roll out of full fibre broadband across key public sector service sites, such as schools, libraries and visitor attractions. Another 35 sites across Dorset are also set to benefit where there are no commercial plans already to roll out full fibre broadband.

In the question session Cllr Brooks was asked to inform us at what stage the proposed Purbeck Park to Castle view multi use path was in. Cllr Brooks agreed to pursue.

The lack of a recycling collection over the Jubilee weekend was raised and it was stated in future Clerks will be informed of missed collection weeks.

The erratic collection of rubbish from bins was discussed and the announcement by DWP that the service would be improved to every other day was queried as it used to be every day. The village has become very busy indeed this year.

0622-71 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

A written report was submitted before the meeting and noted.

0622-72 END OF YEAR FINANCE REPORT & THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 21/22 PART 3

0622-72a. End of Year Finance Report

The Clerk submitted a written report before the meeting detailing the council's yearly expenditure and income, plus a budget monitoring summary. As the Scribe reports are a new format the Clerk explained the new layout.

0622-72b Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

A written report was submitted by the Clerk before the meeting containing a copy of the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.

Proposed Cllr Haywood

Seconded Cllr Dru Drury

RESOLVED – To approve the Chairman to sign the AGAR Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
Agreed by all.

0622-72c. Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22

A written report was submitted by the Clerk before the meeting containing a copy of the Accounting Statements 2020/21.

Proposed Cllr Haywood

Seconded Cllr Dru Drury

RESOLVED – To approve the Chairman to sign the AGAR Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21
Agreed by all.

0622-73 CLERKS REPORT TO INCLUDE:

0622-73a Matters arising and actions taken since the last meeting

The clerk submitted a written report before the meeting, detailing the updates on any matters arising from the previous minutes plus actions taken from the last meeting, this was noted.

0622-73b Financial Matters

b1. The clerk submitted a written report before the meeting, detailing the monthly expenditure, income, and bank balances.

Expenditure: £4,327.52

Income: £700.00

With accumulated bank balances: £72,005.02

Proposed Cllr Parish

Seconded Cllr Dru Drury

RESOLVED – To approve payments as listed in the report.
Agreed by all.

Action: Clerk to process payments.

b2. Access to Scribe

A report was submitted before the meeting inviting Councillors to requesting Read only access to the new accounts package Scribe. Cllr Sumbler requested to join.

Action: Clerk to add Cllr Sumbler as a Read only member to Scribe.

b3. Caretaker Hourly Rate Increase in line with CPI

A report was submitted before the meeting informing Councillors of the legal obligation to increase the Caretakers hourly rate by the Consumer Price Index rate (6%). This was noted.

1221-92c Parish Safety Report

c1 Playground Safety Report

The monthly playground safety report was submitted before the meeting. This was noted.

c2 Defibrillator Monthly Safety Report

The monthly defibrillator safety reports were submitted before the meeting. These were noted.

1221-92d Policy Ratification

d1 Health & Safety Policy

The Health and Safety Policy was submitted before the meeting for annual ratification. It was noted there were no amendments. The policy was approved by all.

Standing Orders

Proposed Cllr Blinkhorn

RESOLVED – To approve Standing Orders with amendments as submitted.

Action: Clerk to publish adopted policies

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the Treework Applications the Clerk will be submitting to Dorset Council in order so that the Parish Council can carry out Treeworks to conform to Playground Health and Safety regulations, plus to stop damage being caused to the Youth Shelter by overgrown Trees. A recommendation included in the report was to allow Cllr Blinkhorn to investigate the costs for the Treeworks, in conjunction with the Clerk.

Seconded Cllr Sumbler

RESOLVED – To allow Cllr Blinkhorn to contact various contractors to obtain quotes for Treeworks.

A report was submitted before the meeting with an update on the playground fence planning requirements along with a recommendation to allow the Clerk / Cllr Blinkhorn to contact the adjoining property homeowner / resident to discuss planting shrubs along the border to help protect the fence from further wind damage.

Seconded Cllr Haywood

RESOLVED – To allow Cllr Blinkhorn / Clerk to contact the homeowner / resident to discuss planning native shrubs along the playground fence boundary line.

A report was submitted before the meeting, with a recommendation to amend the Cemetery rules and regulations about non fresh flowers.

Action: Clerk to publish, in CVN: on Parish Council website: & by placing a poster on the Cemetery gates, a consultation notice asking for feedback on the new proposed rules and regulation changes.

Before the meeting a list of works the caretaker has undertaken this month plus a list of outstanding ongoing works was submitted. This was noted.

The planning working group submitted a verbal report during the meeting detailing an application received a couple of days before the meeting with a recommendation.

Location: 30 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EQ

Proposed: Electric Vehicle charging point to rear elevation of existing dwelling house

Working Group Comments: The charger will be installed on a garden wall or on the back of the house out of sight at the rear of the building. The charger is small and will not be visible from the front of the house.

Recommendation: No objection.

No applications received.

One notice was received for a Temporary Event Notice at Rollington Barns (27th – 30th May 2022). This was noted.

Action: Clerk to submit planning application recommendation.

Chairman: Cllr S Clarke

Date:

0622-75 ISSUES RAISED WITH PARISH COUNCIL AT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- a. Parking on Pavements – This was noted as answered during the meeting.
- b. Project Communication – This was noted as answered during the meeting.
- c. Speeding through Village – Numbers caught. – This was noted as answered during the meeting.
- d. Housing Needs Register. – This was noted as answered during the meeting.
- e. National Trust – Discuss at July meeting– This was noted as answered during the meeting.
- f. Diesel Gala

It was requested by a resident at the APM that the Council write to Swanage Railway and ask they consider using Norden and not Corfe Station to idle their Diesel engines, during any gala, specifically the Diesel Gala. The was agreed by all.

- g. Format of meeting.

Councillors were asked to email the Clerk over the next couple of weeks with their ideas on how we may run the Annual Parish Meeting event in order to attract more people to the event

Suggestions given during the meeting were:

- 1. Stalls around the outside of the room, so people could simply talk to whom them wished;
- 2. Event as run this year, with less speakers, but to offer “Cheese and Wine” or “Coffee and Cake”
- 3. An event with music by Parish groups
- 4. To ensure early advertising

Action: Clerk to write to Swanage Railway asking them to idle Diesel engines at Norden not Corfe Station.

Action: Clerk to add to agenda in autumn to confirm APM date and event layout.

0622-76 PLAYGROUND

- 0622-76a A motion was submitted before the meeting, proposed by Cllr Blinkhorn, Seconded Cllr Sumbler “That Council accepts the recommendations in this report, and takes action accordingly”

The following recommendations were proposed within the report:

- a. Council agree to the proposals for no-mow / wildflower areas.
- b. Council agree to the proposals for underplanting the trees behind the youth shelter.
- c. Council agree to the tree and hedge planting proposals in the playing field as detailed in this report, which will be delivered as part of the Environment Group Jubilee planting project.
- d. Council agree to the biodiversity improvements being financed by Environment Group reserves, as these recommendations are supported by the Environment Group leads. The costs will include the following, on the basis the work will be undertaken by volunteers:
 - Hedging plants and trees, along with guard and staking materials (420 free hedge plants are already on order as part of the Queens Green Canopy, and the EG already has over 100 tree seedlings / saplings waiting to be planted).
 - Signage for the no-mow areas (approx. £25 per sign)
 - Wildflower seeds
 - Seeds / plants for the northwest corner and for the shaded area behind the youth shelter.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should consult with the parish residents on all the above recommendations along with all tree planting around the parish.

Action: Clerk to publish notices within CVN; the Parish Council website and in the library.

- 0622-76b. Cleaning of the Slide

A statement was submitted before the meeting with a recommendation to allow the Caretaker to clean the new slide (Part of “Out of the Ruins” equipment), in the playground for approx. 30 minutes per week, over and above normal hours.

Agreed by majority (4-3)

0622-77 **PARISH ACTION PLAN**

A statement was submitted before the meeting asking Councillors for possible addition / deletions for the Parish Action Plan.

After a discussion it was agreed the following new items would be added to the plan:

1. Mead Road – State of pavement (Cllr Dru Drury to lead investigation)
2. Kingston Hill – Clearing of litter on Kingson Hill (As assigned to the Clerk in a previous month's meeting)
3. Kingston verges – To be assigned to a working group to investigate the possibility of adding a path into the verge along the main road towards Langton Matravers.
4. Off road cycling routes – To be assigned to a working group to investigate the possibility of adding more off-road cycling routes between Corfe Castle and Swanage.
5. The issue was raised again about the poor state of the pavement in the Square (already in the Plan) which made it difficult for those with disabilities and the lack of a drop-down kerb for those using mobility equipment. Cllr Brooks agreed to make enquiries

Action: Clerk to update the Parish Action Plan.

0622-78 **JUBILEE**

The Parish Council wish to thank all involved in running such a fantastic weekend full of events specifically:

1. The Jubilee Committee including our representatives Cllr Blinkhorn & Cllr Roberts.
2. Mr Spicer-Short for devoting 4 months to the project. From initial contact when the Parish Council thought the weekend may only consist of a lighting of the beacon and a family picnic, to ending up with over the weekend seeing 10 major activities take place including, bake a cake, dog scenting, decorating of home frontage to name but a few.
3. Businesses who contributed time and resources to support events.

It was noted during the beacon lighting the National Trust stopped recording numbers attending at 1519.

Proposed Cllr Clarke

Seconded Cllr J Dragon

RESOLVED: Cllr S Clarke as Chairman will write a note of thanks to be printed as part of the Parish Council article within the CVN.

Agreed by all.

0622-79 **PORTLAND WASTE INCINERATOR**

A written report was submitted before the meeting with a Motion that "Corfe Castle Parish Council submits an objection to the building of an Energy Recovery Facility (waste incinerator) in Portland Port, Castletown, Portland, Dorset, application number WP/20/00692/DCC "

Proposed Cllr Sumbler

Seconded Cllr Parish

RESOLVED: Corfe Castle Parish Council do not support this motion and will therefore not submit an objection.

Agreed by majority (4-3)

0622-80 **WELCOME REFUGEES**

A discussion took place regarding Corfe Castle Parish Council offering a form of support to refugees and to local families opening their home to refugees.

Proposed Cllr Dru Drury

Seconded by Cllr Roberts

RESOLVE: Corfe Castle Parish Council offer support to local families by ways of networking and by providing contact support.

Agreed by all.

0622-81 **REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

1. PTAG Report
A written report was submitted before the meeting. This was noted
2. May Litter Picking Report
A written report was submitted before the meeting. This was noted

3. Environment Group – Report

i. Monthly Meeting Report

A written report was submitted before the meeting, with a request that Cllr Parish & Cllr Sumbler asking a question of Dorset Council via the Clerk about whether the Dorset Local Plan takes into account any relevant Coastal Change Management Areas, including the one for Purbeck.

After a discussion the Parish Council agreed Cllr Sumbler contact Dorset Council directly keeping the Clerk informed.

ii. Notes of NALC Fighting Climate Change Course

A written report was submitted before the meeting. This was noted

iii. 70 Trees for the Jubilee

A written report was submitted before the meeting. This was noted and reference was given to earlier in the meeting when Council agreed consultation with the residents was required for tree planting around the parish. (Item no. 0622-76a)

The meeting ended at 21:20