

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cllr **Blinkhorn**, Cllr **Clarke** (Chairman), Cllr **Dru Drury** (Vice - Chairman), Cllr **J Dragon**, Cllr **N Dragon**, Cllr **Haywood**, Cllr **Parish**, Cllr **Roberts**, Cllr **Spicer-Short** & Cllr **Sumbler**.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr **Brooks** (Dorset Council), James **Gould** (National Trust) & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Marshallsay**

PUBLIC HALF HOUR.

1 member of public (MOP) was present, and 1 MOP contacted the Chairman and asked his comment be passed on.
One MOP highlighted the possible unintended consequences in pursuing the reduction of articulated lorries through the Parish.
The Chairman relayed a message of support for not using chemicals to remove / kill weeds from around the Parish.

0322-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

In accordance with Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 s85 one apology has been received from Cllr Marshallsay and accepted by all.

0322-27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration was made in relation to any agenda items, NB this does not preclude any later declarations.

0322-28 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)) draft minutes were presented to council for approval.

Proposed Cllr Dru Drury

Seconded Cllr Haywood

RESOLVED – To approve and sign as a true and accurate record the draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022. **Agreed by all.**

0322-29 DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brooks gave a verbal update on behalf of Dorset Council (DC).

Covid update: Dorset was seeing a sustained fall in Covid numbers up until March; now however numbers are rising again. DC urge everyone to remain vigilant, wear masks, if possible, stay 2m apart, and wash your hands regularly.

Ukrainian Refugees: DC request rather than donating items please donate cash to either Save the Children or the Red Cross. The government resettlement scheme goes live 18th March. People that can offer a room or a couple of rooms, annexes etc, are being asked to commit to 6 months minimum, rooms must be a good size and fit for purpose. Households accepted onto the scheme will receive a payment of £350 per calendar month to cover items such as extra heating and electric. Homeowners are not expected to supply food but may wish to. The refugees are expected to look for work as they will be receiving benefit. Further info on this can be found on the DC website.

Fuel Poverty: DC have 19,000 people living in fuel poverty. Those eligible for fuel payment support who feel they would not be disadvantaged can donate the money. £75,000 has been donated so far and has helped the older generation to stay warm over the colder months. Anyone in fuel poverty who needs help should contact the Citizens Advice.

Land Searches: In October 2021 DC was struggling with the amount of land searches being applied for when people buy / sell homes. It was taking on average 62 days to process the application, however with a lot of hard work and effort the process is not taking on average 26 days, DC is still working to improve this.

Swanage Ambulance Car being retained: Great news and is partly to do with the pressure group, but also partly due to what is happening to the Wareham Hub. The NHS were going to build a medical centre there, but have pulled out, and have decided to reinvest some money in the area, including the ambulance car, and Wareham Hospital.

Land released for Affordable Homes: Due to the NHS not building on the Wareham Hub site, the land has now been released to DC to build affordable homes including affordable homes for people with special needs.

Tricuro: Tricuro is a care company, currently jointly owned by Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council. Before becoming 2 unitary authorities the system worked well however Dorset Council believe the priorities are different now and have served notice with Tricuro with BCP taking this on. Dorset Council has set up a new care company called Care Dorset.

0322-30 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

James Gould stated no written report was submitted this month as there was nothing new to report, operations are on-going for the Easter Holidays.

Garage block: In reference to the Tannery. Mark Street the NT Senior Estate Manager & Alice Tamblyn the NT Rural Surveyor had a meeting this week. A report was issued late last year, stating there is an extensive amount of work that needs doing, including satisfying the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES). James has contacted the MOP who has shown interest in the building so that when it becomes available, they will be notified.

Q: A few years back the NT stated they wanted to carry out an Archaeological survey on the building, has this been done?

A: It is believed the survey has been done, possibly before Covid. James will investigate and request a copy of the report and report back.

0322-31 CLERKS REPORT TO INCLUDE:

0322-31a 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.

0322-31b Financial Matters

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

Proposed Cllr Haywood

Seconded Cllr J Dragon

RESOLVED – To approve payments as listed - **Agreed by all.**

Action: Clerk to process payments.

0322-31c Parish Safety Report

c1 Monthly Playground Safety Report

The monthly playground safety inspection report was noted.

c2 Defibrillator Monthly Safety Report

The monthly defibrillator safety reports were noted.

0322-31d Playground area fence

A statement was submitted before the meeting informing Council on the condition of both the wooden fence to the West and the Chain link fence to the South and East of the playground area.

d1. Proposed Cllr Blinkhorn

Seconded Cllr Spicer-Short

RESOLVED – The posts and rails around the playground area (South & East) are to be replaced by the Caretaker whilst replacing the chain link fence for a cost of approx. £500. - **Agreed by all.**

Action: Clerk to add to Caretakers "To do List"

d2. Noted a contractor has been instructed to repair the fence to the west of the playground.

0322-31e Cyber Security

A report was submitted by the Clerk before the meeting with a recommendation proposed and seconded by the Chairman and Vice Chairman to purchase gov.uk domain name for use across both the email system and website.

Proposed Cllr Clarke

Seconded Cllr Dru Drury

RESOLVED – To purchase the domain name corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk. To set up all members and officers with a new gov.uk email. To change the content of the website from org.uk to gov.uk with a redirect on org.uk. To allow the org.uk and co.uk domain subscription to lapse on renewal. - **Agreed by all.**

Action: Clerk to purchase gov.uk domain and initiate process for setting up email accounts and switching over website.

0322-31f Oak Tree

A report was submitted before the meeting with recommendation to purchase an Oak Tree plus to discuss further options associated to location and landscaping.

RESOLVED

- CCPC wish to continue and purchase an Oak tree using general reserves
- CCPC approved the location of the tree within the new extension of Gods Acre.
- That the Gods Acre working group and any other councillor who wishes to join will agree the landscaping around the tree, including a bench.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with Gods Acre Working Group

0322-31g Working Group

A statement was submitted before the meeting, with a recommendation that Cllr Sumbler become joint lead Councillor with Cllr Parish on the Environment Working Group

RESOLVED – Approved. **Agreed by all.**

Action: Clerk to add Cllr Sumbler to working group.

0322-31h Pay Award

A statement submitted before the meeting detailing the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2021/22 was noted

0322-31i VAT Status

A statement submitted before the meeting detailing CCPC status including new VAT number was noted.

0322-31i Caretaker Report

A statement submitted before the meeting detailing the work the Caretaker had undertaken was noted.

0322-32 **PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

0222-32a **Planning Working Group – Planning Applications**

The planning working group submitted a written report before the meeting detailing applications with recommendations.

a1

Application No: **6/2021/0153**

Location: 42 East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EQ

Proposal: Replace existing storage heaters with Gas heating system. Secondary glazing to all windows internally and extractor fans fitted to bathroom and kitchen.:

Recommend: No Objection, despite no documents being on the planning portal.

a2

Application No: **P/FUL/2022/00756**

Location: Corfe Castle Model Village, The Square, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5HE

Proposal: Replacement of wooden external stairs for metal stairs

Recommend: No Objection

- a3. Application No: **P/VOC/2022/00937**
 Location: West Lynch Farm Kingston Hill Kingston Wareham BH20 5LG
 Proposal: Erect a single storey house extension, associated lightweight link and ancillary workshop. Clad the retained barn/garage and stables/store. Installation of supporting renewable technologies and demolition of existing two-storey extension and various outbuildings. (Variation of condition 1 of permission P/VOC/2021/03333 to amend the materials and add a chimney)
 Recommend: No Objection
- a4. Application No: **P/NMA/2022/01521**
 Location: 2 Townsend Road Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5ET
 Proposal: Non material amendment to Approved P/A 6/78/0214 & P/NMA/2021/03711 (Erect dwelling & Garage) to provide an addition of a single storey utility room
 Recommend: No comment.

0222-32b. Treeworks Application

- b1 Application No: **P/TRC/2022/00872**
 Location: The Greyhound Inn The Square Corfe Castle BH20 5EZ
 Proposal: Tree overhanging back garden of 16 East Street - Cut back branches overhanging patio area to boundary of no.16. Reduce height by approximately 20 feet. The applicant was no 16 east street.
 Recommended: The tree mentioned in the application is located in the Greyhound beer garden and it does not directly overhang the back garden/patio area of 16 East Street. There is a holly bush, located in the Greyhound beer garden, which does directly overhang 16 East St. There would appear to be no reason to cut 20 feet from the top of the tree. We have assumed that due to the location of the tree, it is covered by a Tree Preservation Order. There possibly is a case to cut back the Holly bush but it was noted that some of the main trunks are thick enough to warrant a separate Tree Works Application. The owner of the Greyhound Inn informed us that the beer garden is leased from the National Trust and believes they should be asked to comment. We request an extension to the comment due date to enable the NT to comment/react as they deem appropriate?
- b2 Application No: **P/TRC/2022/00699**
 Location: Kingston House South Street Kingston Wareham BH20 5LQ
 Proposal: T1 Mature multi-stemmed Sycamore - Lateral growth towards the Encombe estate office and over the utility cables to be reduced by up to 3m.
 Recommended: No Objection
- b3 Application No: **P/TRC/2022/01318**
 Location: Common Well West Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5HE
 Proposal: T1 Sycamore - 2.25m crown reduction.
 Recommended: No Objection

0222-32c Premises licence applications
 No applications received. Noted.

RESOLVED – All recommendations approved. **Agreed by all.**
Action: Clerk to submit planning comments.

0322-33 THE CORFE CASTLE TOWN TRUST – APPENDIX D

Cllr Haywood submitted a written report before the meeting, informing Councillors on new plans to change the displays within the Museum. It was stated this works is possible due to a legacy left from Bill Carter and Graham White. This was noted.

0322-34 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE GLOVER LANDSCAPES REVIEW – AN OPPORTUNITY TO STOP ‘OFF-ROADING’ IN THE AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB’S) – APPENDIX E & ANNEX J

A report was submitted before the meeting with a recommendation that Cllr Dru Drury respond to the consultation on behalf of CCPC.

RESOLVED – That Cllr Dru Drury respond to the consultation on behalf of CCPC in favour of further control of Green Lanes. **Agreed by all.**

0322-35 NEW LORRY REGULATIONS – APPENDIX F

A motion was received from Cllr S Clarke: "That CCPC discuss whether new lorry regulations would be beneficial to Purbeck"

Proposed Cllr Clarke

Seconded Cllr Sumbler

RESOLVED – Cllr Clarke to talk with neighbouring councils to assess support levels and report back. **Agreed by all.**

0322-36 ANNUAL INSPECTION BY THE PLAY INSPECTION COMPANY

Cllr N Dragon asked what if any work had been carried out by the new equipment installation company to solve the issues raised by the External Playground Inspection.

It was stated remedial work has taken place to address all issues identified before the opening of the new equipment. The Clerk has received signed documentation from the installer clarifying the works carried out, however was yet to receive written confirmation from the playground inspection company to confirm these works are adequate, although verbal confirmation from the inspector was given.

Action: Clerk to report to council the reply from the external Playground Inspection Company.

Action: Clerk to add to CCPC website information confirming work was carried out to fix remedial work.

0322-37 70 TREES FOR THE JUBILEE – APPENDIX G

A motion was received from Cllr Sumbler: "Corfe Castle Parish Council supports the Environment Working Group progressing with their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree planting project."

Proposed Cllr Sumbler

Seconded Cllr Parish

It was noted that some individual locations on a draft map could present issues with the owners or other bodies and a site visit was proposed for the following day 15th March.

RESOLVED – CCPC support the Environment Working Group progressing with their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree planting project." – **Agreed by all.**

0322-38 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP RESERVES & TRAINING

A motion was received from Cllr Parish: "Corfe Castle Parish Council authorises the Clerk to spend Environment reserves on relevant training sessions, seminars and workshops provided by NALC and DAPTC for Environment Working Group members and other interested Councillors to attend such events."

Proposed Cllr Parish

Seconded Cllr Sumbler

RESOLVED – CCPC agreed the clerk can use delegated powers as stipulated in the Finance Regulations to authorise Environment Working Group Members attendance at relevant training sessions, seminars and workshops, over and above the Environment Group Terms and Reference delegated limit. **Agreed by all.**

0322-39 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. Weed Clearing Working Group

A report was submitted before the meeting including a recommendation on weeding around the parish which avoided the use of chemical sprays.

Cllr Sumbler & Cllr Roberts agreed to set up a volunteer group to weed clear just before the Jubilee celebrations.

RESOLVED – CCPC agree to the proposed prevention measures, with the understanding that if such measures do not work this item can be discussed again within 6 months. Prevention to be: DC contacted regarding road sweeping and gully clearance for West Street and East Street. Residents to be asked to undertake manual clearance of loose debris from pathways outside their own home, plus Parish Caretaker to clear remaining areas.

Action: Clerk to find out from DC their policy and plan for road sweeping & gully clearance is for the Parish.

2. Queens Jubilee Group

A report was submitted before the meeting. However as the Jubilee committee has met since the report was submitted, a verbal update was given, covering Public Liability Insurance. This was noted

3. Environmental Group

A verbal report was given by Cllr Parish: Sustainable Tourism – Purbeck Heaths: The scheme was launched on Wednesday 9th March and is an on-going living plan. Local businesses to action group reps, NNR landowners, local councillors and sustainable tourism plan consultees are all welcome to participate in the plan. Further information can be found at <https://purbeckheaths.org.uk/sustainable-tourism>.

It was agreed Cllr Parish would organise for a presentation on this subject to take place during the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting end at 9.12pm