

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024
IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cllr **Clarke** (Vice Chairman), Cllr **Dru Drury** (Chairman), Cllr **Blinkhorn**, Cllr **Humphries**, Cllr **Marshallsay**,
Cllr **Rowell**, & Cllr **Sumbler**.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Lermit**, Cllr **Roberts** & Cllr **Spicer-Short**

PUBLIC HALF HOUR.

7 Members of Public (MOP) were present

1 MOP wished to thank the Parish Council for supporting a recent planning application submitted by the homeowner. However, raised concern regarding the likelihood of their application being refused by Dorset Council.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Dorset Council Planning Case Officer asking they contact the applicant to talk through concerns raised by other stakeholders and to discuss options moving forward.

1 MOP wish to raise two issues:

- A concern in connection with the footpath beside Y Jewellers. Noting the hoarding is in a bad state of repair, the ivy is growing to the point it is restricting access, and the lack of light at night.
- A concern was raised in connection with the Town of Culture bid from Swanage for a Swanage and Purbeck wide bid, as the current proposal seemed to lack enhancement or provision in the arts within the bid for Corfe Castle.

It was noted the National Trust have stated work has now begun to repair the wall, and the Parish Council will continue to watch progress and chase when needed to ensure the wall is repaired as soon as possible.

1 MOP wish to raise three items

- It was reported to the Council that the Boxing Gym is flourishing, with participants actively competing and achieving success in tournaments.
- A statement highlighted that the parking provision on West Street was originally designed for a defined tourist season. However, with the transition to a year-round influx of visitors, the parking provision needs urgent reassessment.
- Concerns were raised in respect of the Community Land Trust housing proposal, noting now the West Street proposal is not going ahead, the absence of a Parish Council housing register means we are not able to demonstrate the local need for affordable housing.

It was acknowledged that the Corfe Castle Charity maintains its own housing register, and that the Parish Council is currently unable to maintain such a register.

1 MOP representing the Corfe Castle Charity noted that they had withdrawn their bid on the property in Halves Cottages, due to a covenant on the property which was not conducive to the Charity owning the home.

The Parish Council were asked to help pass on a message to anyone attending or thinking of attending University who may need financial assistance to contact the Charity.

The Parish Council were informed that the Charity have submitted another planning application to have fire doors installed in some of their properties within Corfe Castle.

The member of public on a personal note wished to inform the Council that in the residents Car park in one of the spaces there are two cars parked.

The member of public was thanked for their input.

ACTION: Clerk to update the Residents Car Park terms of use to include a line stating all bays are to be used by one vehicle at a time.

1224-80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT(LGA) 1972 S85 (1))

Apologies have been received from Cllr Lermit, Cllr Roberts & Cllr Spicer-Short for personal reasons and accepted by all.

1224-81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- a. No declaration was made. NB this does not preclude any later declarations.
- b. No dispensation section 31(4) applications were received.

1224-82 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record the meeting. (LGA 1972, SCHEDULE 12, PARA 41(1))

Proposed Cllr Clarke

Seconded Cllr Humphries

RESOLVED – The minutes from the full council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

1224-83 DORSET COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Wilson send apologies as he was not able to attend the meeting. A written report was circulated.

1224-84 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr Gould sent apologies as he was not able to attend the meeting.

1224-85 CLERKS REPORT TO INCLUDE:

a. **Action Log**

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 discussed.

1. Tourist Noticeboard.

A quote for a replacement village amenities board was presented before the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Marshallsay

Seconded Cllr Blinkhorn

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to request the ‘School’ label be moved closer to the ‘Castle Inn’ label and then approve for printing.

2. Community Transport Grant Application.

A copy of a possible grant was submitted before the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Marshallsay

Seconded Cllr Sumbler

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to submit the grant application as presented.

2. Electricity prices for toilet block – updated after agenda sent out.

A verbal update was given on pricing which has been received regarding possible solar panels on the West Street toilet block, plus a new electricity contract.

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to add to the January agenda.

b. **Financial Matters**

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

b1.	Bank Balance: The following balance was reported as of 30 th September 2024			
	00289201 – Lloyds	£32,609.79	00162368 – Lloyds	£5,458.39
	80031534 – Redwood	£66,085.39	Equals Money	£50.24
	Total	£104,207.81		

b2. Expenditure and Income

Proposed Cllr Sumbler

Seconded Cllr Blinkhorn

RESOLVED/ACTION – All payments as listed within the Clerks report and supporting paper were approved with a combined total of £4,980.23 including VAT. (See Appendix A for full details). Clerk to process payments.

The income of £1,651.60 was noted.

c **Parish Safety Report**

c1 The playground safety reports were submitted before the meeting. The following was noted:

- A trip hazard had been identified in the wet pour under the swing unit. This has since been repaired.
- The northern fence has sustained further damage from the recent storm.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the neighbour to ask to tie the fence back to the trees to stabilise until work can begin to replace the fence.

c2 Defibrillator Monthly Safety Reports were submitted before the meeting this was noted.

d. Caretaker Report

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the work the caretaker has undertaken this month. This was discussed and noted.

1224-86 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a Planning Working Group – Planning Applications

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

a1 Application No: P/HOU/2023/07255 - amended plans received on 11 November 2024.
Location: 168 East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EH.
Proposal: Erect ground floor rear extension, side extension and loft conversion to dwellinghouse.
Demolish existing garage and construct a garage / workshop with office. (Updated description).

Comments Due: 10th December 2024

Comment No Objection: The current garage is heavily overgrown but there is sufficient area around it to accommodate the proposed plans. It is outside the Conservation Area so we cannot be prescriptive about the materials used, though it is good to see that they are proposing to use mainly Purbeck stone (the home office being timber clad). Although the proposed extensions / alterations will unbalance the row of three dwellings it is providing a home for a growing family and again it is outside the Conservation Area.

Application No: P/TRC/2024/06788

Location: The School House, 1 West Street, Kingston, BH20 5LH

Proposal: T1 Ash - Fell to ground level.

T2 Ash - Pollard to previous pollarding points.

T3 Ash - Pollard to previous pollarding points.

T4 Ash - Reduce crown by 2.5m retaining the natural flowing branch line and shape of the tree. Remove primary branch with 1m longitudinal split growing south easterly back to the main stem. Remove primary branch on the opposite side to the split branch to maintain a balanced crown.

T5 Ash - Reduce crown by 2.5m retaining the natural flowing branch line and shape of the tree. This tree is to be reduced to match T4.

G1 6x Beech trees - Fell to ground level, grind out resulting stumps. Replant with appropriate species.

T6 Pissard's plum - Fell to ground level

Comments Due: 19th December 2024

Comment: It was noted Cllr Blinkhorn had not be able to assess this application but would do so in the next couple of days. Clerk to submit comment in conjunction with Cllr Blinkhorn's findings.

Application No: P/STA/2024/07167

Location: Thrashers Heath SSSI

Proposal: Section 37 application: to replace 7 number wooden poles and associated stays making up 4 structures

Comments Due: 26th December 2024

Comment No Comment

Proposed Cllr Humphries

Seconded Cllr Clarke

RESOLVED/ACTION: To submit the comments as approved above.

1224-87 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Deer infestation – This was noted.

b. Parking in West Street.

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to ask Cllr Wilson if there is anything he can do to help expedite our parking changes request.

c. Town and Parish Council Survey - Climate and Nature Support

RESOLVED / ACTION: Cllr Sumbler to look to complete and report back in January / February 2025 for approval before submitting to Dorset Council February 2025.

1224-88 POLICY AND RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Proposed Cllr Marshallsay

Seconded Cllr Sumbler

RESOLVED: To approve the Allowance and Expenses Reimbursement Policy as presented before the meeting.

1224-89 DORSET TOWN OF CULTURE 2026.

A report was submitted before the meeting regarding the Swanage proposal for a multi-centre bid for Dorset Town of Culture 2026

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to contact the Swanage Town Council representative and ask they come and talk to the Corfe Castle Parish Council plus wider community during the January 2025 meeting to give a detail insight to the bid.

1224-90 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

A report was submitted before the meeting regarding a draft Emergency Response Plan and was discussed at length.

RESOLVED/ACTION: Cllr Blinkhorn to continue work on the Emergency Response Plan.
Thanks were given to Cllr Blinkhorn for the amount of work and effort so far on the plan.

1224-91 ACTION PLAN

This item was postponed until January 2025

ACTION: Clerk to add Action Plan review to January 2025 agenda.

1224-92 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE LOCATION

A report was submitted before the meeting this was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Humphries

Seconded Cllr Clarke

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to talk to Highways regarding the possibility of installing a flashing “School” sign, which would operate at the start and end of each school day.

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to speak to Dorset Council Speed Indicator Device (SID) representatives to ask where on East Street near the school two new SID locations may be placed.

1224-93 DAPTC SURVEY

A report regarding a DAPTC Survey for Smaller Parish Councils was noted.

1224-94 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a DAPTC AGM. A report was submitted before the meeting. This was discussed.

The meeting ended at 21:10

APPENDIX A

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank	Tender
09.12.2024	£52.49	£2.62	£55.11	Electricity Toilet Block	Ecotricity	Lloyds	DIRDEBIT
06.12.2024	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Training	Dorset Association of Parish & Town Council	Lloyds	ONLINE
06.12.2024	£83.30	£16.66	£99.96	Mole Repeller	Select International Products Ltd	Equals Money	ONLINE
06.12.2024	£20.76	£0.00	£20.76	GA Refuse	Dorset Waste Partnership	Lloyds	ONLINE
05.12.2024	£360.00	£0.00	£360.00	Approved Grant	Swanage Defibrillator Community Partnership	Lloyds	ONLINE
05.12.2024	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Approved Grant	Corfe Valley News	Lloyds	ONLINE
05.12.2024	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	Approved Grant	Air Ambulance (Dorset & Somerset)	Lloyds	ONLINE
05.12.2024	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	Approved Grant	Citizens Advice (East Dorset and Purbeck)	Lloyds	ONLINE
03.12.2024	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	Training - Councillor	Dorset Association of Parish & Town Council	Lloyds	ONLINE
03.12.2024	£37.80	£0.00	£37.80	Mole Repeller	B & Q	Equals Money	ONLINE
03.12.2024	£246.23	£49.25	£295.48	Printer	Curry's	Equals Money	ONLINE
02.12.2024	£12.00	£0.00	£12.00	Village Hall Rent	Corfe Castle Village Hall	Lloyds	ONLINE
02.12.2024	£35.87	£7.17	£43.04	Phone	Vodafone	Lloyds	DIRDEBIT
02.12.2024	£14.00	£0.00	£14.00	NNDR	Dorset Council	Lloyds	DIRDEBIT
02.12.2024	£586.62	£117.32	£703.94	Cleaning	J D Facilities	Lloyds	ONLINE
02.12.2024	£372.08	£0.00	£372.08	Caretaker Hours	Tim Lee (Tim Lee)	Lloyds	ONLINE
02.12.2024	£81.95	£0.00	£81.95	Pension	NEST	Lloyds	DIRDEBIT
02.12.2024	£1,179.94	£0.00	£1,179.94	Wages	Michelle Harrington	Lloyds	ONLINE
02.12.2024	£214.17	£0.00	£214.17	National Insurance & Income Tax	HMRC	Lloyds	ONLINE
	4,787.21	193.02	4,980.23				