

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JULY 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 **Lermit**, Cllr **Roberts**, Cllr **Rowell**, Cllr **Spicer-Short** & Cllr **Sumbler**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr **Luke** (Planet Purbeck), & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Marshallsay**

PUBLIC HALF HOUR.

4 Members of Public (MOP) were present

1 MOP raised a concern in connection with the Double Yellow Lines (DYL) proposed from the entrance to West Street car park to the exit road. The MOP suggested the area stay as single yellow lines, so that residents can park outside their own homes.

It was noted this residents' comments have already been submitted via email and form part of the Highways Consultation results identified later in the agenda.

1 MOP suggested instead of DYL in front of the houses could this be residents parking only? Best case scenario instead of changing anything in Corfe Castle would be to limit visitor numbers into Corfe Castle by encouraging the use of Norden car park.

It was noted this residents' comments had not been submitted to the Clerk as part of the Highway Consultation and therefore were not part of the Highways Consultation results identified later in the agenda.

1 MOP wished to raise several issues:

1. Request the Parish Council consider trying to influence Aster to sell their property to another housing provider.

It was noted this is on the agenda for discussion. (0724-36e)

2. Request the Parish Council ask Dorset Council to allow the Community Land Trust to use the West Street car park to build affordable housing.

It was noted Dorset Council had been approached previously and had stated this was not an option.

3. Stated many years ago, all businesses in the square were contacted and asked if they would make a financial contribution for bins in the area. The MOP stated the Bakery was the only business who contributed. It was stated the Bakery has multiple commercial waste collections a week, whilst other businesses in the area have none and in fact have been seen to use the public general waste bin for their commercial waste.

It was noted this is on the agenda for discussion. (0724-36j)

4. Stated that in March 2021 Cllr N Dragon was elected as Trustee to the Town Trust. It was his understanding that the term was a four-year term. However, in May 2024 when Cllr N Dragon & Cllr J Dragon stepped down as Parish Councillor it was noted that two other Councillors were elected to the role of Town Trust Trustee. A copy of the Minutes where Cllr N Dragon was official removed as a Trustee was demanded.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate and report back.

5. Stated that the Clerk should have known that the tarmac area outside the toilet block was not the Parish Council property and belongs to Dorset Council, and therefore the Clerk should not have advised the Parish Council to give permission to the Citizens Advice bus that they can park there once a month when they bring the mobile advice bus to the village.

It was stated Dorset Council had previously agreed to the Parish Council using the tarmac area.

1 MOP wished to ask if the National Trust would be removing the boundary stones from the pathway from East Street to the playpark.

It was noted the National Trust have been pressed to have the works required to make the area safe as quickly as possible, however there has been delays due to survey's which were required. It is understood this works are scheduled to commence this year, however the Parish Council were in no position to answer on behalf of the National Trust in regard if the stones will be removed, and it was suggested the MOP contact the National Trust directly.

0724-30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT(LGA) 1972 S85 (1))

Apologies have been received from Cllr Marshallsay and accepted by all.

0724-31 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. It was noted Cllr Clarke before the meeting signed a dispensation from section 31(4) application relating to the Sports Trust & Cllr Rowell will sign a dispensation from section 31(4) application relating to the Town Trust after the meeting.

0724-32 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record the meeting. (LGA 1972, SCHEDULE 12, PARA 41(1))

Proposed Cllr Spicer-Short

Seconded Cllr Blinkhorn

RESOLVED – The minutes from the full council meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

0724-33 DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report was submitted before the meeting, this was noted.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Ben Wilson and ask he request Dorset Council address the overgrown verges around the County. Stating that on the Studland Road in particular, but not limited to, cyclists are having to cycle so far into the road to avoid being hit by overgrown branches that they are putting themselves in danger with oncoming traffic in the middle of the road.

0724-34 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

No report was submitted before the meeting.

0724-35 PLANET PURBECK – TOURISM PLAN

A verbal presentation was given by Mr Luke from Planet Purbeck (PP).

It was noted PP have created a brochure called "The Change is coming", this is available on their website.

PP have carried out a consultation regarding environmental issues and what locals really think of the changes happening to the local area around Purbeck, which attracted 7,000 responses.

PP is looking to create a "citizens assembly" so that communities are represented across the region on multiple subjects, including subjects such as affordable housing, and impact from tourism.

0724-36 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 noted.

a1 Establishing & Managing Gardens of Remembrance

RESOLVED: Not to continue to have the Garden of Remembrance levelled or seeded at this point in time. To ensure the area is part of the grass cutting schedule and use spoil from digging to start to level it out.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Caretaker and grave digger to arrange levelling with spoil and Lowther to ensure the area is cut alongside the rest of the cemetery.

Initial/ Sign:

Chairman: Cllr S Clarke

Date:

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- a2 Contact Greyhound Public House regarding noticeboard on pavement.
ACTION: Clerk to write to the landlord of the Greyhound public house and ask they move the stone planter and “A” frame board from the corner of the building as these items are blocking access.

a3 General waste around the square. – See item 0724-36j

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

Proposed Cllr Humphries Seconded Cllr Clarke
RESOLVED – All payments as listed within the Clerks report and supporting paper was approved with a combined total of £5,231.46 including VAT.
ACTION: Clerk to process payments.

c **Parish Safety Report**

c1 The playground safety report was submitted before the meeting. It was noted a couple of picnic benches have bowed and will need replacing soon.

RESOLVED: To purchase and install ground anchor bolts for the three benches, with the hope this may start to level the benches.
ACTION: Clerk to purchase ground anchor bolts and ask the Caretaker to install.

It was noted the fence between the playing field area and residents parking area is rotted. Plus, the pedestrian gate does not close properly, which has led to horses escaping from the Halves.
ACTION: Clerk to contact landowner to inform them accordingly.

It was noted dogs are being taken into the play park area.
ACTION: Clerk to investigate the purchase of larger “NO DOG” signs and for these to be fixed to the gates and back fence.

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

d. Pest Control
A report was presented before the meeting, containing a quote for pest control within Gods Acre and the play park. This item was postponed to September to enable Cllr Roberts to obtain a quote.
ACTION: Clerk to add pest control to the September agenda.

e. Aster Housing
A response from Aster Housing regarding the selling of affordable housing in Corfe Castle was presented before the meeting, this was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Dru Drury Seconded Cllr Clarke
RESOLVED – Corfe Castle Parish Council write to Aster to request they do not remove access to affordable housing within Corfe Castle and request a meeting with Aster, the Community Land Trust, Corfe Castle Charities
It was noted Cllr Roberts and Cllr Blinkhorn would represent the Parish Council at this meeting.
ACTION: Clerk to write to Aster to request they do not remove access to affordable housing within Corfe Castle.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Aster, the Community Land Trust and, Corfe Castle Charities to a meeting to discuss affordable housing needs and the selling of assets within the community.

f. Boiler House Gallery
A copy of a letter received from a Member of Public regarding the level of noise coming from Sandy Hill Arts was presented before the meeting. This was discussed.
RESOLVED – Corfe Castle Parish Council write to request that Sandy Hill Arts consider the effect of noise on neighbours.
ACTION: Clerk to write to the Boiler house Gallery Sandy Hill Arts and request they consider the effect of noise on neighbours.

- g. Working Group –Representative on outside bodies
In May it was agreed to revisit representatives on outside bodies, with the aim of nominating a representative for Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council (DAPTC) and the Village Hall as a trustee.

RESOLVED – Cllr Blinkhorn – DAPTC. It was agreed not to elect a Councillor as trustee to the Village Hall.

ACTION: Clerk to advise the Village Hall, the Parish Council decline the invite to have a Parish Councillor as a Village Hall Trustee.

- h. Lights – Public Toilets
A report was received before the meeting, with two quotes to replace the lights in the public toilets.

Proposed Cllr Spicer-Short

Seconded Cllr Clarke

RESOLVED – To award to contact to contractor 2 (Peter Mack). To replace all lights in the public toilet block at a cost of £422.70

ACTION: Clerk to advise contractor.

It was noted grants may be available for solar panels through Dorset Community Energy.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate what grants may be available for solar panels through Dorset Community Energy.

- i. EV Charging Points – Residents Car Park
A report was presented before the meeting, detailing an offer from Believ to investigate the possibility of adding an electric charging point in the resident's car park.

RESOLVED – To go ahead with initial survey with the proviso there is no stipulation that if the survey comes back favourable for EV charging that the Parish Council is bound by contract to continue.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Believ to commence survey at no cost or commitment from Corfe Castle Parish Council to continue after the survey.

- j. General Rubbish
A report was submitted before the meeting, with costs for refuse collection from the National Trust ticket Officer area.

RESOLVED – Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to not continue with this project.

- k. Caretaker Report
A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the work the caretaker has undertaken this month. This was discussed.

RESOLVED – Clerk to request a mechanical road sweep and speak to Cllr Ben Wilson regarding when the weeds will be / or have been sprayed.

0724-37 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/2024/03340

Location: Merryfields West Street Corfe Castle BH20 5HE

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, changes to windows and modifications to existing roof to provide additional bedroom

RESOLVED: Corfe Castle Parish Council understand and appreciate the owners' wish to update their property and support the suggested new slate roof and new windows and doors. Although Merryfields itself is not considered to be a heritage asset, it is built of Purbeck stone and is within the Conservation Area, and we cannot support the proposed larch cladding. We believe that this would impact on the character of the area as a whole and particularly the Conservation area. We find the visual appearance and finishing materials of the larch cladding to be unacceptable and therefore recommend the Council to object to this application.

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Application No: P/LBC/2024/03524

Location: Wissett Cottage 53 East Street Corfe Castle BH20 5EE

Proposal: The pointing on (south facing) end gable wall of the building has become pitted and crumbly possibly aiding ingress of moisture through the wall. This proposal therefore is to rake out existing pointing and repoint with 3.5 naturally hydraulic lime mixed with local sand.

RESOLVED: Corfe Castle Parish Council have no issue with the raking out of old mortar and repointing of the south facing gable end wall with suitable lime-based mortar, and therefore recommend that the Council makes no objection to this application.

Action: Clerk to submit planning application comments as per recommendations.

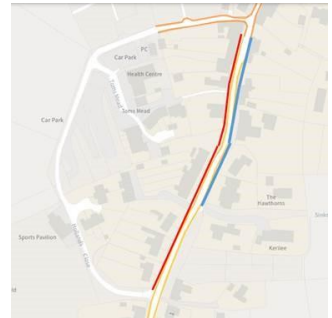
0724-38 HIGHWAYS CONSULTATION RESULTS

A report was presented before the meeting, detailing the results from a Corfe Castle Parish Council Highways Consultation regarding parking and parking restrictions along West Street. This was discussed.

Option 1 & 2

Single Yellow Lines (SYL) to Double Yellow Lines (DYL) Area 1 (Red line) from the car park entrance road to the car park exit road.

Single Yellow Lines (SYL) to Double Yellow Lines (DYL) Area 2 (Blue line) from the car park entrance road to unmade road West Street. (just after 55 West Street).



Option 3

Reduce parking on the corner of West Street opposite the Green Goat.

It was noted during the public session concern was raised regarding parking for residents (58 – 68 West Street) outside of their own homes. It was discussed during the meeting, and it was understood all houses had access to the garage area with specific parking allocated for each house. It was noted this would be confirmed after the meeting



Proposed Cllr Spicer-Short

Seconded Cllr Clarke

RESOLVED: To go ahead in principle (pending garage parking access) with all suggested changes as there was a high percentage of residents who support the proposals.

ACTION: Clerk to send a copy of the Highways Consultation results to Dorset Council Highways and to ask they proceed with the proposal, once it has been confirmed residents have access to the garage area.

0724-39 ACTION PLAN - APPENDIX

A copy of the current Action Plan was presented before the meeting, this was discussed.

RESOLVED – Cllr Lermitt to work on a new layout for the plan, plus work with Cllr Roberts & Cllr Sumbler regarding investigating the suggested additions. A report will be submitted in September/ October.

0724-40 NOTICEBOARD - APPENDIX

A motion was received before the meeting from Cllr Clarke “That the Parish Council take over responsibility for the Information board in the Square”

It was noted Cllr Clarke declared an interest as a business owner who is listed on the board.

RESOLVED – Corfe Castle Parish Council agree to take ownership of the board and to look to have it updated.

ACTION: Cllr Clarke to investigate location of original artwork.

0724-41 CORRESPONDENCE

a. CLT Announcement – A letter was received and disseminated before the meeting; this was discussed.

RESOLVED – To write a letter of thanks to the CLT for their hard work and effort in attempting to have affordable housing built in Corfe Castle, we look forward to supporting them in any future endeavours.

ACTION: Cllr Clarke to draft and send a letter to the CLT.

0724-42 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

No reports were submitted before the meeting.

The meeting ended at 21:19