

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr **Brooks** (Dorset Council), & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Blinkhorn**, Cllr **Marshallsay** & Cllr **Sumbler**

PUBLIC HALF HOUR.

3 members of the public attended.

1 member wished to raise a concern regarding wheelchair access throughout Corfe Castle. It was stated the pavements in Corfe Castle are not suitable and wheelchair users cannot get from the South end of Corfe Castle (Mead Road) to Why Jewellers safely. It was stated the pavements by the old British Legion; the area by the old Pink Goat and the National Trust shop are too narrow even for a narrow mobility scooter. There are also no drop kerbs in these areas to allow temporary access to the road.

It was noted Cllr Brooks agreed to contact the resident directly to have a walk about the village.

Action: Clerk to add Parish Wide Mobility Access to the June Agenda.

Cllr Roberts was contacted before the meeting and asked to raise the following question on the behalf of a member of public. What is happening with the pre-school building when the children move into the main building?

Cllr N Dragon as a member of the Corfe Castle Charities, stated that conversations have and are taking place to find out the owner of the building. It is understood the building was built through public donations, but until the owners are established, no decisions can be made.

0424-120 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT(LGA) 1972 S85 (1))

Apologies have been received from Cllr Blinkhorn, Cllr Marshallsay & Cllr Sumbler and accepted by all.

0424-121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

0424-122 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

Proposed Cllr Haywood

Seconded Cllr Parish

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

0424-123 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

No report was submitted before the meeting, and no representative was able to attend the meeting.

A concern regarding the forthcoming roadworks to repair the old stables roof was raised. Cllr Brooks stated if there is a significant problem, with traffic management, residents can contact her directly.

0424-124 DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brooks stated that due to being in the pre-election period there is nothing locally to report. The Chairman thanked Cllr Brooks for her contributions over the past five years,

There was a brief discussion about the congestion caused on 23rd March by two planned separate events (plus an unadvertised Extinction Rebellion protest) and whether the relevant services were aware of them in advance. The issue of a coordinated information system will be discussed at a future meeting.

0424-125 CLERKS REPORT TO INCLUDE:

0424-125a 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 discussed and noted.

waterproofing is all detailed in the application. The work once completed should provide a habitable building linked to the Farmhouse.

It was noted the following application were received today.

a2 Application No: P/HOU/2024/01744

Location: 32 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EQ
Proposal: Demolish timber store and build new Purbeck stone outbuilding
Recommend: No objection.

a2 Application No: P/HOU/2024/01775 & P/LBC/2024/01776

Location: Old 22 West Street Corfe Castle BH20 5HD
Proposal: replacement roof over rear wing, back hall wall reopening, existing WC door removal, provide access to garage attic, alter door to form guest bedroom no2, new attic ensuite, window repairs/replacements and damp repairs
Recommend: It was agreed this is a large application which needs to be looked at in more detail after the meeting. An update will be reported next month.

0424-126b. Treeworks Application

It was noted no tree work applications had been received.

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

0424-127 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence were discussed / noted as received.

a. Gods Acre Cemetery – Inscription on rear of memorial stone.

RESOLVED – It was agreed in principle for wording to be inscribed on the back of a headstone. Following the current application process.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Funeral Directs / family to advise accordingly and to amend the Gods Acre Rules and Regulations

b. Safe travel for Wheelchair / Mobility Scooter users from Mead Road towards the Square

It was noted this had been discussed and recorded under public participation section.

0424-128 DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – CONSULTATION OF DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2024-28

An email was sent to all Councillors before the meeting, with a link to the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Consultation of Draft Community Safety Plan 2024-28 this was discussed.

RESOLVED – For Councillors to decide if they wish to respond as a member of the public.

0424-129 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a Village Hall report by Cllr J Dragon

A verbal report was given by Cllr J Dragon detailing:

1. The Chairman is Gerry Stoker, Vice chairman is Peter Smith, David Atkin is the Secretary & Booking Clerk, Dave Gordon is the Treasurer, Penny Barker is Safeguarding & Judith Jenkins administer the Storage Units.
2. Quotes have been received for the kitchen re-design; however, the quotes are greater than expected and therefore new plans are being discussed.
3. There have been several issues with Youth Club, and discussion are taking place, on how the behaviour needs to change to continue using the hall.
4. Next month the Parish Council will receive an official request from the committee asking the Council to support the works being undertaken. This support will not be in the form of financial aid.

0424-130 THANKS TO COUNCILLORS

Cllr S Clarke gave thanks to all Councillors and the Clerk for their time and effort during the period of the 2019 – 2024 Council and the long and exemplary service given by the five retiring Councillors.

The meeting ended at 20.23.