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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023

In attendance: Cllrs Melanie Harvey, Julie Leah, Katie Moore (Vice Chair), Peter Noel (ex officio), Judith Sheppard (Chair) and the Deputy Clerk, Melissa Kirkby

FS12.23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were no public present.

FS13.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

FS14.23 DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

FS15.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Julie Leah declared an interest in Item FS21.23(e)

FS16.23 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 28th February 2023, circulated to members, be signed as a correct record.

FS17.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were none.

FS18.23 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Buoys to protect swimmers from powered craft

The Deputy Clerk has chased the Harbour Master at Lyme Regis three times but has still received no reply yet. It was agreed that Peter and Judith would meet with the Facilities Manager to try and find space on the Council's property to store the buoys and then the Deputy Clerk would order them, so that they could be in place in time for the season.

b. Rivers Festival

Julie Leah informed the members of the work that had been done on the festival so far by members of the community and community groups. The Deputy Clerk had circulated a list of work carried out

at the foreshore by Council staff. The members agreed that the Deputy Clerk and Julie Leah would work together to make the list into a presentation document to be displayed at the Annual meeting and the Rivers Festival.

c. Moving of sand at east beach in front of cabin

The Chair reported that Steve Postles had employed contractors to move sand in front of his cabin in March but the storm washed it all away. He rang the office to ask if he could have the contractors back to do the work again. He said he would make sure it was not near a bank holiday etc. and he will ring the office when he has a new date.

d. Sign by the bridge about the dangers of pollution in the river and including the no jumping symbol.

The members had been sent a copy of the email conversation with Dorset Council and a copy of a sign used for Seatown as a guide. Judith thought that sewage outage should be included and Julie also thought that the wording needed a complete overhaul to be relevant to Charmouth. It was agreed that the project be delegated to Judith and Julie, and for them to work out the information required on the sign

e. Rock Fall Signage

The Deputy Clerk had asked Dorset Council about a replacement sign for the end of the promenade. She has received a reply that the request has been passed on to the right department, but she is still waiting for any more information.

f. Interpretation boards

No reply has been received yet from Dorset Council about the interpretation boards.

FS19.23 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

It was noted that there had been a major landslip on the eastern side of the foreshore.

FS20.23 ITEMS TO REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

a. Unit holder parking permits

The Chair reported that the unit holder parking permits for the Foreshore Car Park have been issued again for 2023/24 on the same basis as 2022/23. This was noted.

b. Rights of Way letter sent to landowner of beach car parks

The Chair reported that the annual letter to the owners of the Beach and Seafront car parks have been sent. These state that the Council will not claim any right of way over the car parks. This was noted.

FS21.23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Request from Charmouth Library

The Chair reported that an email request had been received from Charmouth Library to hold a sale just after the summer holidays start, two in August and one at the beginning of September. The exact dates to be confirmed nearer the time. The members agreed to this request.

b. Request from Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre for beach clean on 8th May

The Chair reported that an email had been received from the Charmouth Coast Heritage Centre asking permission to hold a beach on the 8th May. They will also be doing a nurdle hunt as there has been a big spill recently across all Dorset beaches. Everyone agreed to the request.

c. Dorset Council public consultation for a new dog related Public Spaces Protection Order

The Chair reported that the members had been circulated an email from Dorset Council as the existing Order will be finishing on December 31st 2023. The consultation period will run from mid-June until the end of August 2023. Comments due by 15th May. The members agreed that the current rules had been working well with very little complaint. It was agreed to reply to the consultation to say that the Parish Council requested no changes.

d. Email from Lower Char Community Project about plastic nurdle clean up

The Chair reported that an email was received from the Lower Char Group about plastic nurdles. It stated that South West Water (SWW) have agreed to lead and fund a clean-up of the biobeads (micro-plastics) that emanated from an accident at their sewage treatment plant. Nurdle's founder, Joshua Beech, is aware of the biobead problem here and would be visiting Charmouth to assess the lie of the land and the current distribution of the biobeads. The Lower Char River Group were due to meet with Josh and would report back to LCCP and SWW, and then forward any information to Charmouth Parish Council for its consideration and comment. However no further information has been received.

e. Email from Lower Char Community Project about a contribution to the costs of monitoring the river by the LCCP

The Lower Char Group have asked for a donation of £200 towards testing of the river. The members all agreed that this was worthwhile, but as there is no budget the item was referred to Finance Committee with the Foreshore Committees recommendation to approve.

FS22.23 IN COMMITTEE

No items.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed

Dated

Proposed to Finance

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