

# Charmouth Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023

In attendance: Cllrs Judith Sheppard (Chair), Katie Moore (Vice Chair), Julie Leah, Peter Noel, Melanie Harvey and Administrator, Katherine Besant

### **FS59.23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

There were no members of the public

### **FS60.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sally Roberts - ill

### **FS61.23 DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensations.

### **FS62.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **FS63.23 MINUTES**

It was

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 24 October 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed.**

### **FS64.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **FS65.23 PROGRESS REPORTS**

#### a) CHCC Webcam options

It was agreed at the Full Council meeting to donate £750 towards the webcam which is to be positioned above the beach office and the Heritage Coast Centre will be in charge.

#### b) Toilets - meeting with Dorset Council

A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with Dorset Council

#### c) River sign

Pollution in the river sign has been put up outside the beach office and inside the Heritage Coast Centre

### **FS66.23 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT**

There were no reports received

## **FS67.23 ENVIRONMENT GROUP ITEMS**

No meeting held

## **FS68.23 ITEMS TO REPORT FOR DISCUSSION**

### a) Recycling

Following a meeting at the end of November with the Dorset Council recycling team, Cllr Julie Leah suggested an option to trial a 1100 litre recycling bin next to the rubbish bin outside the Factory building near the café. She understands the lids on the bins are interchangeable and an aperture lid could be fitted to collect plastic and tin. The committee agreed in principle, the administrator will enquire with Dorset Council Waste. Cllr Leah has also arranged a meeting in the new year with Clean Jurassic Coast and Ali at The Heritage Coast Centre to see what recycling can be collected from rope, polystyrene, crates etc. To be discussed at the next meeting with further details on cost and space.

### b) Beach Clean rubbish

A large pile of debris has accumulated in the overflow car park after the recent storms, a short discussion took place and with the high quotes received it was decided to leave the removal of the debris until the new year. The Facilities Manager will be asked to monitor.

### c) Christmas Day swim

It was agreed to display posters on the noticeboards, website and Facebook to confirm that there is no official Christmas Day swim and that anyone swimming at Charmouth Beach will be doing so at their own risk.

### d) Christmas cover

Christmas cover rota for the maintenance staff was circulated to the committee. Councillors will liaise to cover the days when there is no outside staff cover

### e) Annual Maintenance Renewal Notification for car park machine – Flowbird

It was proposed to accept the renewal quote of £851.70 plus VAT from Flowbird at the next F&GP in January 2024.

### f) Nurdle Clean Up events

Cllr Julie Leah explained the event is to promote the amount of waste on the beach the Lower Char Community Project are running the event with Nurdle.org and is to be paid by South West Water. The first clean from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the second clean Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Cllr Leah asked for permission to have equipment and gazebo on the land between the overflow car park and neighboring car park next to the river, this was agreed by the committee with confirmation that Evans Green must not be used. A risk assessment will be followed up.

### g) Charmouth Beach comments in the press

Charmouth beach has been listed as the number one beach out of a list of nine beaches to visit in the winter recommended by the travel guide publisher Lonely Planet. The Bridport News and BBC website also commented on the publication

### h) Replant hedgerow on footpath cliff to Higher Sea Lane and around the reed bed

After a short discussion it was agreed that planting to replace the plants that didn't survive should be done now/early next year. Cllrs Julie Leah and Andrew Lightfoot will contact volunteers for the planting on the footpath. The Facilities Manager will arrange the planting around the reed bed.

i) Beach access steps

It was proposed that the quote of £250 plus VAT to repair the steps be recommended for approval at the next F&GP in January 2024

**FS69.23 COASTAL TRANSITION ACCELERATOR FUND**

Cllr Judith Sheppard has had no update. Cllr Julie Leah confirmed that the LCCP are formulating a plan to put forward to Dorset Council suggesting nature-based solutions along with the Heritage Coast Centre. The committee is anxious that they are kept fully informed of progress.

**FS70.23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a) Permissions

i) Metal detecting – currently 44 annual permissions in force

b) New DCF Website & Dorset Coast Strategy launch

Circulated to the committee

c) Donation to LCCP

An email received from Cllr Julie Leah on behalf of the LCCP thanking the Council for the donation towards monitoring equipment

d) Cutting of Footpath 14

The committee will discuss with the Facilities Manager on how to manage the area along the footpath.

e) Permission from RBL for Poppy Appeal collection 2024

Permission was granted for collections at The Foreshore in October 2024

**Proposals to F&GP**

FS68.23 (e) Maintenance Renewal notification from Flowbird

FS68.23 (i) Beach access steps – quote for repair Reserve FSH5