

b. Lease 3 issues

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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021

In attendance: Cllrs Maralyn Hinxman, Julie Leah, Katie Moore, Judith Sheppard and the Deputy Clerk, Melissa Kirkby

FS01.22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were none.

FS02.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Peter Noel, illness.

FS03.22 DISPENSATIONS

None were received.

FS04.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

FS05.22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 26th October and the 18th November 2021 circulated to members, be signed as a correct record.

FS06.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

FS07.22 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Beach Management Plan review

The Deputy Clerk explained to the members that she had now received the new survey reports from Natural England and had incorporated the notes into the Foreshore Assent Document which she showed to the members by presenting the edited document on the projector. She explained that if the new SSSI comments were agreed and the document was approved by the Committee, she would advertise this latest version and then present it again, with any comments by the public, to the next full Council meeting on 22nd March. Some changes would be needed to the maps to show the correct

SSSI sites. The members agreed to accept the comments added to the document and proposed acceptance of the revised document to full Council.

b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

Cllr Sheppard reported that the arrangements are in process. The Facilities Manager would be available to assist. There is a trolley that can be used rather than having to rely on the tractor to get the equipment across the river. A plan B would be to have the beacon in the corner of the overflow car park if the weather was too bad. There is an opportunity to have a bugler to play a piece written especially for the Queen's Jubilee. Unfortunately, the regular bugler is away. Cllr Hinxman said that she knew someone who might be available and would ask them.

c. Foreshore toilets

An email received by Cllr Daryl Turner from Dorset Council had been forwarded stating that they are reviewing the cleaning arrangements for the whole of their public toilet estate, including Charmouth. Options do include attendants, and this appeared to work quite well in Lyme Regis and West Bay during the busy summer months last year. They are also programming in frequent cleaning quality assurance checks, which will be carried out by their Facilities Team.

Cllr Sheppard said that the other thing about the toilets was a trail to have the disabled toilet open all night, but we don't have the details of when or how yet.

d. PSPO – Dogs on beach

The Deputy Clerk had circulated the newspaper article from LymeOnline. This followed comments that the Clerk had made to the newspaper about the bad behaviour of people towards the Beach Attendants when they were speaking to people about dogs on the beach.

FS08.22 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

There were none reported.

FS09.22 NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Installation of a safety rail along end of car park

For information only. The safety rail had been installed already as it had been agreed at the full council meeting. Photos of the completed rail were shown to the members.

b. New proposed PSPO's to address anti-social behaviour and whether to participate

A request has been made to Dorset Council to join with the anti-social PSPO. We are waiting to hear further information as to whether we will be allowed.

c. Beach Groyne erosion / rock armour

During storms in October 2021 shingle was washed away exposing the base of the car park retaining wall. An engineer had been to inspect the area and a letter with his recommendations had been circulated to the members. Rock armour was suggested and so the Clerk had obtained a rough priced from Dorset Council of £10k to £12k. Cllr Sheppard pointed out that the shingle had all been washed

back and so the area was safe for now. As the engineer pointed out that this was likely to happen again it was agreed to take the idea of rock armour further and to obtain more specific details from Dorset Council engineers.

Cllr Sheppard reported that the latest storms had caused damage to the beach huts and the metal steps. Quotes received to be decided on.

d. Dogs on Leads ground stencils

To help the beach staff enforce the rules of dogs on leads it was agreed to have stencils on the ground at the foreshore area and also to have extra signs stating “dogs on leads at all times in this area”.

e. River Char water quality

Cllr Leah had sent a report about River Char water quality which had been circulated to the members. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the office received bathing water quality emails from the Environment Agency warning of poor water quality. Cllr Sheppard said that she had asked the Facilities Manager to find out from the water company what the system is for releasing sewage water into the river in the parish and what their policy is. Cllr Leah said that she had lots of information already about the water and she would forward it on to the Facilities Manager. The members wanted to hold the water companies to account for indiscriminate sewage release.

FS10.22 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Application for Textile Banks in the Parish for Fundraising for The Children's Air Ambulance

The members agreed that there was not a suitable location for a textile collection bin at the foreshore but the applicants might like to approach Dorset Council.

b. Application received for permission for collections for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022 Charmouth

Cllr Sheppard reported that this was for information only as permission had been given Clerk.

c. Application for an event: Endurancelife - Trail Running Event

A request had been received from Endurancelife asking the Committee to revisit their decision about allowing permission for an endurance event at the foreshore. The event will likely consist of 4 distances, 10k, Half Marathon, Marathon and Ultra Marathon. They would roughly expect 400/500 participants. This translates roughly into 150/180 cars. The Committee agreed that the foreshore was not a suitable area for such an event and that it would have a negative impact on the village. Permission was not granted.

d. Application to hold a toy stall at the foreshore

Cllr Sheppard reported that an application had been made to the office for permission to hold a toy stall on behalf of Weldmar Hospice at the foreshore in the half term. Due to the timescale the Clerk and Chair had decided to refuse as it would set a precedent. She asked the members what their view was. It was agreed that it would be very difficult to have a standard policy on how many stalls would

be allowed and when. It was agreed that each individual application would be looked at on its own merits and people should apply in plenty of time for permission.

e. Email received about a paddle board with engines

A report was received that a "paddle board" going very fast which was noticed by the NCI. It turned out to have a small two stroke engine producing a powerful jet with the standing user having foot holds and a wire in front linked to the engine which was built into the body of the board under the feet. The Council has a policy of no jet skis and so the staff will speak to the user if seen again.

FS10.22 IN COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

a. Lease 4 maintenance issues

The maintenance works to the building were being dealt with.

b. Lease 3 issues

The members agreed a course of action that would be relayed to the Clerk

c. Lease 5 issue

The Committee agreed to some of the requests and delegated other decisions to the Chair.

d. Old Cement Factory metal shutter quotes

The members did not like the options of any of the quotes. It was agreed to look into an alternative such as roller shutters.

e. Reed bed fence installation quotes

Quotes were considered for wooden posts and rail to run along the Northern edge of the overflow car park and meet up with the hedge in front of the metal fence to finish the area off to the south side of the reed bed so that the reed bed is fenced in all the way around. The members agreed to the quote from Martins Excavations for £225.00 + VAT Plus Materials = £468.47 from Car Park Maintenance Budget.

f. Car park tarmac repairs and remarking quotes

It was agreed to accept the quote for repair works from Dare at £3,490.00 + VAT from Car Park Maintenance budget. There is not enough money in the Car Park Maintenance Budget and so the matter is to be referred to Finance Committee for the cost to come from Reserves.

g. Overlays for car park sign quote

CLlr Sheppard reported that the Facilities Manager had obtained a quote from Creative Solutions for £53.46 for overlaying the Car Park sign. The sign already says no Motorhomes. The members agreed that the sign should not list a maximum length. The members said they didn't have enough information as to what the overlay was for and delegated the decision to the Chair as to whether the overlay was required.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Dated

Referred to Full Council

FS07.22 a. Foreshore Assent Document

Referred to Finance Committee

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