

**MINUTES OF THE CHARMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE ELMS, CHARMOUTH**

In attendance: Cllrs Graham Bender (V Chair), Judy Fellingham, Paul Oatway (Chair), Judith Sheppard, Chris Shirley-Smith and Melissa Kirkby, Deputy Clerk.

There were three members of the public present.

F3.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

Mr Alan Cunningham spoke first to confirm that the Council had received his letter regarding a foreshore concession. Cllr Oatway confirmed that it had been received and was due to be discussed during the meeting. Mr Cunningham then left.

Mr Sam Scriven (Acting Earth Science Manager at Jurassic Coast Trust) addressed the meeting with details of the work that the Jurassic Coast Trust do, the West Dorset Fossil Collecting Code of Conduct and the work of the West Dorset Fossil Warden. Phil Davidson (Senior Warden, Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre) then spoke about the work of the Charmouth Coast Heritage Centre. They then left the meeting.

F3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

F3.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were none.

F3.4 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Foreshore Committee meeting held on the 4th July 2017 circulated to members, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

F3.5 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a. Beach toilets –
Repairs have now been carried out to the steps. Awaiting installation of handrail due at the end of September.
- b. Flood Warden update –
Cllr Bender and Cllr Oatway to report at next meeting.
- c. Three Counties Coast to Coast Charity Bike Ride on Sun 10 Sept 2017 -
Amended Risk assessment received. Cllr Oatway to contact the Traders Association to inform them of the event.
- d. Shoreline Management Plan 2 –
Reply received from Oliver Letwin MP and Michael Gove, Sec. of State which Cllr Oatway read to the meeting. He had also requested income details from the Traders to put with the Council's foreshore income as evidence of potential losses due to coastal erosion. Cllr Oatway is currently in the process of writing to Tenbridge District Council who are the co-ordinators for this part of the shoreline to make sure they consider that, when they revise the plan.

- e. Foreshore Toilets Cleaning –
Numerous new complaints received which have been passed to WDDC who are dealing with the matter.
- f. Overflow Car Park –
Cllr Oatway seeking advice from WDDC’s Equality Officer regarding an accessible path at foreshore carpark.
- g. Foreshore Improvement / Signs –
The additional RNLI sign has now been attached to the DCC sign. Item closed.
- h. Recycle of Waste –
Cllr Sheppard waiting for details and prices from WDDC for three small, mixed recycling bins of 140 litres each.
- i. Plants at Foreshore –
Cllr Bender to investigate planting at the foreshore.
RESOLVED that the tamarisk are removed from the foreshore planters and repositioned at The Elms garden.
- j. Lease 1 Damp –
Cllr Oatway will continue with preparing paperwork seeking professional advice from a specialist surveyor.
- k. Japanese Knotweed –
Update of progress to be reported at next meeting.
- l. Beach Office Break In – New metal door was fitted on Tuesday 29th August 2017.

F3.6 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Foreshore Criminal Activity –
Report of meeting with unit holders. Deferred to next meeting.
- b. Lookout –
RESOLVED to allow an additional lock to be fitted to the Lookout for better security.
- c. Amphibious Microlight
Possible policy statement – Deferred to next meeting.

Cllr Shirley-Smith left the meeting due to ill health.

- d. Dog Control Orders-
The Committee accepted the need and agreed that an application for a Dog Control Order at the foreshore should be referred to full Council.
- e. Transfer of fund –
The Committee agreed that a transfer of funds be made from the Car Park E/M reserves, of £800 to the youth groups and £200 to non-youth groups Charity Fund.

- f. Xmas Cover for bins –
Deferred to next meeting.
- g. Budget for 2018/19 -
Deferred to next meeting.
- h. Foreshore Rubbish –
Agreed that the Facilities Manager to prepare a contingency plan for rubbish collection for 2018 season.

Cllr Bender left the meeting due to ill health.

- i. Fires Doors
The Committee agreed to accept the Facilities Manager’s recommendation for fire doors at foreshore premises of up to £1000.
- j. Beach Access Planning Statement
The Committee accepted the proposal and agreed to refer to full Council.

F3.7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- a. Fossil Walks Code
It was agreed that that a reply should be sent to Mr Pamplin confirming the Guided Fossil Walks Code of Practice is workable and stands.
- b. Groups/Schools on the Beach –
Agreed that the Council has no power to limit the number of visitors to the foreshore.
- c. Fossil Guide Walks request
RESOLVED to refuse the application from J Carroll due to the large number of existing guided fossil walks and lack of meeting space.
- d. Beach Concession Request
Agreed that the Facilities Manager would liaise with Mr Cunningham on the exact details of his proposed concession and report to the next meeting with an impact statement.

F3.8 CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER ISSUES TO NOTE

- a. Tai Chi Request – Noted Great British Beach Clean – Note request and Clerk’s response.
- b. Wildwood Escot – Email to them from Clerk noted.
- c. Lyme Splash – Charity collection on west beach request and permission noted.
- d. Email from resident - Council assistance acknowledgement and thanks noted.
- e. Dorset Coast Forum (DCF) – Enews August 2017 noted.

F3.9 IN COMMITTEE

- a. Lease rent review
The Committee agreed not to approve a rent decrease for Lease 4 and to pass on to the Finance Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.