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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2026

In attendance: Cllrs, Judith Sheppard, Julie Leah, Melanie Harvey, Cllr Jane Bremner and the Office Manager, Katherine Besant

FS41.26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were no public questions, comments or representations

FS42.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Katie Moore - family

FS43.26 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

FS44.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

FS45.26 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 23 June 2026 be agreed as a correct record and signed.

FS46.26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

FS47.26 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Buoys – after repairs and construction the six buoys were put in place in early July. A couple of boats were seen inside the line. The committee would like to review with the maintenance team later in the year

b. Foreshore steps – two steps were repaired with checkered plate by a contractor. The concrete steps and temporary railing repairs were carried out by the maintenance team

FS48.26 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

a. Abandoned fires on the beach – both attended by the fire brigade. The committee were shown a sign made up by the maintenance team asking the public to not light BBQ's and fires

b. Fire in BBQ basket on East Green – attended by the fire brigade

- c. Lost child – a large incident which involved lots of agencies. The child was found safe and well
- d. Male toilets – a broken urinal was fixed
- e. Drone flying – a drone was flown at The Foreshore and crashed. Parents of the pilot argued with the maintenance team, that because they had a licence they could fly anywhere. The incident was reported to the police

FS49.26 ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

- a. River Pollution – Cllr Julie Leah requested another poster showing details of river pollution. The committee would like to contact Dorset Council (owners of the bridge) to see if a sign could be placed there to highlight the pollution and no jumping into the river. To be discussed further

FS50.26 DISCUSSION ITEMS / TO BE NOTED

- a. DCF Conference – Cllrs Julie Leah and Judith Sheppard will attend
- b. Foreshore Assent Document – the document is due for renewal in 2027. To be reviewed by Cllrs Judith Sheppard and Julie Leah
- c. Testing drums of liquid – A chemist has been arranged to test the liquid
- d. Public Space Protection Order – The Dorset Council consultation period has ended. Further discussion is needed on improving the signs on the seafront
- e. Reef signage – Cllr Julie Leah asked if a sign could be placed on the A Board highlighting the reef and tides for swimmers and paddleboarders. Agreed by the committee, it was also suggested to have information on our website
- f. Pink beach huts – the committee agreed to go ahead and replace the pink beach huts with nine large ones
- g. Fossil Walks (Guided) Code of Practice – additional leader – a Fossil Guide who is no longer registered with the Council is holding walks at Charmouth with no ID. The committee agreed that all Fossil Guides should be registered with the Council and hold a photo ID permit.
- h. Toilet signs – the maintenance team felt the signs at The Foreshore needed improving, a quote was received for new signs £337.87 ex VAT, it was proposed to Finance and General Purposes committee to agree the quote.
- i. Charity Fund – The committee proposed £1000 to both Youth and Non-Youth groups
- j. Wood staining inside beach huts – the Office Manager had received a call from a tenant in the one of the lower platform huts asking if they could paint inside their hut. The committee agreed with the maintenance team that this cannot be permitted.
- k. Budgets 2026/2027 – the chair asked the committee if they have any ideas for future projects to report at the next meeting
- l. Swimsafe UK – An email was received highlighting a recently launched website highlighting the water quality and safety information before visiting a beach. Cllr Julie Leah has contacted the site but has not had a reply.

FS51.26 FUTURE COAST CHARMOUTH

- a. Updates – reported to Full Council. The clerk has written to all tenants for their views on the proposed flood doors

FS52.26 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Permissions

(i) Metal Detecting – the total is 56

b. Dogs on the beach – several emails received from a concerned member of the public about dogs on the beach very early in the mornings

c. Water Safety sessions – an email received asking for permission to hold Water Safety sessions at The Foreshore. As it is late in the summer, the clerk suggested they contact the Council again before next summer.

d. Signage on the bridge – an email received asking for a sign to be placed on the bridge, this was discussed in agenda item FS49.26a

e. Lyme Splash – the clerk has granted permission for the event to take place on Sunday 6th September

PROPOSALS TO FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

FS50.26h Toilet signs

FS50.26i Charity Fund

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Date