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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025

In attendance: Cllrs, Judith Sheppard, Jane Bremner, Julie Leah, Sally Roberts and the Administrator, Katherine Besant

FS01.25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were no public questions, comments or representations

FS02.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Melanie Harvey, Katie Moore – Personal, Peter Noel - Holiday

FS03.25 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

FS04.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

FS05.25 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 17 December 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed.

FS06.25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FS07.25 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. VE Day 8th May 2025

After some research on a banner to advertise the event, the administrator and Cllr Judith Sheppard are meeting a supplier to look at ideas. Cllr Jane Bremner suggested that as her husband, who will become the High Sherriff of Dorset from April, will attend and can lead the hymn. The administrator will contact a local choir leader too.

b. Sparrow Boxes

Charmouth Fire Brigade as part of their practice session, installed the new terrace nesting boxes under the eaves on the north wall. The old nesting boxes will stay put for now.

c. Projects at the beach

Cllr Julie Leah met with the maintenance staff and thought some Elaeagnus shrubs would do well behind the green huts. Cllr Judith Sheppard will look at purchasing some from a supplier.

d. New shed

A new shed for a tenant at The Foreshore has been erected.

e. New benches and table/seat tops

More recycled decking planks for tabletops and seats have been ordered

FS08.25 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

a. Lamppost

The lamppost at the beach was replaced. It was reported to Dorset Council after it became unstable after the recent storms.

FS09.25 ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP ITEMS

There were no items

FS10.25 DISCUSSION ITEMS / TO BE NOTED

a. Sale of blue beach huts

It was agreed by the committee to sell the five remaining huts at £150 plus VAT

b. Buoys

Harbourmaster to be contacted re: repairs and installation

c. Boat Park

After a Health and Safety visit the report suggested removing some of the boats or building a boat compound. The committee agreed the compound is not an option. The administrator has written to some of the boat owners requesting boats to be removed by the end of May.

d. Volunteering

A Duke of Edinburgh student enquired about volunteering litter/recycling collection on the beach. Cllr Julie Leah met the student, and the clerk has enquired about insurance.

e. New Visual Signs

It was suggested by the maintenance staff to have a more visual no campervan sign showing a campervan with a cross through it. The old sign has been moved from the old lamppost to the car park machine – to be monitored.

f. Recycling hut

Cllr Julie Leah was aware that recycling is being dumped outside the hut and a system is being put in place. More volunteers are dealing with the backlog, and the hut has been emptied today by Clean Jurassic Coast. Cllr Leah asked if a crate could be put outside the hut and the hut could be painted with left over paint.

g. Bird boxes at the reed bed

The maintenance staff have made bird boxes to put in the trees next to the reed bed for nesting sparrows and buntings

h. Steps

It was agreed at the Full Council Meeting to accept the quotes to repair the steps

i. River Char Action Group

After a report and meeting which took place, the committee had a long discussion but were generally cautious about the Council becoming more involved. An additional sign to be investigated.

j. Vintage motorcycle club visit

It was agreed by the committee to grant permission for the Vintage Motorcycle Club to use the car park on Monday 12th May and to waive the parking fees.

FS11.25 COASTAL TRANSITION ACCELERATOR FUND

a. Update

Correspondence received from Dorset Council advising that the project officer has changed. Cllr Judith Sheppard has received an email from the new Project Officer. It was decided that the clerk should contact the CTAP team and ask for a meeting.

FS66.24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Permissions

(i) Metal Detecting – 1 new permission, total is now 55

b. Poppy collection

Correspondence from the RBL requesting permission to hold a collection on Saturday 25th October - noted

c. Lyme Splash permission

Correspondence from the Director of Lyme Splash to request permission to hold their event on Sunday 14th September - noted

d. Drones

Correspondence received requesting clarification regarding Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) taking off and landing on Council land.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

Date

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