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CHARMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD, CEMETERY AND STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 18:30 ON TUESDAY 28th AUGUST 2018 AT THE ELMS

In attendance: Cllrs Graham Bender; David Clifford (Vice Chairman); Judy Fellingham; Peter Noel; Martin Sayers (Chairman); Deputy Clerk, Melissa Kirkby

PCS11.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

No members of the public were present.

PCS11.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Gerry Bearpark, on an emergency services call out

RESOLVED to accept the apologies and reasons given.

PCS11.3 DISPENSATIONS

None were received.

PCS11.4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures.

PCS11.5 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Playing Field, Cemetery and Street Management Committee held on the 26th June 2018 and circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chair.

PCS11.6 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a. Footpaths –
 - i) Local Paths funding – The Deputy Clerk has sent another chasing email. Response awaited
 - ii) Footpath gate damage – A response had been received from Russell Goff of DCC confirming that the gate on Footpath 4 would be picked up as a priority. However, this has still not been done. Russel Goff had telephoned that day to say he was in the area inspecting the broken gates. The Deputy Clerk will chase again.
 - iii) Footpath 12 – Still waiting for response from WDDC whether there is a stopping up order completed with the planning authority. The Deputy Clerk will contact the Planning Dept. for an update.

- b. Non-essential Highway Maintenance – Following a meeting with DCC, confirmation of the informal agreement has been received.
- c. Playing field wall – The Deputy Clerk had received a reply from the owner of the property stating that repairs are being organised.
- d. Remembrance Sunday 2018 – Cllr Bearpark was absent from the meeting so the Deputy Clerk will contact him for an update of how the planning for the day is going.
- e. Charmouth bypass wild flowers – An email had been received from Mr Calder explaining that he is in weekly contact with Highways England regarding the verge management programme development and execution.
- f. Revisit Section 106 application – WDDC had confirmed the allocation of money available within the criteria. The members accepted the allocations proposed. Charmouth Scout Group – canopy, additional guttering and white board = £1815.16; Charmouth Bowls Club - disabled access to bowling green £530; Charmouth Allotment Society – track £1750; Parish Council - new play equipment £1833.19; cemetery path £3000; path lighting to Scout Hut £1477.20.
- g. Playground equipment – It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would chase the contractor for a start date. (Post meeting note – the contractors telephoned the next day (Wednesday) asking if they could start work the following day (30/08/2018), which was agreed by the Committee Chair).
- h. Charmouth Events Committee Shed – It was noted that repairs had been made and improvements to the shed were being planned.
- i. Cemetery Path – The Clerk is trying to obtain a budget quote for a path across the new cemetery field.

PCS11.7 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. ‘Dead End’ Sign Old Lyme Hill - The Deputy Clerk explained the background of the installation of the ‘Dead End’ sign that had been installed at Old Lyme Hill. The Council had not asked for it and numerous complaints have been received about its installation. It had been knocked over and has recently been reinstalled. It was

RESOLVED to request that the sign be removed.

- b. The Dropped kerb installation at the junction of The Street and Higher Sea Lane was noted.
- c. It was noted that the trailer and climbing frame metal has been disposed of.
- d. Barneys Close – The parking problems were discussed and it was agreed that the area should be monitored until the next meeting.

- e. Memorial Report – The members were informed that of the 414 memorials, 13 were found to be needing attention to make them safe. It was
RESOLVED that the Facilities Manager would make safe the 13 memorials requiring attention.
- f. Budgets for 2019/2020 – The Committee was asked to give thought over the next few weeks to the budgets for the 19/20 year so that funding for any projects could be planned.

PCS11.8 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Benches for bus stops – An email was read to the members explaining that Wood Farm had requested that permission be given to install hard-standing and two benches at the bus stops near the roundabout. All installation costs and future maintenance would be carried out by Wood Farm. It was
RESOLVED that permission be given to allow Wood Farm to install hard-standing and two benches.
- b. Air Quality – Email received from a resident about the village air quality. It was agreed that the letter drafted by the Chair (Appendix A) should be sent to the resident. In brief it states that there is no legislation that controls the lighting of bonfires or wood burners. Her comments will be passed on to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.
- c. Speeding Traffic – It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Reynolds stating that after a number of speed monitoring reports commissioned by the Council which showed that overall there was not a problem with speeding in the village, there was nothing further the Council could do.
- d. Parking on Old Lyme Hill – An email from Mrs Fletcher had been received concerning parking at Old Lyme Hill effectively blocking access for emergency vehicles. It was agreed to ask full Council to write to Dorset County Council asking if they could install double yellow lines.
- e. Footpath 14 – A letter from Dorset County Council had been received showing a small variation to Footpath 14 which was noted. The Footpath Warden had looked at it and there was no issue.

Meeting closed at 7.23pm

Proposal to Full Council

- a) 11.8d – Parking on Old Lyme Hill

Appendix A

Dear

CHARMOUTH AIR QUALITY

Thank you for your letter of 20th July regarding this issue. The Playing Field, Cemetery and Street Management Committee discussed the concerns expressed in your letter of 20th July at our August meeting.

I was sorry to hear about the health problem which bonfires in Charmouth have been causing you. This is particularly disappointing as the prevailing SW winds which travel for thousands of miles over sea before reaching us should, and generally do, result in excellent air quality in Charmouth.

Although the issue has recently been discussed at national level there is currently no legislation to control the lighting of bonfires or indeed wood-burners. The last legislation was the Clean Air Act of 1993 which was mainly concerned with urban areas but was reviewed in a general consultation in 2014. To date this has apparently not been acted on. Below is a link to the results of the consultation:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326129/clean-air-act-sum-resp.pdf

It is not usually difficult to identify the location of the bonfire and the most effective solution is likely to be to make the originator aware of the health issues arising from their actions. Even if they cannot be persuaded to desist altogether it should be possible at least to agree to advance warning which would allow you to close doors and windows. The offender is likely to be much more responsive to this approach than to letters from the Parish Council.

Thank you again for raising this matter to the Committee. I will pass on your comments regarding inclusion in the neighbourhood plan to the Chairman.

Yours sincerely,