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## MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD, CEMETERY AND STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE ELMS

In attendance: Cllrs Martin Sayers (Chair); Jane Bremner; Katie Moore; Paul Oatway; Peter Noel and the Deputy Clerk, Melissa Kirkby

### PCS1.20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were no public present.

### PCS2.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Maralyn Hinxman.

### PCS3.20 DISPENSATIONS

None were received.

### PCS4.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

### PCS5.20 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Playing Field, Cemetery and Street Management Committee held on the 17th December 2019 and circulated to members, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### PCS6.20 PROGRESS REPORTS

#### a. Footpaths

- i) Footpath gates replacement – A response from Dorset Council's Russell Goff had been received stating that he would chase up the repairs to the gates.
- ii) Footpath 12 – A response had been received from Dorset Council stating that the issue was still with their legal department.

#### b. Bench at Lower Sea Lane -

The family who own the bench had written to the Council requesting that the dog bin next to the bench be re-sited. The dog bin was already in place when the family requested the bench be put in that location. The installation of items on the pavement has to be done by certified contractors (usually Dorset Council) at a

cost. Cllr Sayers stated that a reply had been received from the family confirming they would be willing to pay the cost of having the bin moved.

### **PCS7.20 HAZARD / INCIDENTS TO REPORT**

There were none to report.

### **PCS8.20 NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. Cllr Sayers explained that he had told the Deputy Clerk about a large hole in the footpath W9/7 from Wesley Close to Riverway. This she reported to Dorset Council on 10<sup>th</sup> January and received a reply on 20<sup>th</sup> February saying that the problem had been resolved. Cllr Sayers had been along the footpath recently and it had not been repaired and the large hole was still there. The Deputy Clerk would report it again.
- b. The Facilities Manager had requested permission and funds to refurbish the noticeboard on Lower Sea Lane. The members agreed to the purchase of the materials at a cost of £142, to be taken from PF General Maintenance budget. The work would be carried out by the staff.
- c. Cllr Sayers reported that he had met with Andy Peters, Chair of the Charmouth Events Committee, about the positioning of a new storage shed in the Playing Field. Cllr Sayers' understanding was that it was to be used solely for storage and that they wanted to locate it behind the Scout Hut. The members asked questions about the use of the hut and its size and whether planning permission would be needed. Also had the Scouts been notified? It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would check the planning and that the Scouts would be made aware of the Events Committee's plans.

### **PCS9.20 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. VE Day Celebrations

Emails and letters had been received about whether the Council was planning anything. The Committee members were aware that some residents in the village were arranging their own events. There had been no correspondence from Bruno Peek, the Queen's Pageant Master for VE Day 75, to the Council. The Committee members were aware that some residents in the village were arranging their own events. It was agreed that the Chairman would send a response to those that had contacted the Council explaining that the Council would not be organising anything.

- b. Cllr Sayers told the members about an email from Mr Peed explain that he had contacted Highways England about the roundabout requiring pruning. He had spoken to Cllr Maralyn Hinxman about planting bulbs on the roundabout. Cllr Bremner said that she had been keeping a watchful eye on the roundabout and could not see any evidence of any bulbs growing. She said there had been suggestion that planting done long ago might reappear. Cllr Noel said that he had spoken to Mr Peed and explained that the Parish Council could not do any maintenance on the roundabout because it was the responsibility of Highways England. Cllr Oatway said that he had a recollection of hearing that Highways England planning to sow wildflowers. It was agreed that in the first instance the Deputy Clerk should find out what Highways England's intentions were.
- c. An email had been received from Mr Steve Gillan about crime and speeding in the village. Cllr Oatway produced a report on crime statistics for the last three months compared to the previous three months, which was circulated to members. What was interesting was that there had been a spike in November and December 2019, but when you look, they tend to be domestic violence or it has been anti-social behaviour. The report included maps of where the incidents took place which was mainly in the residential areas not on The Street. Unless there is village wide CCTV it would not catch any incident. The main hotspots were the

parade but that is all. It is an awful lot of expense for very few incidents. The most crime was taking place within residential properties and streets.

The Deputy Clerk had previously circulated the information from the Dorset Council's website about introducing speed limits to the members. Cllr Oatway suggested that any comments be adjourned until there has been an inquest and the full facts made available. The Deputy Clerk had contacted the Police for more information about the fatality on The Street but no information can be given until the investigations have been completed.

The Committee is deeply sorry to hear about the death of a long-standing resident of the village.

Cllr Sayers asked what the members thought about the lighting in The Street. He thought it wouldn't be a bad idea to find out about having it a little bit lighter. Cllr Bremner said that the lights were installed about ten years ago. The old street lights, when the main road was through the village, not only illuminated the pavement but also illuminated peoples' gardens and properties right up to their doorways. These newer lights are trying to hit the pavement alone and not illuminate everything else. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of increasing the brightness of the street lights.

### **PCS10.20 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. The members discussed the quotes for the refurbishment of the war memorial. It was agreed that acceptance of the lowest priced quote be proposed to the Finance Committee, once the full work included in the quote has been confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.

### **Proposals to Finance Committee:**

PCS9.20(a) War Memorial Refurbishment