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MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD, CEMETERY AND STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2021

In attendance: Cllrs Jane Bremner, Maralyn Hinxman, Andrew Lightfoot, Katie Moore, Peter Noel, Martin Sayers, Judith Sheppard and the Deputy Clerk, Melissa Kirkby

PCS40.21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

None present. An invitation had been sent to group users of the Playing Field. Meeting dates for the next six months would be sent for the next meeting.

PCS41.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

PCS42.21 DISPENSATIONS

None were received.

PCS43.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

PCS44.21 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Playing Field, Cemetery and Street Management Committee held on the 31st August 2021 and circulated to members, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

PCS45.21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Lightfoot asked about the tree planting. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had ordered the tree pack from the Woodland Trust but so far there had been no response.

The Carbon Footprint meeting was to be attended by Cllr Bremner and Cllr Leah.

No reply had been received to the response to the email about play equipment.

PCS46.21 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Planting of crocus bulbs

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that permission had been sought from Char Valley, and Dorset Council to plant on land under their responsibility, which has now been received. Cllr Lightfoot offered to draft a poster for advertising for volunteers. Cllr Noel confirmed he should receive about 2,000 bulbs from the Rotary Club quite soon. The 6th November was agreed on for planting.

PCS47.21 HAZARD / INCIDENTS TO REPORT

a. Broken light on Scout Hut path

A ground light had been broken/vandalised which the Facilities Manager has arranged a quote for repair, which he is still waiting for. The last time one was repaired was April of this year at a cost £125.89.

PCS48.21 DISCUSSION ITEMS / TO BE NOTED

a. Budgets and charges for next financial year

The budget and charges documents had been previously circulated to the members. Cllr Bremner proposed that the provision of dog poo bags for the public should be stopped and the amount deducted from the budget for next year.

Cllr Bremner also proposed increasing the proposed Flower Planter budget from £100 to £200 which was agreed. The rest of the proposed budgets were agreed.

Cllr Bremner proposed that charges for the cemetery should be increased by 2% and rounded up or down to the nearest pound, and this was also agreed. The remaining charges to remain the same for next year.

b. Replacement of dog signs at the playing field

Cllr Lightfoot pointed out that there are at least three different messages for dog owners on signs around the playing fields: No dogs allowed; No dogs on playing pitches; Dogs allowed on leads following the footpath. Dogs are not allowed in the Playing Field but they are allowed on the footpath that crosses the playing field. There is scope for some clarification and it was agreed to look at this as the signs need replacing rather than incurring costs by replacing the signs now.

c. Remembrance Day Parade

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that Mike Whatmore is returning as Parade Commander and as many Councillors as possible would be welcome to attend the parade and service. The meeting point is at Charmouth House car park at 10.20am for parade to the war memorial, wreath laying and short service then onto the Church (hopefully) for bugler, silence and full service.

e. Traders Christmas Lights

Approval is required for Council staff to erect and dismantle the Christmas lights as they did last year and this was agreed to by the members.

f. Highways

i. A residents' parking scheme for Higher Sea Lane and Wesley Close areas

Cllr Hinxman proposed asking Dorset Council to install a Resident's Parking scheme for Higher Sea Lane and Wesley Close area of the village. The other members agreed that there was a problem with parking, but this had been an issue for years. Cllr Bremner pointed out that the residents of these areas may not want to have a Resident's Parking scheme in their road as there is normally a

fee to pay to be part of the scheme. There was no seconder to Cllr Hinxman’s proposal and so the idea was not taken further.

ii. Parish Council to provide parking places in the village

Cllr Hinxman proposed that the Parish Council provide additional parking in the village in addition to the 77 spaces at the Foreshore Car Park. The Deputy Clerk explained that she had checked the legality of the Council providing parking. Although it was something that the Council could legally do it would have to be on land owned by the Council which at present was the Playing field and the Cemetery land or land could be purchased. Cllr Hinxman then asked if the Parish Council could not ask Dorset Council to provide more parking. The other members agreed that parking had always been a problem. It was agreed to defer the discussion to the next meeting.

g. Environmental Group Proposals

Cllr Bremner proposed that a composting structure should be built at the Playing Field with spare timber that was already available. Cllr Noel abstained, and the remaining members agreed to the proposal.

h. Footpaths - Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2022-2032 consultation

Cllr Sheppard had joined the meeting in her role as Footpath Warden to propose a response to the consultation. Footpath W16/51 - This is a footpath that used to run from the bridge over the Char on Evans Green on Charmouth foreshore along the river to Stonebarrow Lane. There is no longer a right of way which is a shame as it would be a lovely walk. It would be good if this path could be looked at with a view to reopening it.

She would like to ask whether there was the possibility of creating an accessible footpath around Charmouth? Possibly joining up footpaths W9/6, W9/7, and W9/3, making them more wheelchair, buggy friendly. This would enable access from the foreshore up Lower Sea Lane, down Barr’s Lane, down the footpath and over the river, through the campsite along River Way and back to Lower Sea Lane.

The members agreed to Cllr Sheppard sending this response from the Council.

PCS49.21 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

Signed Dated

Referred to Finance & General Purposes

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