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## **MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF CHARMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL** **HELD ON FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Jane Bremner, Julie Leah, Katie Moore (arrived during item 26/68), Martin Sayers and Judith Sheppard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Tuck, Parish Clerk.

### **FC26/64 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

There were no public questions.

**FC26/65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Peter Noel (other commitment), Sally Roberts (work), Melanie Harvey (work).

**FC26/66 DISPENSATIONS** – There were no dispensations relevant to this meeting.

**FC26/67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

### **FC26/68 QUOTE FOR REPAIRS TO SWIM BUOYS/DEPLOYMENT OF BUOYS FOR 2026 SEASON**

Jane Bremner outlined the costs quoted by Lyme Regis Harbour for the repair of the swim buoys. This amounts to £4111 plus VAT (£336 x 12 buoys), including the sea bed chain upgrade (£79).

Jane confirmed that the buoys cost the Council £2990 plus VAT in 2024 and it was agreed to repairs up to £2000 in 2025. In 2025 the minute stated that the situation should be monitored as the cost may start to outweigh the benefit.

Martin Sayers stated that for regular swimmers and from a Coastguard perspective, the buoys are very important.

Jane Bremner stated that there was no doubt that the buoys are a good idea but as the figure is more than budgeted, is this value for money. She also stated that it is for such a short period of time and if they had been put out earlier this season, they would undoubtedly have been lost.

Judith Sheppard was concerned about the word value when talking about safety and felt that Senior WMO's idea of reducing the buoys to 6 could be a compromise.

Jane Bremner proposed, Judith Sheppard seconded and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED that Lyme Regis Harbour be asked to repair 6 buoys using materials to ensure they are as strong as possible and deploy them before mid July. The cost is estimated at £2095 plus VAT.**

It was also agreed to get quotes for the hardware and approach local fishermen to see whether it would be possible for the Council to repair and deploy the buoys in future.