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MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD, CEMETERY AND STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2022

In attendance: Cllrs Maralyn Hinxman, Andrew Lightfoot (Chair), Katie Moore, Peter Noel and the Deputy Clerk, Melissa Kirkby

PCS11.22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

None present.

PCS12.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Martin Sayers, alternative engagement, and Jane Bremner, away

PCS13.22 DISPENSATIONS

None were received.

PCS14.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

PCS15.22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Playing Field, Cemetery and Street Management Committee held on the 22nd February and circulated to members, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

PCS16.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Remembrance Day de-brief.

Cllr Lightfoot explained that at the last meeting questions were raised about the two minutes silence. He reported that the Deputy Clerk had checked the procedures for normal years and the parade moves off from the war memorial at 10:50 to the church. On Remembrance Sunday, the two minutes silence is usually held in Church and we have been assured that it doesn't matter what time it is held on the Sunday, as long as it is held at exactly 11:00 on the 11th.

b. Tree planting for Queens Green Canopy at Playing Field and Cemetery update

CLlr Lightfoot reported that about forty five people helped plant the trees at the Playing Field. A note went on the Council's Facebook page thanking all the volunteers, with a picture and a 'thank you' message was sent from the office to all volunteers.

PCS17.22 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Highway Issues

CLlr Lightfoot reported that a reply had been received from Dorset Council which had been previously circulated to all members.

- i) How road markings for parking restrictions might be improved?
Dorset Highways replied that this has been highlighted by Dorset Council for re-assessment when the inspections next take place.
- ii) What might be done when bad parking was witnessed and Illegal parking on double yellow lines?
Parking Services replied that "Civil enforcement officers patrol Charmouth daily but this is subject to current staffing levels which is being reviewed."
- iii) Whether seasonal parking restrictions could be reviewed?
Dorset Highways replied that "this query is one that will we need to discuss at a meeting with the members. This type of request comes under the Traffic regulations and would be scored alongside all the other requests in Dorset."
- iv) Whether more parking bays could be accommodated in the village car park?
Parking Services replied that "Coach parking in Charmouth has fallen under the new parking review and has now become a "multi use bay" enabling other vehicles that are longer than a standard parking bay to utilise the space."
- v) The terms and conditions for a residents' parking scheme?
Dorset Highways replied that "this would need to be discussed at the meeting alongside changing of parking restriction timings. A charge is applied for this and a fixed criteria."
- vi) Whether a 20mph speed limit could be introduced on Lower Sea Lane around the school?
Dorset Highways replied that "at present this is still under review but Dawn Heath will make sure that the request is on the list."
- vii) Whether the cheaper SIDs were available?

Dorset Highways replied that that "the cheaper SID is unlikely to be available any time soon, and they have outstanding issues with the supplying company. They said that data from surveys in 2016 suggest it is unlikely there is speeding in the village. Surveys were previously done which showed some vehicles were going slightly over the limit as they entered the outskirts of the village but that they slowed down once getting a little further along. The cost of approx. £3000 is a lot of money for the machine when there isn't a speeding issue" in his opinion.

The members agreed to ask Dawn Heath the Senior Technical Officer-Team Leader at Dorset Highways to attend the next meeting and also that Charmouth have a complete highways review like Lyme Regis. It was agreed not to proceed with the SID machine at this time.

b. Footpath 12 – ongoing issues with encroachment work on footpath

Cllr Lightfoot reported that works such as installation of fencing and digging up of the footpath to lay cables, had taken place along Footpath 12 by the owner of Black Venn. The Deputy Clerk had forwarded the concerns to Dorset Council.

PCS18.22 HAZARD / INCIDENTS TO REPORT

a. Dogs on Playing Field

A dog owner was unpleasant to a woman who challenged them about having their dog on the playing field. It seems that someone was watching the football and had their dog with them. Council staff say there is also a dog bowl with water at the Pavilion. The Deputy Clerk has written to the Bowls Club and also the Football Club who have replied that the offender has been spoken to.

PCS19.22 DISCUSSION ITEMS / TO BE NOTED

a. Old Lyme Hill

Cllr Lightfoot reported that there is an area at the junction of Old Lyme Hill and Old Lyme Road that belongs to Dorset Council. The Facilities Manager has asked if he can tidy up the area and replace the rotting wooden edging at a cost of approximately £57. This would be much quicker and probably more cost effective than trying to track down someone at Dorset Council to do the work. The members agreed that the Council staff should make good the area.

b. Planters at Lower Sea Lane

Following the agreement at the full council meeting to move the planters closer to the highway, the Facilities Manger had spoken to Highways at Dorset Council and the planters cannot be moved closer. Dorset Council says "Moving these planters any closer to the carriageway edge would make the PC in breach of Section 149 of the 1980 Highways Act. They would need to remain at a distance of 500 mm of the edge of carriageway to not pose an obstruction to vehicular traffic. I would consider their current position is ideal since moving them back away from the edge of the carriageway is likely to pose an obstruction to pedestrians."

It was agreed that perennials were to be planted for summer 2022 with the possibilities of revamping them in the autumn/winter. Subject to costs and the budget available (£375), the possibility of acquiring two larger planters to accommodate small trees was to be explored and then a recommendation made to the Playing Field Committee once prices were known. These to be possibly located each side of the noticeboard. The members liked the idea of extra planters and it was agreed that Cllr Lightfoot had delegated authority to speak to the Facilities Manager about extra planters, new perennial plants for the existing planters and their colour, green being the preferred option. Cllr Lightfoot will report back to the next meeting with costs and sizes of two new planters.

c. Play Area Bark

Cllr Lightfoot reported that there was need for an additional half load of bark which goes over the £700 budget by £368.90. The Clerk authorised this under Health and Safety measures, to be taken from PF General Maintenance budget. The first load of 6 cubic meters was £645.60. This was noted by the members.

d. New trees maintenance and watering

Cllr Lightfoot reported that the tree farthest away from a tap is much further than any hose will reach. The members discussed purchasing a water bowser and the Deputy Clerk showed a suitable option from the internet on the projector screen. It cost just under £50. The members agreed that one such as this should be purchased with the cost coming from PF Maintenance budget.

e. Environment Group Notes

Cllr Lightfoot reported that the roundabout on the western side of Charmouth looked overgrown, the Deputy Clerk had been asked to contact Highways England about the alleged treatment of the site. No reply has yet been received.

PCS10.22 CORRESPONDENCE

a. An email received from Toby Ralph asking about a provision for bicycle lock up at the shops

The members were supportive of this suggestion. As any bike park facility would be on private property the Council is not in a position to personally take this forward in the village centre but asked for it to be included as part of the highways review.

b. A phone call received about the potholes in Barrs Lane

A phone call was received about the road surface in Barrs Lane. Is the Council able to do anything? The members agreed that the Deputy Clerk should contact the landowner to find out what their plans were, if any, in the first instance.

c. Fundraising Event at the Playing Field

A further email has been received with more details of the event now confirmed as the August 6th. The organisers request to build the stage and possibly erect a marquee on August 5th as there will not be time to do all this on the event day itself. The members agreed to this request.

d. Scouts Camp on Playing Field

An email had been received from Charmouth Scouts requesting permission to camp behind the bowling green again this year. They are looking at a Cub camp over the weekend of July 1-3. One night (Sat) or possibly two. They would use the small tents again and plastic pegs. The members agreed to this request.

e. Letter about highways issues

A letter had been received from Lyn Young about highways issues in the village. She had also sent the letter to Dorset Council. The Deputy Clerk explained that all the issue raised in the letter were already being pursued with Dorset Council.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed

Dated

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