

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024

Trena Fox (TF) (Chair)
Sally Falkingham (SF)
Di Padfield (DP)

Jeremy Edwards (JE) (Vice Chair)
Paul Valinski (PV)
Lawrie Goff (LG)

In attendance: Clerk- Mrs M Harding, 9 members of the Public

24/02-1. Welcome and chairman's report.

- i. TF welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2024. TF welcomed attendees and provided updates on graffiti removal and Allotment issues.
- ii. Acknowledgments were made for successful resident meetings and managing flood issues.

24/02-2. Report from Dorset Council- Cllr Anthony Alford was unable to attend; hence, no report was given.

24/02-3. To close the meeting for the first democratic forum (15 minutes)**i. To receive an update on the Ammonite village meeting**

DP reported on the meeting's outcome, with mixed reviews of surgery and health care provision.

PPG members are being gathered, with a note that only surgery patients can join.

Thanks were extended to all involved.

ii. To receive a report on the future of the Herald.

Deferred to the March meeting due to the absence of the responsible person.

iii. Any other items form members of public.

Residents expressed concerns about traffic flow near a new development, Quarr development issues, and parking on yellow lines.

24/02-4. To reopen the meeting to receive apologies for absence- Cllr Anthony Alford.

24/02-5. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation- none

24/02-6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th December 2024

and sign. Minutes of the meeting were approved. Proposed by SF seconded by LG All agreed.

24/02-7. To receive any matters arising from the minutes for information only-no matters reported.

24/02-8. To consider all planning applications in circulation any other planning matters. None discussed.

24/02-9. Council property:**i. To receive the monthly property risk assessment reports.**

TF reported on allotment issues and proposed changes to gate access at Allotments, to be open during the day and closed at night, but not locked as many of the allotment holders do not live in the village and need vehicular access. Proposed JE Seconded DP

Vacant plots and hedge cutting updates were provided.

ii. To receive a report from the Friends of the Play area

Emma reported on funds, recent ball event, and the need for more volunteers.

Plans for spending donations from Cherri Dyke's funeral were discussed.

iii. To discuss the finds donated for the play area.

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iv. To discuss proposals for improved parking at the Allotment site.

LG discussed drainage and parking issues, proposing a spec for April discussion.

v. To discuss the repair to the MUGA surface and gather costs.

LG reported on MUGA surface replacement, with quotes to be gathered.

vi. To arrange for the storage of a locked filing cabinet with PC documents at the VH.

VH storage proposal accepted, costing £5 per month. Proposed PV Seconded JE

vii. To update on the Coronation Tree

LG proposed purchasing two Rowan trees for at a cost of £85 each for a 5ft to 6ft tree. One to be placed at Harvey’s Close green and one at the school. JE agreed look into plaques. LG will contact the resident who offered to fund a Coronation tree. Proposed JE Seconded DP

24/02-10. Highways/Transport

Various updates, including a report on a DAPTC seminar regarding the Draft Transport plan consultation, CSW team training has commenced, and discussions on SLOW signs and parking on double yellow lines to be addressed with highways.

24/02-11. Rights of Way report

Chris Slade reported on FP issues and Natural England's installation of a kissing gate.

24/02-12. Finance:

i. To consider a new website provider for the group council May 2024

Following quotes received Parish Council Websites was recommended for the new site, to go live in April 2024. Proposed by LG Seconded by PV.

ii. To consider the reimbursement of cleaning products to remove graffiti.

PC agreed to consider a donation for graffiti removal if receipts are provided but in future all graffiti needs to be reported to the PC or to Dorset Council Proposed JE Seconded PV

iii. To receive the bank reconciliation and finance reports

Bank Balances as of 31st January 2024 - £56961.49

iv. To consider all payments and receipts due or paid since the last meeting.

Payments and receipts approved; bank balances and reconciliation received and accepted.

Payee	Detail	Amount
SSE	MUGA Electricity	11.08
Admin	Salary/Office costs Dec/Jan	1934.42
J Carver	Nov Grass cutting	406.66
DAPTC	Training	30.00
MNVH	Hall hire- village meeting	24.00
The Clerk (Amazon/Lebara)	Phone and contract	201.37
K Hussey	Play inspections	75.00
Vision ICT	Website hosting	21.60
Receipts		
Allotment rents		225.00
Lloyds	Interest	100.41
HMRC	Vat	200.70

Proposed PV

Seconded DP

24/02-13. To consider items of correspondence received and for noting.**i. Report on DAPTC**

SF reported on DAPTC membership fees and its transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee. This was supported by the Council.

ii. Election arrangements- 2024

The Clerk reported that nomination papers are now available for those wishing to stand and hard copies were printed for the meeting, the Clerk offered to assist with the completion of the forms but will circulate the links to support from DAPTC and Dorset Council. The forms can be submitted from 12th March until 4th April. The Clerk has booked an appointment with DC to take in completed forms on 19th March at 10am for all her parishes as they have to be hand delivered by appointment only. Also, it would be good to promote this information, the clerk will prepare a poster to be put up and on website and social media to raise awareness.

iii. To discuss the D-Day 80 celebrations- 6th June 2024

JE suggested promoting awareness of the celebration, potentially organising an event, DP agreed to take this on.

24/02-14. Items for the next Parish Council meeting on 7th March 2024 and make arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual parish Council meeting.

The APA should be held between 1st March and 1st June, it was agreed that the PC would hold the APA prior to the April PC meeting.

The Annual PC meeting now has to be held on 16th May as this has to be held 14 days following the election and allowing 3 clear days to ensure the meeting is advertised. As this is the first meeting of the new group Council the monitoring officer was due to Chair the meeting, but he has another meeting on that day and has given this power to the Clerk to chair the first item of business which is to elect a chairperson.

24/02-15. Democratic forum 15 minutes-

Queries from the public were addressed regarding the handling of changes for the new group council.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm