

## **CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, CORFE CASTLE ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> December 2017 - The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

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PRESENT: Cllr Dru Drury (Chairman), Cllr Bond ,Cllr Morrison Wells, Cllr S Clarke, Cllr L Spicer Short, Cllr Haywood, Cllr Dragon

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**PUBLIC HALF HOUR** A parishioner attended to represent villagers of Kingston who are concerned about the proposed expansion of Swanworth Quarry and the effect that the expansion would have on the landscape, noise level, rights of way and volume of traffic in the area. The proposals are currently out for consultation as part of the Minerals and Waste Plan. The national policy framework stipulates that there must be exceptional circumstances for the AONB to be lifted and the parishioner questioned does the provision of crushed rock constitute this. She highlighted that a 35 acre extension is proposed and drew attention to documents composed by AONB, Natural England and Historic England in response to the most recent consultation. There is the proposal that a bridge be built over the Purbeck Way which would have large lorries moving across, this would create noise, destroying the tranquillity of the area and whilst the number of lorries operating from the site at present should remain the same the additional aggregate would attract further traffic from other contractors, all of whom would have to travel through Corfe and Kingston. She concluded that the entire proposed site is in The Purbeck Plateau within the Heritage Coast; a highly valued component of the Dorset AONB and an area of underdeveloped coast line, managed to preserve its natural beauty. This area is one of only three such areas in England. The council responded that they will study the papers and the whole consultation and will discuss the Minerals and Waste Plan as an agenda item in January. They will aim to submit a response to the consultation as a result of that discussion.

ACTION

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Marshallsay, Cllr Dando, Cllr Spinney, Cllr Grinsted

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

The Council adopted the Code of Conduct set out on the Communities and Local Government website at the 10th September 2012 Meeting (Page 155, para 3.7). Declarations of Interests received for all Councillors. All Councillors are granted a dispensation to set the Precept. Cllr Michael Bond also has a dispensation for discussions on affordable housing sites. No alterations.

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3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were confirmed as an accurate account of the meeting and they were signed.

4. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Brooks advised that she is pursuing the policy change on black top repairs with the conservation area and has a meeting scheduled. She reported on LGR; that Bournemouth and Poole are working together and that the remaining districts are still unclear. Theresa May has announced the move won't be supported unless support is unanimous but Sajid Javid says something quite different. Votes from East Dorset and Purbeck are imminent and Christchurch has a ballot out at present. There is a survey on Dorset for You specifically for parents of under 5's. Please make parishioners aware. The Minerals and Waste plan Consultation final draft is being looked at.

There is a CCG meeting planned, DCC have been talking to other Councils affected and a further meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December to decide if they wish to carry on with the referral. DCC intend to make representation re. The SW Railway timetable changes. The feeling is they are looking strategically and will not oppose it. Cllr Brooks will support the Parishes in their opposition.

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT-** Cllr Dragon advised that PDC were going to discuss LGR and the SW Railway consultation at the forthcoming meeting. He confirmed there were no plans for boundary changes which would mean Purbeck would be represented by just two Councillors. There would be no time to facilitate boundary changes and go through the consultation required prior to the LGR. He is very disappointed with the recommendation to approve the proposed timetables from SW Railway and feels the Council haven't been listening to their constituents. Cllr Dragon had attended a meeting re. Purbeck Valley Farm. PDC were represented and it was summarised that less events are expected for the forthcoming year; one wedding and the folk festival, and that Land and Wave would not be holding events at the farm. It was confirmed a planning application would not be being presented. The Cllr has been advised that in future Parishes will be notified of events licences if there is a hearing. Concerns about out of hours complaints have apparently been sorted out and an officer will visit if asked to attend, there are still concerns they may not get there in time to witness a nuisance.

6. **NATIONAL TRUST REPORT-** The National Trust were represented by James Gould the new Operations Manager. He updated that a location had been decided on for the defibrillator on the back wall of the bakery store room. The Trust plan to trial a shuttle bus service from Norden to the Square over Easter however this was dependant on the TRO getting put in place. He is going to chase up concerns over allotments.

***Action: James to investigate queries raised over allotments and report back to Council***

***Action: James to investigate noise complaints made about the Bankes Armes and anti-social behaviour late at night.***

***Action: James to confirm if the bus stop will be for Nation Trust busses only.***

***Action: James to advise on when the Bankes Arm's will reopen as a Hotel***

***Action: James to look into Electrical charging points for cars (instigated by Andrew Eustace)***

7. **PLAYGROUND REPORT-** The key notes were that the see-saw plank needs looking at, the ends are splitting

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and it is relatively new. Also the wooden batten retaining the rubber tiles around the roundabout is breaking up and will need some replacement in the not too distant future.  
It is still outstanding that the playground Committee need to arrange someone to paint the playground, either voluntarily or if necessary the Council will pay.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange fixing the plank on the see-saw**

Clerk

## **8. AGENDA ITEM 8 MATTERS ARISING**

**8a. Land and Wave** A meeting took place Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. They plan to look for an alternative area to use in 2018. They no longer offer hen do's. They confirmed all weapons leave the site with them at 8.00pm and stags are left to their own devices (full report in correspondence received).

**8b. Re. Request of policy change to notify of licences at PDC- PDC will not comply** . Clerk will check PDC website weekly to look for licence applications.

**8c. October Agenda item 10.i. Corfe Castle Pavement.** The Clerk has looked into the definition of creating a Conservation area and which policy takes priority, Conservation Area or DCC. Historic England says there is no law, unless the pavement is listed? If this is the case they would need to apply. If it is unlisted they are not breaking the law.

**Allotments.**The Clerk has emailed the National Trust re. the neglect of the allotments and requested clarification on how they are managed. Circulated response. James is looking into this.

**War Graves in Gods Acre.**The application is in progress.

**8d. Youth Club.** A report on PYCF was submitted by Cllr Spinney and circulated stating that PYCF were good value for money.

**8e. Housing needs register.** All members have been contacted and advised about the process for applying for the proposed CLT houses. The process was discussed; that the CLT will compose a list of criteria on which PDC will base their decision making. The Parish Council and Community Land trust cannot carry out the financial assessments required and for this reason PDC are involved. It was concluded that the Council would still keep their own housing needs register. It was clarified that those who had moved out of the area would be eligible for the CLT bracket on the PDC register with the basis of a local connection providing they have family residing in the Parish.

Clerk

**No through Road sign in West Street** The Council has approached Highways to renew the sign. They feel it is sufficient. The Council would ask the Parishioner to log events as they happen and the Clerk to advise them they have cleaned the sign.

**Action: Clerk to contact the parishioner and advise the sign has been cleaned and to keep a note of events**

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8h. *please*

**AGENDA ITEM 9 YOUTH CLUB**

No further discussion, no actions.

9. **AGENDA ITEM 10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION RESPONSE**

10. The Council plans to respond and will press for a local voice within the reorganisation. There is pressure of time and saving money has been the main thrust of the plans, rather than retaining a local voice. The Council will demand a statement of intent for a Localism Agenda to be brought into the plans for LGR. They will suggest small area committees are formed and will request the Secretary of State is conscious of the of transfer of assets and responsibilities (and relevant funding for such). It cannot end up that a top level of Council takes a county wide 'one for all' view on policies and decisions as the needs and requirements of each area are so different. Planning for example needs to be done on a very local level and mechanisms need to be in place to support this. Decisions must be made at local level. Questions were raised about where would committees meet, would they be satellite committees or be based in Westport house which would not generate any savings? It was noted that this must not result in reinventing the district Council and that committees should be kept small and local. Decisions need to come down, no go up, in line with the Localism Act. It was also noted there will be a timescale for assets to be transferred and the Council must be mindful of this.

***Action: Cllr Clarke to compose and submit response***

11. **AGENDA ITEM 11: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

*(For the purpose of the minutes the Clerk has only noted the Correspondence received that was discussed at the meeting and not raised at another point in the meeting - a full record of correspondence received is archived and available for reading on request)*

11a **Item 380. DAPTC- Data Protection.** Further to the recent DATA protection course attended by the Clerk the Clerk needs to clarify the relevance of data protection for Councillors. The Council will remain as they are until new legislation comes into place and at that point can review if changes need to be implemented.

11b **Item 383. Wiggle UK Cycling events.** A parishioner had written regarding the irresponsible behaviour of marshalls and cyclists at a recent cycling event on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

***Action: Clerk to respond and advise the Council empathise and support him. If the Council receive notification of such events in the future they will advise the parishioner.***

11c **Item 384.Appointment of Auditor.** The Council confirmed they have no interests to declare re. the newly appointed auditor PFK Littlejohn.

11d **Item 385. CCG Meeting.** Cllr Clarke attended and was assured the ambulance journey times were not a problem. Times were put up as 57minutes to BH19 post codes and this was not considered an issue. This time is representative of when services are running perfectly. Cllr Clarke was not convinced by this. A pressure group will continue to campaign. They are hoping DCC with maintain a position of opposition on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

11e **Item 388.Thefts in Gods Acre.** The problem seems to have ceased. If it does persist advice will be given to

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put nothing of value on the graves. CCTV would be too expensive to install and maintain.

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## 12. AGENDA ITEM 12: CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1. **Application No: 6/2017/0653.** Encombe Estate .The Coach House (Encombe House), Encombe, Wareham, BH20 5LW .Development: Minor alterations to listed building to form kitchen, utility and wc.

**NO OBJECTION**

2. **Application No: 6/2017/0638 .** Mr Nigel Jenn, Chapel Cottage, Kingston Hill, Kingston, Wareham, BH20 5LG .Development: Insertion of two dormer windows.

**NO OBJECTION**

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3. **Application No: 6/2017/0663.** Mrs Fry. 78 West Street, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5HE.Development: Replacement roof to existing conservatory.

**NO OBJECTION**

4. **Application No: 6/2017/0692** Ms Diana Newson, 4 Jubilee Gardens, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5EN .Development: Erect a garage

**NO OBJECTION**

5. **Application No: 6/2017/0630.** Mr Martin Marlow, 40 West Street, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5HD  
Development: Erect 2 no single storey rear extension. External alterations and roof lights. Introduction of chimney to the roof of the west elevation.

**The Council object to this planning application on the basis it is potentially intrusive to neighbours and is possible over-development of the site. They would object to the use of fibre glass tiles on the roof, preferring an alternative material and would suggest a fixed window with frosted glass be a requirement of the landing window.**

6. **Application No: 6/2017/0660.** Mr Des Young, Ravensgill, Higher Gardens, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5ES .Development: Erect single storey rear extension

**NO OBJECTION**

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## DECISIONS ON OF PLANNING PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED

1. **Application No. 6/2017/0521.** Mr M Davis & Mr P Jaffe. 105 East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EG .  
**Development:** Erect Garage
2. **Application No: 6/2017/0456.**Mr and Mrs J Pound. Pound Barn, Woolgarston Road, Corfe Castle, Wareham. **Development:** Change of use from dog grooming business to healing retreat, including stationing of 3 shepherds huts in garden as accommodation for clients. **Case Officer:** Peter Walters
3. **Application No: 6/2017/0483.** Westhill Farm Services. Land at West Street, Kingston, BH20 5LR. Erect an Agricultural workers dwelling. **Case Officer:** James Clements **\*No objection on basis the use of the**

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*building is restricted to an agricultural dwelling.*

4. **Application No:** 6/2017/0616 Mr & Mrs J Fitzgerald. The Old Post Office, 16 West Street, Kingston, Wareham, BH20 5LH. **Development:** Install door in place of window on east (side) elevation
5. **Application No:** 6/2017/0524 Mr Beauchamp. 158 East Street, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5EH. **Development:** To replace first floor window casement east elevation
6. **Application No:** 6/2017/0581 Miss Helen Sumbler. 130 East Street, Corfe Castle, Dorset, BH20 5EH **Development:** Demolish existing single storey rear extension and chimney and replace with a three storey rear extension, demolish existing garage and replace with new garage featuring pitched roof and canopy to the rear.

**13.** TREWORKS APPLICATIONS-none

**13a** TREWORKS APPLICATIONS GRANTED:

TWA/2017/201 Brook Cottage, 5 East Street Corfe Castle, BH20 5ED (T1) Yew - crown reduce by 6ft; crown lift to 7ft above ground

**AGENDA ITEM 13 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**13.a1) GODS ACRE GRANT.** The trustees were concerned that they are expending twice as much as what they earn from internments so, with this in mind, they are considering raising the burial fees and will be drafting proposed changes for a decision at their April meeting. The prices will be in line with other rural cemeteries. Corfe residents burial fees for adults over the age of 18yrs are therefore likely to rise to £400 for a plot; any additional body in the same plot, will be charged £200. For residents' cremation plots it is likely to be £150 with extra ashes costing £75. They would like to ask the Parish Council to raise their grant to £700 from the present £600.

**13b** **(£700 has been budgeted for this grant in the 2017/18 budget). This was agreed and resolved as below.**

**13.a2) Retrospective approval of training for Clerk-** Data protection and Freedom of Information Act at a cost of £45.

**B: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

WAREHAM AND PURBECK SKIP HIRE	£57.60
A BURNETT – Clerk's pay and expenses (£678.64 less £2.26 paid to NEST via DD see below)	£676.38
BRITISH TELECOM – Parish telephone Line rental and anytime calls: BILL TOTAL	£29.43
NEST pension contribution paid by Council £2.26, and deducted from	
Clerks pay £2.26. Total DD	£4.52
GODS ACRE ANNUAL GRANT- subject to approval above	£700.00
DAPTC Training Essential for Councillors Cllr Spicer Short & training for Clerk- Data Protection	£110.00
LITTER FREE PURBECK- as paid as annual S137 Grant in November 2017.	
Cheque written incorrectly so second one raised this month £100.00- (not included in monthly Spend as already accounted for)	

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	<i>Total monthly expenditure</i>	<i>£1577.93</i>
<b>14.</b>	<b><i>Resolved. All payments and resolutions approved. Proposed Cllr Bond, Seconded Cllr Clarke, all in favour.</i></b>	
	LLOYDS BANK INTEREST 09/10/17	£0.65
	<i>Total monthly receipts</i>	<i>£0.65</i>
	<u>Bank Balance</u>	
	(before payments are made this month, with exception of BT & NEST DD, but including paid in items and interest)	
	Interest Bearing Account — £15329.67	
	Cheque Account — £45868.69	

**AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

A report was submitted from Cllr Haywood re the Gods Acre Trustees. The Clerk has a full copy of this. Cllr Clarke raised a query of whether Gods Acre will be the responsibility of the Council when it is a closed cemetery. Will the Council continue grants long term? What are the statutory requirements for maintaining graves?

**The meeting closed at 21.21pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January at 7.00pm in the Town Hall**