

FROME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on Monday, 27th July 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present

Cllr Palmer (Chair)	Cllr Tosswill	Cllr Lashbrook
Cllr Mitchell	Cllr Kilby	Cllr Stovin
Cllr Harpur	Cllr Browning	

In Attendance

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr A Alford (Dorset Council), 1 member of the public.

Democratic Period

Councillor Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A resident raised the following issue:

- That Dorset Council had recently sprayed the village verges and property borders with herbicides, killing many wildflowers and leaving dried up plant waste at the side of the roads. A petition calling for this practice to be ended had been submitted to Cllr Bryant at Dorset Council, although no response had yet been received. It was queried whether this was being carried out under a contractual obligation and why so in Cattistock, but not Chilfrome and FstQ.

20/018. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sennett (holiday).

20/019. Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

None.

20/020. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 27th January and 1st June 2020 were agreed as true and accurate records and would be signed without further discussion at the next face to face meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Browning

Seconded: Cllr Palmer

RESOLVED

20/021. Matters arising from Last Meeting

Clerk to follow up a query regarding the depreciation of council assets and showing this on asset register.

20/022. Dorset Council Report

Cllr Alford reported that:

- Dorset Council had been issuing numerous Covid-19 briefings throughout lockdown;
- Recent advice issued by the Monitoring Officer reiterated that issued by NALC and SLCC; that face to face meetings of parish councils should not be resumed, despite the reopening of village halls in many places.

20/023. Development Applications

a. *Planning Applications currently in circulation:* None.

b. *To note the following determinations received since the last meeting:*

- WD/D/19/002089 Higher Chilfrome Farm – Approved.
- WD/D/19/002096 The Old Rectory, St Helen's Lane – Approved.

20/024. Community Space

a. *To receive an update from the Community Space Working Group*

Cllr Palmer (on behalf of the CSWG) reported that:

- Due to Covid-19, the Group had not met for several months; the weekly inspections had not needed to be carried out as the play area had been closed since March and only reopened 4th July;
- Chair and Clerk had inspected CS, consulted the Working Group and risk assessment undertaken by the Council's play inspector;
- Certain measures had been put in place such as removal of centre two swings to encourage distancing and signage;
- The first few weeks of CS opening seemed to have gone well and no reports had been received of anyone flouting the guidance. A weekly inspection rota with one month per person would be drawn up, all reports should be sent to the clerk to keep as a condition of insurance.
- As per quarterly inspection report, the lengthening of the swing seat chains at a cost of £72 was agreed, provided the remainder of the working group members supported the spend.

20/025. Highways & Footpaths

a. *To receive an update from the RoWLO*

Cllr Lashbrook (who has taken over the RoWLO post from Mike Gardiner) reported that:

- He was still looking into the costs to refurbish fingerposts.
- b. *To consider complaints regarding signage along A37*

Some discussion took place regarding the signage erected alongside the A37. The Clerk had made enquiries with Highways, who did not think any breach had occurred. Cllr Stovin was interested in establishing if any breach of planning permissions had taken place and would look further into this matter. Clerk would also chase up proposed replacement 'low bridge' signage for Chilfrome.

20/026. Finance and Procedural Matters

a. *To authorise payments for goods and services received since the last meeting*

Payments were authorised/receipts noted for the following:

Receipts

HSBC	Interest	05.06.20	£ 1.30
			£ 1.30

Payments

		Voucher	Chq	Amount
FVPC Community Space	Annual Transfer 2020/21	CA096	100774	£ 750.00
DAPTC	Annual Subs 2020/21	CA097	100775	£ 251.59
Staffing	Salary/Expenses June - July	CA098	100776	£ 688.36
I Gregory	Oil for roundabout	CA099	100777	£ 14.00
K Hussey	Quarterly inspection	CA100	100778	£ 68.00
				£ 1,771.95

Proposed: Cllr Palmer

Seconded: Cllr Browning

RESOLVED FOR PAYMENT

b. *To note bank reconciliation*

A previously circulated bank reconciliation was noted, no questions.

c. *To give notice that the Parish Council will consider a resolution to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme on behalf of the Clerk at its meeting on 1st August 2020*

Proposed: Cllr Browning

Seconded: Cllr Stovin

RESOLVED

d. *To consider a move to internet banking and associated arrangements*

Members agreed that, given the recent situation with Covid-19, internet banking access would be useful. The Clerk reported that both Lloyds and Barclays offered suitable accounts but had paused applications to deal with backlog from lockdown. It was agreed that when applications were accepted again, the Clerk could make arrangements to

open an online account. The majority of the precept would be ringfenced in current (non online) accounts, with regular transfers to online account for the payment of bills.

Proposed: Cllr Tosswill

Seconded: Cllr Harpur

RESOLVED

20/027. Correspondence

Various emails circulated to members – no questions raised. Noted correspondence received regarding parking outside Savill Hall and impact on neighbouring properties and access. Members felt that improving markings and signage would fall to the Savill Hall Committee but would reiterate to visitors attending on parish council nights the importance of parking considerately, particularly with regards to the access down the side.

20/028. Other Relevant Information

Members noted that:

- There would likely be a revised planning application for Cattistock Lodge, with the mews houses removed;
- Possible road issues where stream goes under road in Chilfrome – Cllr Tosswill would report to Dorset Council;
- New members of the Parish Council would be co-opted at the next meeting.

20/029. Arrangements and items for the next meeting

The next meeting was agreed for Monday 21st September at 7pm, to be held remotely via Zoom.

Items for the agenda to be advised to the Clerk 7 days prior to the meeting date.