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Minutes Of The Meeting Of Corfe Mullen Town Council

Held On Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 7pm on Zoom online

Present: Councillors
D Sowry-House (Mayor)
M Barron
A Craven
D Everett
P Harrison
A Holland
P Holland
B Honeyman
T Howard
S Jefferies
J Lortie
D Mattocks
P Purvis
J Stennett

In Attendance: Nicola Gray (Town Clerk)

No Members of Public were present

TC 20/46 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

There were no apologies.

TC 20/47 To Record any declarations of interest Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

The following Councillors declared interests as follows: -

Cllr David Mattocks as a CMSA Trustee
Cllr Susan Jefferies as a CMSA Trustee
Cllr Paul Harrison as a Committee Member of CMSA
Cllr Bill Honeyman as a Committee Member of CMSA

TC 20/48 To Approve minutes of meeting held on 28 July 2020 LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41

A

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

TC 20/49 To Approve Accounts for Payment

B

Councillors scrutinised and **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment.

Initials:

Discerning Sowry-House

- TC 20/50 To Approve Bank Reconciliation for the month ended 31 July 2020** **C**
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for the month ended 31 July 2020
- TC 20/51 To Consider Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order – Stony Down Plantation** **Verbal**
- <https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/rightsofway/definitivemap/register/Details/T544>
- Cllr Howard provided a background precis of the proceedings in respect of the Stony Down Plantation over the previous few years, noting the application was to reinstate paths which had been regularly used for the past 20 years which constituted a long standing right.
- It was **RESOLVED** to strongly support the application and for Dorset Councillors present to continue to express concern about the situation in their capacity as County Councillors.
- TC 20/52 To Consider the current Byelaws** **D**
- Councillors discussed the current Byelaws with a view of updating them to include restrictions on the use of electric vehicles and drones, and to make the language used gender neutral.
- The Clerk highlighted the lengthy and costly process required to make amendments, additions or create new Byelaws which was set out in the previously circulated report. It was agreed that most items which required addition to the Byelaws were covered by other statutes under various civil and criminal law and therefore changing the Byelaws was not a good use of Council time and money.
- It was **RESOLVED** to not amend the Byelaws, but that new signage be sourced to display in all areas where Byelaws apply.
- TC 20/53 To Approve the Resolutions from Community Services Committee** **E**
- Cllr Craven noted the size of the sheds being granted permission was rather large for a lot of the plots and Cllr Sowry-House confirmed the size reported was a maximum, with smaller options available.
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the resolutions made at the Community Services Committee on 11 August 2020.
- TC 20/54 To Consider the Bi-annual Footpath Inspection** **Verbal**
- Cllr Jefferies explained the footpath inspection had not been carried out in the previous year and was due. The office normally produce the maps of all the footpaths and Councillors opt for which paths they would like to inspect and report on. The information is then collated by the office who report to Dorset Council those which require repair and maintenance.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the office would prepare the maps and circulate an email asking for Councillors to select their choice of footpath and, following their inspection, would then report back to the office with any issues to be raised.

Duncan Sowry House

TC 20/55 To Consider the Road Resurfacing within the Parish

Verbal

Cllr Holland noted Dorset Council had a budget for resurfacing and were intending to resurface Highfield Close, despite there being several other road which required resurfacing. Cllrs Mr and Mrs Holland would be happy to carry out a survey of the roads and report to Dorset Council what was required.

Cllr Harrison noted he had numerous communications over various roads needing repair in the village and it would help a great deal if the Town Council were to enforce the position. Cllr Baron echoed the sentiment.

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllrs Mr and Mrs Holland to carry out a road survey within the parish.

TC 20/56 To Resolve to exclude members of the press and public – to agree that agenda items TC 20/57 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

TC 20/57 To Consider the future of the Pavilion Lease

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Councillors discussed the lease for the building and noted how tired it appeared and how this impacted Health and Safety considerations. There were several decisions to be made in respect of the Pavilion with the lease being the first requiring attention.

Cllr Craven asked if a year would be long enough to allow the lessee and sub-lessees enough time to find alternative premises should the lease not be renewed and for the preparatory work to be carried out by the Council. Cllr Holland proposed a two-year extension rather than one year to grant more time for all parties.

It was **RESOLVED** to offer an extension of the current lease for two years to the Corfe Mullen Sports Association.

TC 20/58 Matters for Forthcoming Agendas No decisions can be taken¹

- Water Fountain for Dogs at the Rec to be included at the next Community Services Meeting.
- Dorset Councillors Update

TC 20/59 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting would take place at 7pm on Tuesday 22 September 2020.

Signed

Date

Andrew Lowmyth
 30-9-2020

¹ Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LCA 1972 sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)

Initials:

