



**Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 19:50  
in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen**

**Present:**                   **Councillors**  
A Craven (Chair)  
S Florek  
A Holland  
P Holland  
S Jefferies  
D Sowry-House

**In Attendance:**       Catherine Horsley (Town Clerk & RFO – Minute taker)

**Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present, whom did not wish to speak.

**CS 23/63       To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Purvis who had a prior commitment and Cllr B Honeyman due to personal reasons.

**CS 23/64       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)

Cllr Craven declared a non-pecuniary interest relating to agenda item no. CS 23/67 – To note update on amenities, due to a family members request for a bus shelter on Wareham Road at the Windgreen roundabout.

**CS 23/65       Paper A - To Approve minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2024 LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2024 were **APPROVED**.

**CS 23/66       Paper B - To Approve Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk noted the several water utilities bill was as a result of change of suppliers to a more competitive rate, therefore reducing the water costs to the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Accounts for Payment totalling £8,521.15.

**CS 23/67       Paper C - To Note Update for Amenities**

The Clerk presented the report, noting the following updates:

- Bus Shelters on Wareham Road: Dorset Council Highways advised they would carry out a further site visit relating to request for cantilever style bus shelters in both directions on Wareham Road at the Windgreen Roundabout. However, they had previously raised concerns with the style of shelter northbound, due to visibility and the prevailing winds in this location. This matter was ongoing with Dorset Council Highways.
- Soak Aways: The Guides had raised a complaint relating to the main drains at the Guide hut due to sewage smells following heavy rainfall, which had been ongoing for some time and felt the issue was not with their building. The Clerk advised that none of the other buildings at the Recreation Ground had experienced the same issue, therefore suggested the Guides engaged with a contractor to ascertain the problem, ahead of the Council carrying out any work to the soak aways.
- Installation of RADAR system for public toilets: The Clerk noted the quotations received to date, however costs were awaited for the door metal plates and electrician costs. It was anticipated the total cost for installation would be in excess of £2000, which was unbudgeted.
- Astro turf Cricket Wicket: Use of the wicket by Wimborne Cricket Club would provide additional income to the Council when the wicket was not in use by Corfe Mullen Cricket Club.
- Henbury View Play Area: The planting of hedging on the boundary adjacent to Hillside Road to be considered following complaint from a nearby resident.
- Annual Playground Inspections: The Councils Health & Safety consultants, Peninsula had confirmed the annual playground inspections were conducted not the annual health & safety inspection which was scheduled on the 10-11 April 2024.
- Tree Survey: The high-risk tree work was completed during 2023/24. However, consideration to be given to non-urgent work being carried out during 2024/25, noting the budget allocated was £8000.

Members discussed the quotations to carry out the required works versus the allocated budget in the 2024/25 financial year.

The update was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to **APPROVE** the following:

- To pause installation of RADAR system for the public toilets at the Recreation Ground and to investigate costs of vandal proof sanitary wear.
- To allow Wimborne Cricket Club use of the Astro turf cricket wicket at the Recreation Ground.
- To consider setting up a new cost code in the 2025/26 budget to cover vandalism costs, to be discussed as part of the budget setting process.
- To not proceed with any further planting at the Henbury View Play Area.
- To proceed with non-urgent tree works over the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.

## **CS 23/68 Paper D - To Note Update on the Allotments**

The Clerk presented the report, noting an existing plot holder had kindly offered their raised bed to the disabled person on the waiting list and was in the process of transferring to another available plot.

The update was **NOTED**.

**CS 23/69 Paper E - To Note Update on the Cemeteries**

The Clerk presented the report, noting quotations were being obtained to replace the walls and pillars at the front of the new cemetery along with designs for memorial walls. Members noted the new memorial bench in the new cemetery and the positive outcome for the families involved.

Cllr Craven asked if the Grounds Team laid down any of the unsafe memorials, particularly in the old cemetery. The Clerk confirmed they did, and that the office try to make contact and advise the burial right holders, where possible.

The update was **NOTED**.

**CS 23/70 Paper F – To Note Highways Update**

The Clerk presented the report, noting a meeting was scheduled on 11 April 2024 with members of Wimborne Minster Town Council to discuss road safety of both pedestrians and cyclists using Julians Bridge. Members noted the following comments:

- A new lollipop lady was in post on Wareham Road by Henbury View Road and Brownsea Avenue ensuring school children could safely cross the busy and dangerous stretch of road.
- Consideration of the speed limit from the A31 Lake Gates roundabout onto Wimborne Road being 30 mph from the junction with Willett Road with a gateway style welcome to Corfe Mullen sign displaying the speed limit.

The update was **NOTED**.

**CS 23/71 Matters for forthcoming agendas** No decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>

- To explore opportunities for further use of the chapel in the old cemetery to provide additional income to the Council.
- Bus shelter cleaning and maintenance for those bus shelters which were the responsibility of the Town Council.

**CS 23/72 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting** – Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 19:30 in the small hall of the Village Hall, Towers, Way, Corfe Mullen.

The meeting was the last meeting of the current elected Town Council and members thanked the Chair and each other for their commitment to provide amenities in Corfe Mullen.

**CS 23/73 Close of Meeting at 20:25.**

*Signed as a correct record of the meeting*..... *Date* .....

<sup>1</sup> Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)