Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2020
At 7.30pm at The Reading Room

Present:
M Evans (ME) (Chairman)
D Dixon (DD)          D Venn (DV)
E Rees (ER)           G Mulry (GM)
M Roberts (MR)(DC)    M Harding (Clerk/RFO)
7 members of Public

2020/03-1  To receive apologies for absence - S Meek (SM) A Bailey (AB) D Batten (DB)
            R Bryan (RB) G Moody (GRM)

2020/03-2  To receive declarations of Interest and grants of dispensation – none

2020/03-3  Parishioners’ Comments - (15 minutes on agenda items only) – The PC was asked if it was aware of any VE day celebrations. The PC commented that there is no longer an RBL in the village. The resident was asked to send their suggestions to the PC for considerations at the April meeting.

Items for Decision:

2020/03-4  To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2020 and sign the same- Proposed ME Seconded GM

2020/03-5  Matters arising from the above minutes for information only and ongoing actions
            a. The notice board outside the reading room has been repaired and door changed to side opening, the gate hinge has been repaired on the field gate to corncrake on Common lane and lock checked.

2020/03-6  To consider the updated information on the SID, CSW programme and traffic calming for the village.
The CSW team reported on the readings, 25 letters were sent in January for Barr Lane, 1 on Common Lane and none on Shipton Lane, the group will concentrate their sessions on Barr Lane. The PCSO will also be doing sessions with the group. The PC will now support the purchase of the CSW equipment.
The PC then discussed a SID, the PC have had an offer to borrow a SID but in order to use it the PC would need to agree the site to install one on Barr Lane. The SID team will be emailed and a meeting to be agreed with highways to look at options for traffic calming measures in the village.

2020/03-7  To consider the use of the Playing field for the Annual Duck Race on 5th April 2020
The PC agreed to the use the event will supply a risk assessment.
Proposed ME Seconded ER
The PC also considered the request to use the playing field for a second Party in the Park initially the date for the event is to be 15th August. The PC also agreed to this event and give the same support as last year. Proposed DV Seconded ER
2020/03-8  Parish Plan Draft Report
GRM had attempted to pull the reports together to create the draft plan but some information is still missing. The PC will be holding an open meeting in the village hall on 25th April, the event will be based on housing and be combined with the CLT looking at gathering information on potential housing sites. The subject of a Parish Plan verses a Neighbourhood was discussed, although the PC are producing a Parish Plan this will not become a statutory document in planning terms. It was explained that the Parish Plan is a tool for the Parish Council from consulting the parish on future projects that the PC can support. The PC may need to look at the merit of a NP at a future date.

2020/03-9  To consider any planning applications received by the Council
a.  WD/D/20/000205 WALNUT LODGE, ANNINGS LANE, BURTON BRADSTOCK-Enclose existing porch
   No objections
b.  To make a response to the Dorset Council Local Plan – Cllrs had met to consider a response to the 5 questions submitted for consultation on the Settlement Hierarchy. The Council overall support community led housing or exception sites and include this in their response. A report had been circulated and this was agreed by the full Council. Proposed ME    Seconded ER
c.  Any other planning issues or enforcements- none

2020/03-10  Correspondence- items for decision
a.  Item 4- Dorset Best Village Competition-The PC will again enter the competition and look at the other categories as well
b.  Item 6- “Place” Day event 2nd April at Dorset Council- Place was previously known as environment
c.  Item 8- BB Village Fayre road closure notice-PC supported the closure.
d.  Item 11- BT Tel box agreement has been received, the PC confirmed that the land that the phone box is stood on is public land and is not part of the adopt a phone box scheme. The PC approved the agreement. Proposed ME    Seconded ER
e.  Item 15- The second round of Dorset Council parish workshops DD agreed to attend.
f.  Item 16- NHS Dorset Clinical commissioning group feedback bulletin- the Children and Young people mental health survey has been extended- SM would be asked to look at this consultation.
g.  Item 30- New date for the Dorset Community Resilience Day has been arranged- DV and PT would see if they can attend.

2020/03-11  Finance & General Purposes
a.  To consider any village repairs or maintenance issues-
   A bench in the playing field is need of fixing down- Clerk to ask the contractor

b.  To consider the Finance report of receipts and payments
   All payments were approved in line with internal controls. All reports circulated prior to the meeting.
   ME carried out the monthly check. Bank Accounts total £88,212.55 as at 29th February 2020
   Proposed GM    Seconded ME

c.  To consider to reinvest the matured fixed term bond
   The PC considered the monies currently invested £20,000 in a 2-year Fixed term bond with United Trust Bank to mature in Feb 2021, and the Fixed Term bond that matured on 24th Feb 2020 of £20,000 plus interest. The PC agreed that it didn’t need any additional investment other
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than the monies currently invested in Fixed Term Bonds at this time. The PC agreed to reinvest the £20,000 that has recently matured for a further 2 years at 1.80% interest. The interest earned at maturity will be returned to the PC account. Proposed ME Seconded GM

d. To confirm and sign the Library lease
The lease having been agreed by all parties involved was agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk, this will then be sent to the Friends to sign and then be returned to Dorset Council for completion. Proposed ME Seconded DV

2020/03-12 Items for report in the BVN/website/Facebook/Twitter
BT phone box, Bottles for the Duck race, Parish Plan housing day 26th April at the Village Hall.

Items for information:
2020/03-13 Correspondence items received for information - report circulated
2020/03-14 CLT Update- Next session to be held at the VH on 25th April.
2020/03-15 Play area report- The business letter was agreed and will be sent to all the local businesses. The group are looking at tiles for the wall in the play area to raise funds for the project. DC to be contacted to see if planning permission is required. The group will have a stall at the Duck race to show the final stage of the project and raise further funds.
2020/03-16 Corncrake report- A local farmer is amenable to grazing the field but the window of opportunity has probably passed with the current rainfall, the wooden fence placed in the field has still not been removed. It had been reported that the field gate has been repaired and the hinges turned so it cannot be taken off the hinges. A running company/event had asked to use this gateway for their event at the end of April, the PC confirmed the use of the gateway but a donation towards the Play area would be a good gesture.

2020/03-17 To consider items for the PC meeting on 1st April 2020- TBC

2020/03-18 Parishioners’ open comments (15 minutes maximum allowed)
A resident raised the issue of the gateways on Corncrake and that many are now climbing the new fence because the gateways are so wet. It was explained that there are still routes using the other gateway.

Concerns were raised about the pinch point on Common lane and does it really work.

It was noted that the original scheme of 2010 was not fully implemented due to cost. The idea is to meet with highways officers to see what sort of scheme is possible and what evidence do we need in order to meet any criteria for traffic calming measures.

A resident spoke on the coastal erosion and the risks to public safety is now worse than ever. He explained that the imminent coastal dangers arising from rock falls between Burton Bradstock and Freshwater were worse than they had been in the last 40 years. He pointed out that some 70 tons had fallen from the overhang in the last 10 days and that approximately 200 tons had fallen between there and the next emergent overhang some 200 metres to the west. He commented on tourism that it is very important to the economy of West Dorset and that some thought should be given in relation to the safety of the many visitors to the area.
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Cllr Mark Roberts spoke on the executive advisory panels. The policies of the Council are being considered and their effect on the environment this includes the many parks and open spaces, verges and the development of wild flower areas. Mark also commented that he sits on the Dorset Coast Forum and will bring the concerns regarding the coastal erosion to their meeting.

GM commented on the issue raised at the last meeting regarding the dog poo bin close to the bench by the bus stop, he will take a look and suggest a more suitable site, for discussion at April meeting.

It was also noted that a dog poo bin is required from the path via the Church to the school as parents and staff have to remove the dog mess before children arrive. The problem with this area is that it isn’t near enough to a collection point by the Dorset Council. Really the dog owners need to be educated and take responsibility.

Meeting closed 8.46pm