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FULL PARISH COUNCIL

Temporary Cessation of Parish Council Meetings

Since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council has not been permitted to meet face to face for its Full Parish Council meetings. Instead, government legislation allowed the Parish Council to meet virtually and make lawful decisions.

This legislation ended on 6th May 2021 and has not been extended by the government. As a result, the Parish Council is not able to meet virtually and make lawful decisions. The Parish Council has decided it does not feel safe returning to face to face meetings at the moment. It has therefore approved the Clerk having emergency delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. This is part of a phased approach in returning to face-to-face meetings.

This means in the short term there will be no further official Full Parish Council meetings. The situation will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Parish Councillors will discuss business topics at a Parish Council Discussion Group and make recommendations on those topics to the Clerk. The Clerk will then make the necessary lawful decisions in line with their delegated powers.

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Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk

Notes on the Parish Council Discussion Group held on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 7pm

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

In attendance: Cllr Davies, Cllr JB Parker, Cllr Bryan, Cllr Dyer, Cllr Goringe, Cllr Mrs Goringe, Cllr Mrs Neale, Cllr Mrs Marshall, Cllr Mrs Lucas

1. Correspondence to note:

The Clerk briefed members on two letters received from residents of Boundary Lane requesting a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph and a fixed speed camera.

Members were minded to support this request and requested the Clerk contact Dorset Council highways to initiate a report into the reduction of the speed limit and the introduction of a fixed speed camera.

2. Finance:

1. Members reviewed the schedule of payments for August 2021 and were minded to approve them. A copy is at Appendix A to these notes.

2. Members reviewed the bank reconciliation for the end of July 2021 and were minded to approve it. A copy is at Appendix B to these notes.

3. **Climate Change** – Councillor Bryan briefed members on a talk that he gives to organisations on what can be done on climate change. He is currently touring various venues in Dorset.

4. **Clerk's Report** – Members received an update in relation to:

1. **Purchase of a New Laptop for Assistant Clerk:** The clerk briefed members on the need to replace the Assistant Clerk's laptop. The current laptop is over 8 years old and fails regularly with a loss of data and wasted time. The cost of a new laptop, plus setting up, software installation and a contingency is estimated at £1200.

Members were minded to approve purchasing a laptop to include set up, software configuration and a contingency amount for the sum of £1200.

2. **Fence Replacement Request due to Alleged Damage.** The Clerk briefed members on a request from a resident for the replacement of their fence allegedly due to damage occurring from an Oak Tree on Parish Council land.

Members were minded not to approve the award of compensation to replace the fence.

3. **Traffic Survey on Horton Road:** Councillor Bryan will discuss the survey with the head of road safety at Dorset Council.

4. **Youth Club Return:** A meeting has been arranged for the 1st September to discuss the return of the youth club.

5. Parish Councillors' Reports

Nothing to report

6. Report from Dorset Council Members

Cllr Goring and Cllr Bryan presented their reports to members. They are at Appendix C to these notes. The proposed surf lagoon development was raised and discussed. Members agreed that, subject to their availability, they would attend the briefing in the Village Hall on 9th September.

7. Amenities:

1. The clerk raised the issue of DWP being short staffed at the moment resulting in a number of the dog waste bins not being emptied. The clerk will continue to work with the DWP to ensure bins are emptied.

2. The clerk informed members that he has received many complaints from residents about Dorset Council not cutting grass verges and carrying out weed control on pavements and verges, which is resulting in the area looking very overgrown and untidy. He has reported this to DC on several occasions.

8. **Resumption of Face-to-Face Meetings:** Members discussed the return to face-to-face meetings. It was agreed that members would return to face-to-face meetings starting on Monday 18th October 2021. The meeting will be held in the main Village Hall. Those members who are not able to attend will be invited to a pre meeting to be held virtually prior

to the main meeting. The agenda will be discussed, and their comments noted. These comments will be relayed to members at the full council meeting.

Members were minded to approve the return to face to face meetings. The first meeting to take place on Monday 18th October 2021. A virtual pre meeting to take place for members not attending the main meeting to discuss the agenda and make comment.

9. Exchange of information:

- 1.The clerk informed members that works to the office will commence at the end of September.
- 2.Next meeting date is Monday 18th October 2021 and will be held face to face in the Village Hall. A virtual pre-meeting will be held on zoom. Timings: virtual pre meeting 18:45hrs – main meeting 19:30hrs.