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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024

In attendance: Cllrs, Judith Sheppard, Melanie Harvey, Julie Leah, and the Administrator, Katherine Besant

FS55.24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were no public questions, comments or representations

FS56.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sally Roberts – illness
Jane Bremner
Peter Noel
Katie Moore - Family

FS57.24 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

FS58.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

FS59.24 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 22 October 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed.

FS60.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FS61.24 PROGRESS REPORTS

a) VE Day 8th May 2025

The administrator confirmed that the Council are registered to take part and light a beacon and a bugler has been booked. After discussion it was agreed that it would be on West Cliff, which is easier for the maintenance staff to set up. Cllr Julie Leah will approach a local choir to see if they can lead the hymn. It was decided to discuss how to promote the event at the next meeting.

b) CCTV at The Foreshore

Correspondence from the tenant was noted

c) Boat launching channel

A local contractor has agreed to cut the channel on an ad hoc basis. The channel will be initially cut prior to Easter, and the Facilities Manager will monitor and endeavor to keep it in place with the amount of money approved in the budget.

d) Ant hill cairns/signs on West Cliff

The committee agreed that a cairn and signs would be too costly. Cllr Julie Leah will research and investigate alternative boards and signs on posts made with recycled materials.

FS62.24 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

a) Dead porpoise

It was reported to the Council by a parishioner but was not removed as too decomposed

b) Live Flare

A live flare found on the beach and disposed - Noted

c) Missing teenagers

Report from the Facilities Manager of missing teenagers on the cliffs who were found by the beach attendant - Noted

FS63.24 ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP ITEMS

a) Items from meeting on 12 December 2024

(i) Request to enter the Southwest in Bloom competition in 2025 this was agreed by the committee

b) Meadow on West Green

After further investigation Cllr Julie Leah reported that it was not appropriate to introduce a meadow on West Green.

FS64.24 DISCUSSION ITEMS / TO BE NOTED

a) Sparrow Nesting boxes

It was agreed at Full Council to purchase two terrace nesting boxes. After discussion the committee agreed for the boxes to be positioned above the beach attendant's office below the first-floor window. Cllr Judith Sheppard has approached the fire brigade who will remove the boxes on the north wall and place these on the east wall together with the new boxes.

b) Benches

These have been agreed at Full Council and the Clerk is ordering recycled picnic benches and seats for the concrete bases

c) Factory maintenance

A quote for £280 plus Vat was agreed by delegated authority to clear and rod the drain and sealant on the right corner of the factory building

d) Christmas cover

Cllr Judith Sheppard will liaise with the committee to cover the days over Christmas and New Year with no cover

FS65.24 COASTAL TRANSITION ACCELERATOR FUND

a) Dorset Coastal Forum

Cllr Julie Leah attended the Dorset Coastal Forum and produced a report on the CTAP project. Some members of the committee were unhappy with the Council's involvement. After discussion the Councillors felt that more obvious input from the Council on behalf of the village would be good. The current Project Officer for the Dorset Coast Forum has resigned. The CHCC have approached the local MP. The committee would like clarification as to where we are with the project. The Clerk will write to the new officer in charge.

b) Correspondence with Dorset Council

An email between the Clerk and Dan Williams, Project Officer at Dorset Coast Forum detailing details of flooding, costs relating to damages and repairs at the Old Cement Factory and car park for the Outline Business Case for the CTAP Project. Noted

FS66.24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a) Permissions

(i) Metal Detecting – 2 new permissions, total is now 54

FS57.24 IN COMMITTEE

a) Renewal of Lease 3

Reviewed and details proposed to go to Finance and General Purposes meeting in January

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

Proposals to F & GP

FS57.24a proposed details for the renewal of Lease 3

Signed

Date

