

# Charmouth Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2023

In attendance: Cllrs Judith Sheppard (Chair), Katie Moore (Vice Chair), Julie Leah, Peter Noel and Administrator, Katherine Besant

### FS36.23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

### FS37.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Melanie Harvey (holiday).

### FS38.23 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

### FS39.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### FS40.23 MINUTES

It was

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 27 June 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed.**

### FS41.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### FS42.23 PROGRESS REPORTS

#### a) Buoys to protect swimmers from powered craft – update

Cllr Judith Sheppard reported that after discussions with the clerk, the buoys would not be installed this year due to the weather. They will be paid ready for next year

#### b) Sign by the bridge about the dangers of pollution in the river/no jumping

Correspondence had been received querying the sign. All agreed the signs are clear and relevant. It was suggested any further queries be directed to the riverchar.org website which shows data for river quality.

#### c) Rock Fall Signage/interpretation boards

Sally King to provide a quote to produce the signs which will go to F&GP meeting

#### d) Reed bed survey

Funding from Natural England to undertake a survey. An update had been received confirming a survey will be taking place at the beginning of September by Dorset Environmental Records Centre.

e) CHCC Webcam options

Awaiting proposal

f) CHCC Trustees' research into the coast

Cllr Judith Sheppard had circulated a response report. It was suggested to write to the CHCC Trustees with the Council's thoughts and meet with them to discuss certain points. Cllr Jane Bremner and Cllr Peter Noel confirmed they would also attend. It was suggested to arrange a meeting in November.

g) Sand replacement on East beach

It was confirmed that the tenant replaced the sand in front of the Cabin before Easter and is not needing to do anymore.

**FS43.23 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT**

a) Dog incident

A report was circulated and noted

**FS44.23 ITEMS TO REPORT FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Toilets - discuss having a meeting with Dorset Council to talk about the management of the Foreshore toilets

Following on from issues reported earlier in the summer, with cleaning and emptying bins. The Facilities Manager Dave Humphrey is writing a log. After the season it was suggested to arrange a meeting with Dorset Council to go through issues and whether they can be improved for next year. Also ask about a deep clean. It was agreed to arrange a meeting after September with Dorset Council.

b) Budgets for 2024/25

The committee were asked to consider any items for inclusion prior to draft budgets for the October meeting. The following items were put forward.

i) Replace fire alarm panel at the Factory to improve efficiency of the autodial - 688 plus VAT

ii) A reserve fund for maintenance of the sea front, £5000?

iii) Recycling Bin – Cllr Julie Leah to contact DWP and get an idea of cost for a bin

c) Sandbag stowage unit

It was agreed a tarpaulin would be used to cover the damaged shed

d) Allocation to Charity Funds

Due to less applications not all the money was allocated in the Youth Fund last year, it was agreed to only allocate £500 to the Non-Youth Fund

e) Beach Access Steps – repairs/advice

Temporary repairs had been carried out by Axminster Ironworks. An engineer from Dorset Council is meeting Cllr Judith Sheppard and the Facilities Manager, Dave Humphrey on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August to give advice and future options.

No notice on the steps was agreed by the committee.

f) Change date of meeting in October

It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

g) Environment Group items:

- i) Nurdle clean-up – Cllr Julie Leah reported that there is no final confirmation from South West Water
- ii) Extension of hedging on West Green – Cllr Jane Bremner to measure the hedge so Julie can apply for free trees
- iii) To note future activities -
  - a) Cllr Julie Leah will look into ongoing maintenance of Foreshore
  - b) Cllr Andrew Lightfoot confirmed that Cllr Belinda Bawden is circulating new information for solar panels on the Old Cement Factory

**FS45.23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a) Permissions

- (i) NCI - Water safety summer events – noted
- (ii) RSPB information stand – noted

b) D-Day 80th anniversary beacon lighting

To take place on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Dave Humphrey and Steven Millar have been notified.

c) A boat owner has asked about having roll out matting for the launch of boats similar to other locations

An Email from Bridport Town Council was circulated. It was agreed the matting is too expensive and not practical. A short discussion took place on launching fees this is to be reviewed at the end of the summer season.

d) Dorset Coast Forum Annual Conference

Cllr Julie Leah is attending

**FS46.23 IN COMMITTEE**

a) Staff cover -

The committee were asked to help man the beach office and car park on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August with the beach attendant.

The Seasonal Beach Attendant will be going full time from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August up to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September due to staff sickness.

**Proposals to F&GP**

**FS 44.23 (d) non-youth charity fund**