

# Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on

Monday 28 November at 7pm,

Village Hall, Long Bredy

## MINUTES

Present: Councillors Charlotte Kinghorn, Ruth Cullingford, Giles Maltby and Tess Silkstone

2022/041 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor David Peretz.

2022/042 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2022/043 Public Participation time

There were four members of the public in attendance, including one who spoke at length regarding the signage that had been erected outside Ford Farm and one who spoke of the Happyard development. It was agreed that both these matters would be followed up with Dorset Council.

2022/044 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 July 2022, were presented by the Chairman.

**Resolved that** the minutes be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2022/045 Matters Arising

2022/034 Playing Field – Picnic Bench: It was noted that a new picnic bench had been purchased and installed, to replace the previous one that was no longer fit for purpose.

2022/036 Stray dogs, dog fouling and livestock worrying – The Chairman confirmed that the plans for a leaflet were in progress and that she would be talking to the PCSO.

2022/033 Footpaths and Road – The Chairman confirmed that she would be raising a number of issues including the subsidence of the road by Bellamount when she met with Highways the following week.

2022/046 Dorset Ward Councillor's Update

There was no update from Councillor Roberts due to his absence.

2022/047 Community Tree Scheme

The survey that the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty were developing in respect of a Community Tree Scheme, to support Parish and Town Council's in the area, was considered. The Council confirmed that they were very keen to see additional planting of trees where possible.

**Resolved that** the Councillors would gratefully accept Councillor Peretz's offer to complete the survey on behalf of the Council.

2022/048 Replacement of the dead oak tree in the Playing Field

It was noted that an offer had been made in the past for a replacement oak tree sapling for the playing field, but the resident had since moved out of the village and the matter had not been pursued.

A further offer of a replacement sapling had been received and was gratefully accepted by the Parish Council. The donor would liaise with Councillor Maltby to arrange for the sapling to be collected and planted.

2022/049 Spring water by the telephone box in Long Bredy

There was concern that the surface water that was evident by the telephone box in Long Bredy could become very dangerous if it were to turn to ice.

**Resolved that** the Chairman would raise the matter with Highways at her meeting the following week.

2022/050 Ultra Fast Broadband

The Chairman reported that she had met with Angus Handle and Bill Orchard, who had been investigating the options for ultra fast broadband with Jurassic Fibre and Open Reach. More information was needed as neither option was currently viable. The Council would be updated if there were any developments.

2022/051 Rowden Farm

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council, when it was hoped that Dorset Ward Councillor Roberts would be able to give an update.

2022/052 Filing Cupboard

The Councillors considered a request from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with regards to the filing cabinet and the need to downsize it and subsequently provide more room in the main hall. A previous Clerk to the parish council had offered their assistance to organise the filing cabinet and to present a list of the contents to the Parish Council.

**Resolved that** the Parish Council accept the generous offer of assistance and look forward to learning of the contents of the filing cabinet and how it may be filed in the future.

2022/053 The Rookery

The Chairman updated the Council with details of another property that had become available to rent at the Rookery. Unfortunately, it had not been advertised correctly, in line with the restrictions of a section 106 property. The Clerk, in liaison with the Chairman, had been in touch with Dorset Council and Stonewater and had hopefully resolved the issue, at least in so far as was possible.

2022/054 Home Working Allowance

The Council considered paying the Clerk a home working allowance as a contribution towards the expenses of telephone, heating, electricity and office space.

**Resolved that** the Clerk be paid a home working allowance of £26 per month, back dated to April 2022.

2022/055 Finance

The schedule of payment was considered for payment.

M Ibbotson (Grit bin payment) 2022/23 = £12

Village Hall Rent – 1 November 2021 – 30 March 2022 (November, January, March, April, May x 2, July, November, January, March = £200 (£20 per evening)

Salary Aug – Nov (inclusive of back pay) = £1116.00

Printing = £22.96 (Aug – Nov inclusive)

Donation to Bride Valley News = £50

Picnic Bench = £185.24

Adrian Harrison – Mower fuel = 19.89

Stamps = £5.44

Microsoft Licence = £79.99

**Resolved that** the schedule of payments be approved and cheques signed by the nominated signatories.

2022/056 Electronic Banking

The adoption of electronic banking for the parish council was considered. It was confirmed that it would still be necessary for two signatories, so the safe guard would still be present.

**Resolved that** the Clerk be authorised to set up electronic banking for the Parish Council's bank accounts.

2022/057 National Joint Council Pay Award

Information on the NJC’s contractual pay award for all staff had been circulated by email, prior to the meeting.

**Resolved that** the pay award for the Clerk be approved and backdated to 1 April 2022.

2022/058 Draft Budget

The draft budget was considered and approved with a precept request of £6,770.00 to be submitted.

**Resolved to** approve a precept request to Dorset Council of £6,770.00

2022/059 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no urgent items that had not already been dealt with on the Agenda.

2022/060 Date of the next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 30 January 2022.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Chairman

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