

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 30 January at 7pm,
Village Hall, Long Bredy

MINUTES

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

2022/061 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor David Peretz.

2022/062 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2022/063 Public Participation time

There were two members of the public, including Councillor Mark Roberts. The member of public spoke on the Happyard development, which was later followed up as an agenda item.

2022/064 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 November 2022, were presented by the Chairman.

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

2022/065 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.

2022/066 Dorset Ward Councillor's Update

Councillor Roberts reported that the backlog of planning applications had been cleared and new applications were being processed efficiently. Dorset Council reported savings of circa £76 million since becoming an unitary authority and had achieved a carbon reduction of 20% so far. Council tax collections were up to 95%. More electric charging points were planned across the county. The budget was in the process of being finalised and would go to council for approval on 14 February 2023.

2022/067 Ultra Fast Broadband

The Chairman updated the council with information that had been received from Angus Handoll (Bride Valley Fibre), that Jurassic Fibre are about to start work on tree and pole clearance ahead of installing cable in Burton, Shipton and Puncknowle areas. It is hoped that Long Bredy would follow soon after, as a preliminary assessment has been undertaken.

It was thought that if the grant voucher scheme did not work for the Bride Valley, that as Jurassic Fibre had progressed so far with their general rollout, there was a slim possibility that they would be to include Long Bredy in the commercial roll out.

2022/068 Rowden Farm

The Chairman asked Councillor Roberts for an update as he was a member of the Farm Liaison Panel.

Unfortunately, the Farm Liaison Panel had not met recently due to staffing issues, but it was Councillor Robert's understanding that the farm was not going to be let as a dairy in the future. In addition, the house on the farm was not expected to be let in its current state as it does not meet current legislation for rental properties.

There was a concern with regards to the security on the site which Councillor Roberts thought might be best addressed to Jenny Stubbs at Dorset Council in the first instance and he would follow this up.

2022/069 Annual Village Meeting

There was a discussion regarding the most suitable date for the annual village meeting.

Resolved that the annual village meeting would be held on 27 April 2023 at 7pm. Detailed arrangements would be discussed at the next meeting of the parish council.

2022/070 Village Spring Clean

There was a discussion regarding the date of the village spring clean.

Resolved that the annual village spring clean would be held on 11 March 2023 and that the Parish Council would organise the refreshments to be held in the village hall afterwards.

2022/071 Highways

The Chairman, Councillor Kinghorn, had met with the Community Highways officer to discuss a number of issues. One of the issues relating to illegal signage had been resolved and remaining items were pending. An update was expected prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

2022/072 Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan

The contents of the Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan were noted.

2022/073 The Rookery

Despite much communication with Dorset Council regarding the S106 status of these houses, it had been disappointing to note that the recent vacancy had not been advertised as such. It was vital to the future of rural sustainability in the village that there be properties such as these that were intended to be for local people who met the S106 criteria.

Resolved that the Clerk would contact housing again to enquire why a known resident had not been able to bid for one of The Rookery cottages, despite meeting the S106 criteria. In addition, Councillor Roberts would raise the matter with the Minister for Housing.

2022/074 Planning WD/D/17/002460 Land at Higher Kingston Russell (Happyard Farm)

The ongoing issues with the land at Happyard Farm were discussed and it was agreed that no visible enforcement action had taken place despite numerous requests from Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish.

The latest communication from Dorset Council took the stance that too much time had now elapsed for enforcement action to take place.

Resolved that a letter of complaint be sent to Dorset Council reiterating the unacceptable situation that had manifested due to the lack of timely enforcement.

2022/075 Finance

The schedule of payment was considered for payment.

Printing = £5.98 (Dec – Jan inclusive)

Memory Stick = £8.89

ICO Registration = £40.00

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

2022/076 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

The Chairman made the Council aware that she had received a very kind and generous donation of £288 from the 100 club. The Councillors joined the Chairman in expressing their gratitude and assurances that it would be put to good use for the benefit of the parish.

2022/077 Date of the next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 20 March 2023.

Signed: Date:

Chairman

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