

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 20 March 2023 at 7pm,
Village Hall, Long Bredy

MINUTES

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

2022/078 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2022/079 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2022/080 Public Participation time

There were three members of the public, including Councillor Mark Roberts. A member of the public wished to speak in connection Rowden Farm.

2022/081 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 January 2023, were presented by the Chairman.

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

2022/082 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on 30 January that were not on the Agenda.

2022/083 Dorset Ward Councillor's Update

Councillor Roberts reported that the budget meeting had been held on 14 February 2023. No major services had been cut but it was possible that some discretionary grants may be cut. A review of car parks had been undertaken and a change from 2 hours to 3 hours had been proposed. In addition, all car park machines were to be replaced and upgraded to provide a contactless payment facility. It was reported that Dorset Council were working on a bid to central government to improve rural bus transport.

Dorset Council Cabinet had voted unanimously in favour of a policy to double council tax on second homes and implement an empty home surcharge. This would need to be approved by parliament and if approved, would be implemented in 2025.

2022/084 Rowden Farm

Councillor Roberts confirmed that the Farm Liaison Panel had met last week and that the land had been let. He confirmed that Dorset Council are aware that the parish is not happy that the property had not been let but a new liaison officer had been appointed and it was hoped that this would be progressed without any further delay.

2022/085 Spring Litter Pick

The Chairman extended her thanks to those that turned up to help with the spring litter pick and also to those that helped with refreshments, in particular Councillor Ruth Cullingford.

A sum of £122.51 had been raised from the donations received during refreshments.

The Chairman proposed that a portion of donated money be used to purchase litter picking equipment, so that the village could be self sufficient in the future.

The proposal was seconded and unanimously agreed in favour.

Resolved that litter picking equipment be purchased for the sum of £24.99.

2022/086 Councillor Recruitment

There had been a lack of interest in the two vacant Councillor positions.

Resolved that an advert be put on Facebook and in the Bride Valley News to establish if there was any interest.

2022/087 Highways Update

The Chairman, Councillor Kinghorn, reported that the subsidence near Bellamount was due to be addressed at the end of April.

2022/088 The Rookery

Despite much communication with Dorset Council regarding the S106 status of the houses that make up the Rookery, 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.

2022/089 The King's Coronation

A request had been received from parishioners that the Parish Council provide the insurance for the boat race that was planned.

Resolved that the request be approved and that Clerk make the necessary insurance arrangements.

2022/090 Bollards by the Stream

The Council considered whether it would be timely to remove the three bollards that had been instated approximately four years ago, to assist with issues surrounding the collapse of the bank.

Resolved that Highways be contacted to establish whether the bollards were still necessary to provide stability to the bank.

2022/091 Playing Field

The Chairman proposed that a site meeting be held to discuss the play inspection report that had been recently received.

Resolved that the Clerk would distribute the play inspection report to the Councillors and that the Chairman would agree a convenient date with Councillors outside of the meeting, when they had access to their diaries.

2022/092 Finance

The schedule of payment was considered for payment.

Clerk's salary (December – March inc.) including home working allowance for 2022/23 = £1508.00

Printing = £2.99 (Feb) & £2.99 (Mar)

Lawn Mower Insurance = £89.60

HMRC = £299.00

Litter Pickers = £24.99

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

2022/093 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the upcoming Annual Village Meeting and asked that they attend and make a contribution towards the refreshments.

2022/094 Date of the next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 22 May 2023. Councillor Maltby offered his apologies for the next meeting.

Signed: Date:

Chairman

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