

# Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on

Monday 27 November 2023 at 7pm

Village Hall, Long Bredy

Present: Councillors Charlotte Kinghorn (Chairman), Rick Cook, Ruth Cullingford, Steven Evans, Kate Harris

2023/060 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from Councillor Peretz and Maltby were accepted.

2023/061 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/062 Public Participation time

There were three members of the public present including Councillor Roberts

2023/063 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 25 September 2023, were presented by the Chairman.

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

2023/064 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not already covered by the agenda.

2023/065 Dorset Ward Councillor's Update

Councillor Roberts updated those present on the Dorset Council budget and the short fall, which will have to come out of reserves. It was anticipated that it would be difficult to balance the budget in 2024.

He noted that Children's services had approximately 480 children in care and they were looking for more foster homes. In addition, unaccompanied asylum seekers needed to be cared for.

664 affordable homes had been built in the last year in the Dorset Council area.

2023/066 Rowden Farm

Councillor Roberts noted that there was a new portfolio holder in charge of assets, and they would be undertaking a review of farms.

2023/067 Travel Plan Meeting

It was noted that Councillor Kinghorn and Councillor Cullingford had attended the Travel Plan meeting on 4 October 2023. The main focus of the meeting had been the weight limit down Whiteway. Signage indicating the weight limit was discussed, and it was confirmed that Ashley Chase had agreed to meet the costs of the signs but placing it on the highway would be expensive and not necessarily something they could cover.

It was agreed that evidence of damage caused by farm traffic needed to be recorded.

**Resolved that** the next Travel Plan meeting would be on 11 March 2024 and would be hosted by Long Bredy.

2023/68 The Rookery

Neither the Chairman nor the Clerk had received any further communication from Stonewater or Dorset Council.

**Resolved that** a freedom of information would be requested from both Stonewater and Dorset Council.

2023/69 Bridport to Dorchester School Bus – C2

A resident had been in touch with the bus company to ascertain whether this service would be reinstated for the general public as per pre-covid.

The response received was that there was not enough demand and if it was opened up to the public, there may not be enough spaces for children to sit down.

2023/70 Playground update

There had not been a significant amount of progress due to a lack of communication from playground companies and the inability to find someone local to carry out repairs.

It was suggested that the Clerk might approach other local councils to ascertain how they managed.

**Resolved that** the Clerk would make further enquiries with local councils.

2023/71 Replacement Mower

The replacement mower had been purchased.

**Resolved that** the insurance should be updated, and the warranty registered. The lawn mower would be secured.

2023/72 Drop Kerb – Long Bredy Hut

On the sharp bend up to Long Bredy hut, a drop kerb had been put in.

**Resolved that** a meeting would be arranged with James Stone from Highways, in the hope that it would be possible for him to explain the rationale behind allowing the drop kerb in any area that many felt to be unsafe.

2023/73 Budget for Playground

Item deferred until the next meeting when it was hoped there would be additional information regarding costs.

2023/74 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on 29 January 2023 at 7pm.

Signed .....

Chairman .....