

CRANBORNE AND EDMONDSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th March 2024
in Edmondsham Hut, Edmondsham

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs. D. Donaldson (Chair), Cllr Mrs. S. Batten, Cllr Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Cllr G. Fauvel, Cllr A. Hayward, Cllr M. Campbell, Cllr T. Chandler, Cllr Mrs. H. Lambert & Cllr J. Stirling. Ms. W. Hopkins – Clerk

In attendance: Dorset Cllr D. Tooke

A statement was read out on behalf of the Trustees of the Cecil Memorial Hall who announced their intention to step down from their roles on 31.08.2024. A copy of the statement will be placed on the internet and in the community noticeboard and shop.

1. Open Forum – there were 5 members of public present.

Topics raised: -

The Cecil Memorial Hall – as no new questions were brought to the open forum that had not already previously been discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, the PC commented that as the current trustees were stepping down from their roles, a new committee would need to be formed to take over the running of the hall.

Blocked drains – it was reported that drains were blocked in Edmondsham. The resident was directed to report the issue to Dorset Council directly either through their website or by telephone. This would need to be done every time the drains became blocked.

2. Apologies for absence received from Cllr V. Patel & Cllr S. Lawes

It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

3. Declarations of Interests were received from Cllr M. Campbell & Cllr G. Fauvel for anything Cranborne Estate related. Cllr Mrs. D. Donaldson for item 8.4

The clerk gave all Cllrs a dispensation to speak and vote on any issue regarding the Cecil Memorial Hall for the foreseeable future.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2024 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

5. **PLANNING**

- 5.1 ***P/TRC/2024/00321*** - T1 Beech (located 8 Water Street): Remove southernmost limb over outbuilding.

T2 Cherry (located 12 Water Street): Remove.

T3 Willow (located 12 Water Street): Remove.

T4 Sycamore (located 8 Water Street): Fell.

T5 Sycamore (located 12 Water Street): Fell.

T6 Sycamore (located 12 Water Street): Fell. 8 Water Street Cranborne BH21 5QB and 12 Water Street Cranborne BH21 5QB. No objection 14.02.2024. **Noted by the PC.**

- 5.2 ***Pre-application (CHECK)CTIL 20787223*** - CRANBORNE, BH21 5QE. The clerk to contact the applicants with a list of questions prior to the PC making a decision. To be added to the next agenda.

- 5.3 ***P/FUL/2023/00984*** – Mixed Use Development of Office (Class E). Two residential Units (C3), landscaping, car parking and associated works. Recycling Point Junction Castle Hill Lane and Castle Street Cranborne BH21 5PZ. Granted 23.02.2024. **Noted by the PC.**

6. **DORSET COUNCIL MATTERS**

Dorset Cllr report – *noted by the PC.*

7. **PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

7.1 Clerk's report – *noted by the PC.*

7.2 Christmas tree lights – deferred until April meeting. *Noted by the PC.*

7.3 Lady Bourne Gardens – the clerk stated that she was in receipt of Cranborne Bloomers Insurance Schedule and that they would be maintaining the area from 01.04.2024. The clerk to contact the ground maintenance team to ask if another area could be given more attention from 01.04.2024 due to the loss of Lady Bourne Gardens.

7.4 Council reports – the PC discussed the Cecil Memorial Hall report that was produced for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that the precept in both Cranborne & Edmondsham would rise if the PC were to become involved. It was also noted that any vote taken concerning the hall would need to include both Cranborne & Edmondsham villages. The clerk to ask the treasurer for the monthly holding costs while the hall is not being used. Report to be added to the website.

7.5 Crime report: – no report received from the police; however, it was noted that a car had been stolen from Cranborne and due to the power of Facebook, the car had been found with minimal damage.

8. **Finance**

8.1 Bank reconciliation – *noted by the PC.*

8.2 To consider the monthly payment schedule.

£30.00 CASC – room hire for the Annual Parish Council

It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to pay the above payment.

8.3 To consider the following annual check on the documents below: –

- Standing Orders (no change – use previously sent copy)
- Financial Regulations (no change – use previously sent copy)
- Financial Risk Assessment
- Land Risk Assessment
- Asset Register

It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to accept the annual check completed by the clerk. Clerk to amend the Land Risk Assessment.

8.4 To consider the following grants/donation requests:

Edmondsham Hut – Projector and screen

(LGA 1972 (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.) (Power to provide & equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives.)

It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to pay £519.20 once the clerk has seen evidence of the intended items to be purchased.

Cllr Mrs. D. Donaldson left the room at 19.37 prior to any discussions and a vote taking place. She re-entered the room at 19.45. Cllr Mrs. S. Batten chaired the meeting in her place.

9. **FOR REPORT ONLY**

Cllr A Hayward asked if the PC had a contingency fund after learning of the financial woes of the Cecil Memorial Hall. It was confirmed that the PC did have a fund for any emergencies or expenses that had not been accounted for in the annual accounts. The PC also has 6-12 months running costs in the bank which they are legally required to have.

Cllr G. Fauvel stated that the charging points in The Square, Cranborne would hopefully be back in operation in early April. He also stated that Dorset Council had apologised for ruining the bridge at Cranborne Farm and that it will eventually be replaced.

The meeting closed at 19.50pm

Date:

Chairman: