

CRANBORNE AND EDMONDSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council Meeting held on
 Tuesday 15th April 2024
 in Cranborne Middle School, Cranborne.

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

In attendance: Dorset Cllr D. Tooke

1. Open Forum – there were two members of public present.
 One member of public raised the issue of the Cecil Memorial Hall. The PC informed the member of public that he needs to form a new committee. Once a new committee is in place, relevant paperwork and keys would be transferred from the current trustees to the new committee. The PC also stated that they are not involved with the running of the VH and that he needs to engage with the current trustees.
2. Apologies for absence received from Cllr M. Campbell
 It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to accept the apology.
3. Declarations of Interests were received from Cllr G. Fauvel for anything Cranborne Estate related.
4. The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 were deferred until the next meeting as not all Cllrs had sight of them.
5. **PLANNING**
 - 5.1 **Pre-application (CHECK)CTIL 20787223** - CRANBORNE, BH21 5QE. Deferred from last meeting. It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application.
 - 5.2 **P/LBC/2024/00385** - Alter the interior of the granary to include a staircase and provision for bats and owls. East Blagdon Farmhouse Cranborne BH21 5RZ. Granted (25.03.2024). For information only. **Noted by the PC.**
 - 5.3 APP/D1265/W/23/3336518 – Land to the south of Ringwood Road, Alderholt. (Email received from Alderholt PC) It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs. S. Batten will represent the PC and speak on their behalf when the inquiry opens on 25th June 2024.
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 Cecil memorial Hall – the building closed on the 01.04.2024 due to the caretaker post being vacated. In order to comply with the insurance criteria for a building that does not currently have a caretaker, the following has been put in place: letter box taped up, internal & external inspections to take place on a weekly basis, water system shut down between 01.10 – 01.04 (this has not been done due to the date of closure) and building to be secured inside and out. **Noted by the PC.**
 - 7.3 Christmas tree lights – this item was discussed and deferred until next month.
 - 7.4 Coronation Corner/Lady Bourne Gardens – the grounds maintenance team agreed that the extra hours saved by not cutting Lady Bourne Gardens would go towards the river Crane. The PC asked the clerk to get a second quote to clear the shrubs on Coronation Corner. It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** for Cranborne Bloomers to take over the plant pot on Coronation Corner.

- 7.5 Playarea – the PC were informed that moles were causing a problem in the playarea. Luckily, all matting and apparatus had not yet been affected. It was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** for the clerk, under delegated authority, to engage a company to remove the moles.
- 7.6 Council reports – Edmondsham Village Hut stated that they had held their first panto since COVID. They are holding monthly bingo nights and a quiz night every 3 months. They are looking to do a Christmas trail this year. Edmondsham Hut currently has a strong committee. The committee thanked the PC for the donation towards new equipment. **Noted by the PC.**
- 7.7 Crime report:

Business burglary - Cranborne

Reference number: 55240044850

Officers investigating a burglary to a business premises are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

The incident occurred between the 25th March 2024 and the 26th March 2024.

(Two cans of diesel have been stolen overnight.)

Noted by the PC.

8. Finance

- 8.1 End of Year Statement of Accounts 23/24 – it was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to accept the End of Year Statement of Accounts 23/24.
- 8.2 Annual Internal Auditor Report 23/24 – it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED & RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Internal Auditor Report 23/24.
- 8.3 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 23/24 – to consider the following documents:

Section 1: Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED & RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.

Section 2: Accounting Statement 2023/24

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED & RESOLVED** to accept the Accounting Statement 2022/23

- 8.4 Conflict of Interest – it was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** that no Cllrs had a conflict of interest with BDO LLP.
- 8.5 To consider updated Fixed Asset Register – it was **PROPOSED** and **RESOLVED** to accept the updated version of the Fixed Asset Register.
- 8.6 To consider the monthly payment schedule.

£312.00	Ms Wendy Hopkins
£40.00	Mrs Rachel Flay
£2076.80	Grass & Grounds
£500.00	Dorset Community Transport
£347.20	DAPTC
£52.80	Elite Playground Inspections
£521.46	Clear Councils

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

9. FOR REPORT ONLY

Cllr A, Hayward queried the Dorset Council Electoral form asking why it needed filling in when the answer was nil.

Cllr Mrs. S. Batten stated that the Fleur pub in Cranborne had reopened under new management.

Cllr Mrs. D. Donaldson stated that the new noticeboard in Edmondsham had been forced open with a bundle of leaflets left by "We Out There". The lock had been broken in the process.

The meeting closed at 19.48pm

Date:

Chairman: