

CORFE MULLEN PARISH COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

There is to be a meeting of the above Committee at the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen on Tuesday 12th June 2018 commencing at 7.30 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Blee'.

Mrs K M Blee
Parish Clerk
5th June 2018

Members of the Committee: Alexander, Dix, Harrison, Anne Holland, Paul Holland, Honeyman, Jefferies and Mattocks.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Members of the Public will have an opportunity to raise issues pertaining to this agenda before the meeting starts. Each member of the public will be limited to a 5-minute slot.

AGENDA

1. To Elect a Chairman for the Municipal Year 2018-19
2. To Receive apologies for absence
3. To Elect a Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2018-19
4. To Record any declarations of interest
5. To Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2018
6. To Approve Accounts for payment
7. To Receive dog warden report for May
8. To Receive a verbal update on the Wheel Park Project installation and to consider an official opening
9. To Receive a verbal update (if any) on other projects in progress
10. To Agree policy on street furniture
11. To Consider draft Adverse Weather Plan
12. To Consider obtaining quotations for the refurbishment of Henbury Play Area
13. Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas
14. To Confirm date and time of next meeting as Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7.45 pm. *(time subject to change)*

ITEM 5 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held at the Village Hall, Corfe Mullen on Tuesday 8 May 2018 commencing at 7:45pm

Present: - Chairman – Cllr. Dix

<i>Cllrs</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	<i>A Holland</i>	<i>Honeyman</i>
	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>P Holland</i>	<i>Mattocks</i>

Officers in attendance: Katrina Blee (Clerk) and Sheila Bird (Assistant Clerk).

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

There were no members of the public present.

17/402 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jefferies.

17/403 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dix declared an interest in Item 5 as she is an allotment holder. Cllrs Honeyman and Mattocks declared an interest in Item 11 as they are CMSA committee members.

17/404 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2018 were approved.

Nem Con.

17/405 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

PARISH COUNCIL ITEMS		
<i>200990</i>	<i>Secure Alarms - annual maintenance for intruder alarm system g'stuff building</i>	<i>159.48</i>
<i>200991</i>	<i>Sage - Sagecover Extra for CMPC Payroll</i>	<i>338.40</i>
<i>200992</i>	<i>Mr P White - reimburse for purchase of concrete slabs</i>	<i>30.31</i>
<i>200993</i>	<i>Corfe Mullen Village Hall - Grant for further improvements</i>	<i>15000.00</i>
<i>200994</i>	<i>R Evetts - office window clean</i>	<i>9.00</i>
<i>200995</i>	<i>Do the Numbers Ltd. - internal auditor's fee 17/18</i>	<i>750.00</i>
<i>200996</i>	<i>K9 Security - rec security for April</i>	<i>744.00</i>
<i>200997</i>	<i>Rigby Taylor - 2 x 10l Impact line marker</i>	<i>63.30</i>
<i>200998</i>	<i>HMRC - PAYE/NIC Month 2</i>	<i>1971.04</i>
<i>200999</i>	<i>DCPF - Superannuation Month 2</i>	<i>2907.73</i>
<i>autopay</i>	<i>Month 2</i>	<i>8137.10</i>
<i>dd 07.05.18</i>	<i>UK Fuels - fuel</i>	<i>106.51</i>
<i>dd 25.05.18</i>	<i>Chubb - fire extinguisher rental May</i>	<i>16.92</i>
<i>card 27.04.18</i>	<i>Co-op - wine & soft drinks for Chairman's reception</i>	<i>115.37</i>
<i>card 18.04.18</i>	<i>Lockhart catering - 3 packs tablecloths</i>	<i>120.72</i>
<i>card 27.04.18</i>	<i>Just Add Flowers - table centres for Chairman's reception</i>	<i>120.00</i>
<i>card 18.04.18</i>	<i>Amazon - disposable coveralls for groundstaff</i>	<i>13.20</i>

card 17.04.18	Postage - meeting agendas	2.02
card 26.04.18	PC World - 3 x memory sticks	29.97
	TOTAL	30635.07

VILLAGE HALL ITEMS		
200100	CPS - repair to sound system	136.80
200101	Kingfisher Electrical - 2 x external lights - supply and fit	312.00
dd 23.04.18	Gazprom - March gas usage	170.38
	TOTAL	619.18

Nem Con.

17/406 Allotment Inspections

Members agreed that the current inspection policy should continue.

Nem Con.

17/407 Dog Warden Reports

The dog warden's reports on his patrols of Parish Council sites for March and April were noted.

Nem Con.

17/408 Verbal Updates

- a) **Community Orchard** The volunteers have been busy mulching and re-arranging or removing stakes and netting. Overall the trees are looking good and the mowing is scheduled for May.
- b) **Windgreen Christmas Tree** The Carnival Committee is very busy with the upcoming Carnival arrangements and therefore will report on this after the Carnival.

17/409 Street Furniture Working Party

On Parish Council sites	
Item	Issues/Comment
Requests for memorial seats	<p>Issues are future maintenance, style of seat etc. and whether there should be criteria to decide whether to grant permission or not.</p> <p>Other parishes' practices were researched. A lot of other parish councils stipulate the make and style of the seat and it becomes the Parish Council's, which then maintains it.</p> <p>This Parish Council however, although stipulating the seat style within reason, allows the seat (and therefore any maintenance) to remain with whoever requests it. Generally, this has worked well, and there is no reason to change this at this time. It was however felt that a written agreement should be drafted to cover future responsibility and set out a maintenance/inspection schedule.</p> <p>It was felt difficult to prescribe some set criteria, and that the Council will have to decide requests on a one by one basis. It was however thought that requests should not be granted if these have only been submitted by one or two residents.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that a set charge should be introduced to cover purchase, installation and maintenance of any</p>

	new memorial bench rather than the donor undertaking maintenance. Cllr Alexander offered information on a similar scheme operated in Bournemouth.
Additional dog bins	<p>The Parish Council has litter bins at all play areas, the recreation ground, the cemeteries and Springdale Road POS. It was noted that people have their favourite locations, especially for dog bins, but that does not necessarily mean that there are insufficient on the whole site. Grounds staff have not reported any problems with either dog bins or litter bins not being sufficient.</p> <p>Noted that DWP are moving to replacing bins with dual purpose bins, one side recycling and the other for litter/dog waste. This should be considered for the Parish Council sites going forwards.</p> <p>Also, PC should consider erecting signage encouraging people to take dog litter and ordinary litter home etc.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that when replacing bins consideration be given to the dual litter/recycling type.</p>
Additional litter bins	
Requests for railings, signs, steps, lighting, bollards, disabled parking bays etc.	<p>In a similar way to memorial seats, it was felt that these should continue to be considered on a case by case basis, e.g. we have in the past erected railings and steps in the cemetery for easier accessibility to graves and have erected railings at the rec to prevent 'wheelies' on the grass.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that these continue to be assessed on a case by case basis.</p>
Other issues on Parish Council sites which the Working Party considered:	
Drones	<p>As these are increasing, advice has been sought from Ellis Whittam. Some would come under the definition of 'model aircraft' which cannot land or take off on Parish Council sites. Permission therefore needs to be sought from the Parish Council for events such as the Carnival if drones are going to be used.</p> <p>Drone operators – the CAA has restrictions and regulations on the flying of drones which includes these not being flown near to people or crowds.</p> <p>As always though enforcement is an issue and of course malfunctioning is also possible.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that a written policy on drones is drafted.</p>
Floodlights at the rec	<p>When replaced, CMSA should be asked to install more directional ones so that they impact less on surrounding residences.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend the above to Full Council.</p>
Electric car charging points	<p>These will be required in the coming years and the Parish Council should give consideration as to whether it wants to site any on its sites and what it would charge.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that it should bear in mind the need for charging points in the future.</p>

Non-Parish Council sites	
Item	Issues/Comment
Fingerpost restoration/replacement	The County Council no longer restores or replaces the traditional finger posts and may also stop replacing other discretionary signage. There is general support among councillors for the Parish Council to undertake fingerpost restoration. This could only be done under an agency agreement with DCC, this is currently under consideration by Full Council.

	<p>Noted. Full Council to be reminded that this is work it could authorise under an agency agreement.</p>
<p>Bollards Railings Seating Planters</p>	<p>This would have to be considered on a case by case basis, and of course the highways authority (usually DCC) would have to assess requests. Again, an agency agreement would be required.</p> <p>The issue of maintenance would need to be considered, e.g. the Parish Council may find itself having to maintain seats and planters.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that requests for bollards and railings be assessed on a case by case basis. It was not felt desirable for the Parish Council to install or maintain seats or planters.</p>
<p>Grit bins</p>	<p>The Working Party felt that the Parish Council's policy of not providing grit bins should continue. There would be so many requests and these may also be in locations where it would be difficult for DCC to fill up anyway. The Parish Council should continue to promote community self-help such as street monitors.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the current policy of not providing grit bins should continue. It was noted that due to wider availability and lower prices the Parish Council no longer needs to offer an 'ice melt' type product at a discount.</p>
<p>Litter/dog bins</p>	<p>It was felt that this is an area that the Parish Council should not consider for itself.</p> <p>The Parish Council can continue however to make representations where it agrees additional bins are needed, or to ask for one to be put back.</p> <p>It was noted that local authorities are moving towards dual bins as replacements (recycling and litter/dog waste sections).</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend as above to Full Council.</p>
<p>Bus shelters</p>	<p>There are now only two which the Parish Council is responsible for (1 at Windgreen and 1 near the Lambs Green). However, grounds staff are not trained to work on the highway, so it would be better to use a DCC agency agreement for maintenance of these.</p> <p>If consideration is given to the provision of additional shelters, cost, maintenance and future replacement would have to be considered. DCC or other highways authority as appropriate would have to approve any proposed installations.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that any requests for additional bus shelters be assessed on a case by case basis with consideration to be given to future maintenance and replacement costs.</p>
<p>Christmas tree/lights</p>	<p>The Working Party did not look at these in detail, as Cllr Harrison and the Carnival Committee are working on this.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>Verge cutting, street cleaning, extra gully cleaning (where DCC no longer do so regularly)</p>	<p>The Parish Council could consider contributing to these types of tasks under an agency agreement.</p> <p>It was agreed to remind Full Council that these works could be authorised under an agency agreement.</p>
<p>'Corfe Mullen in Bloom'</p>	<p>The Working Party felt that this could only be progressed if there was someone prepared to champion it in the community and drawn together a group wanting to run it.</p>

	Cllr Harrison offered to speak to CM Gardening Club to suggest they gauge interest and contact other towns and parishes for information about the level of commitment involved.
Public Rights of Way (footpaths and bridleways)	It was felt that the Parish Council should continue to periodically survey these and submit reports of any problems. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that this practice continues.
Other issues for the future	
Electric car charging points	These will be required in the coming years and the Parish Council should give consideration as to where it might request they are located. Noted – this will be highlighted to Full Council.

Nem Con.

17/410 Cricket Pitch Improvements

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for improving the cricket pitch early next spring which has become extremely compacted.

Nem Con.

17/411 Community Services Tour of Parish

It was agreed to have an annual tour of all sites on Friday 15 June and Friday 22 June both at 11.00a.m. The Clerk will liaise with committee members on the details.

Nem Con.

17/412 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: RENEWAL OF PAVILION LEASE

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved that: by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item.

A confidential report from the working party appointed to look at this issue was considered.

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that:

- 1) The lease be offered to the Corfe Mullen Sports Association (CMSA) for a further period of 35 years;
- 2) Following a request from the CMSA the Council enters negotiations for the early renewal of the lease (renewal date is 1 December 2020);
- 3) The Council ask the CMSA to consider whether it would prefer Option 1 or Option 2 as outlined in the confidential report as a basis for the Heads of Terms relating to maintenance of the facility.

Nem Con.

17/413 Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

The Clerk reported that there is a consultation regarding healthcare services for children and young people in Dorset which has been put together by the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. Details available from the office.

17/414 Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 12 June 2018 at 7.45pm (time subject to change).

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PARISH COUNCIL ITEMS		
201014	M B Wilkes - topsoil x 2	79.11
201015	ESPO - bleach & copying paper	35.27
201016	Sutcliffe Play - Towers Way play area fence repairs & new gate	2610.00
201017	Rigby Taylor - rod assembly for line marking machine	37.18
201018	Longham Garden Machinery - 2 x Stihl 360 strimmers	1236.00
201019	Mr P White - reimburse for tyre disposal	15.00
201020	HMRC - PAYE/NIC Month 3	1988.77
201021	DCPF - Superannuation Month 3	2953.63
autopay	Month 3	8378.64
dd 25.06.18	Chubb - fire extinguisher rental g'staff building	16.92
dd 04.06.18	UK Fuels - fuel	70.59
dd 28.05.18	UK Fuels - fuel	134.47
dd 11.06.18	UK Fuels - fuel	70.03
23.05.18 card	Tesco - tippex	4.00
29.05.18 card	Agrigem - weed killer	111.12
29.05.18 card	Amazon - goal post wedges	19.20
29.05.18 card	Post Office - stamps	58.00
31.05.18 card	Truly PVC - downpipe brackets	9.13
	TOTAL	17827.06

VILLAGE HALL ITEMS		
201022	Booker Construction - extra work to car park area	1824.00
201015	ESPO - bleach and scourers	12.40
201023	ESPO - cleaning items	27.07
25.05.18 card	Lockhart - white teapots	46.08
29.05.18 card	Amazon - teapots & coffee pots	70.48
dd 26.05.18	Gazprom - gas usage April	96.91
	TOTAL	2076.94

ITEM 7 DOG WARDEN REPORT

Month: MAY 2018

Total Hours:24

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
1/5/2018	12.00	14.00	Patrolled Springdale. 12 MOP seen with dogs, of which 5 were seen to pick up.
2/5/2018	13.00	15.00	Patrolled the Rec. 21 MOP seen with dogs, of which 11 were seen to pick up.
3/5/2018	8.30	10.30	Patrolled Springdale, 14 MOP seen with dogs, of which 8 were seen to pick up.
8/5/2018	9.30	11.30	Patrolled the Rec. 24 MOP seen with dogs, of which 14 were seen to pick up.3 DFD observed.
9/5/2018	13.00	14.00	Patrolled Springdale, on open areas on both sides of the car park, less DFD seen

10/5/2018	12.15	13.45	Patrolled the Rec. 13 MOP seen with dogs, of which 7 were seen to pick up.
14/5/2018	11.00	12.00	Patrolled Springdale, 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up.
15/5/2018	11.00	12.00	Patrolled the Rec. 12 MOP seen with dogs, of which 6 were seen to pick up.
18/5/2018	10.00	11.30	Patrolled Springdale, 9 MOP seen with dogs, of which 4 were seen to pick up.
21/5/2018	11.00	12.30	Patrolled the Rec, 15 MOP seen with dogs, of which 9 were seen to pick up and 4 DFD observed.
22/5/2018	15.30	17.00	Patrolled Springdale, 6 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up
23/5/2018	12.30	13.30	Patrolled the Rec. 8 MOP seen with dogs, of which 4 were seen to pick up, 3 DFD observed.
24/5/2018	11.00	12.30	Patrolled Springdale, 8 MOP seen with dogs, of which 4 were seen to pick up.
25/5/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled the Rec. 7 MOP seen with dogs, which 3 were seen to pick up.
29/5/2018	12.00	13.30	Patrolled the Rec. 11 MOP seen with dogs, of which 6 were seen to pick up, 2 DFD observed.
30/5/2018	13.15	14.15	Patrolled Springdale. 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up.
31/5/2018	9.30	10.30	Patrolled towers way outside parish office and the Rec. 14 MOP seen at the Rec with dogs, of which 9 were seen to pick up, no DFD seen at Towers way

ITEM 8 VERBAL UPDATE ON WHEEL PARK PROJECT/OFFICIAL OPENING

The new skate park, or 'wheel park', is due to be completed at the end of June 2018 or very early in July 2018. East Dorset District Council, which is assisting with this project, particularly in relation to monitoring the use of the heath by users and helping to secure the 50% funding from the Heathland Mitigation Fund, has suggested a press release. In addition, an official opening could be arranged, possibly to include a mini skate fest. This could perhaps be in August.

For consideration.

ITEM 9 VERBAL UPDATE ON ANY OTHER PROJECTS

ITEM 10 STREET FURNITURE POLICY

The Council has now agreed the recommendations from this Committee on street furniture and as a result the following policy has been drafted for adoption.

Corfe Mullen Parish Council Policy on Street Furniture 2018															
On Parish Council sites <i>NB for list of sites see overleaf</i>															
Item	Policy Approach														
Memorial seats	<p>Applications from individuals or organisations for the installation of memorial seats will be considered by the Council on a case by case basis.</p> <p>A charge will be payable to cover the cost of the seat, its installation and maintenance for the first ten years. The current charges are:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">New seat in new location</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First ten years</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subsequent ten years</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Refurbishment in original location</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> <tr> <td>First ten years</td> <td style="text-align: right;">800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subsequent ten years</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Charges will be reviewed annually.</p> <p>The Council will also consider requests for the Council to provide memorial seats at its own cost if there is clear wide community support for this.</p>	New seat in new location	£	First ten years	1500.00	Subsequent ten years	500.00			Refurbishment in original location	£	First ten years	800.00	Subsequent ten years	500.00
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Litter, recycling and dog foul deposits	<p>The Parish Council provides litter bins on all its sites.</p> <p>In addition, it provides dog bins on Corfe Mullen Recreation Ground.</p> <p>[NB Dog bins at Springdale Road are provided by East Dorset District Council].</p> <p>The Council also has signs at all sites informing people that they can also take their litter, recycling and dog foul deposits home to put in their own bins.</p> <p>To promote recycling, the Council will, when replacing litter bins, install dual-purpose bins where one part takes litter and dog foul deposits and the other part takes recyclable items.</p>														
Railings, signs, steps, lighting, bollards, disabled parking bays etc.	<p>The Council will consider requests for any such measures to be installed on its sites on a case by case basis.</p> <p>A clear need should be demonstrated as part of any request.</p>														

List of Parish Council sites	
Recreation Ground (whole site)	Off Badbury View Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3HU
Old Cemetery – includes Chapel, War Memorial and War Graves	Off Newtown Lane, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3EY

Allotments	Wimborne Road (opposite number 38), Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3DS
Springdale Public Open Space (Parish Council manages the area from Springdale Road up to Corfe Lodge Road)	Springdale Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3JT
Henbury Play Area	Hillside Road (adjacent to Henbury View First School, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3TR
Towers Way Play Area	Off Towers Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3UA
Towers Way Multi-Use Games Area	Off Towers Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3UA
Village Hall (managed by the Parish Council as sole managing trustee)	Off Towers Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3UA
Parish Council Offices	Off Towers Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3UA

Corfe Mullen Parish Council Policy on Street Furniture 2018	
On the highway or other non-Parish Council sites <i>NB Any installations on the highway or other non-Parish Council sites would be subject to the permission of the relevant highways authority and/or landowner</i>	
Item	Policy Approach
Bollards Railings Seating Planters	Requests for bollards and railings will be assessed on a case by case basis. Requests for the Parish Council to install seats or planters will not be supported.
Grit bins	The Council will not provide grit bins around the parish. Residents are instead encouraged to organise community self-help, for example by way of appointing street monitors to coordinate volunteers to grit their own roads and pavements. Due to its wider availability at reasonable price, the Council no longer offers an 'ice melt' type product at a discount.
Litter/dog bins	The Parish Council will consider whether to support requests made to the relevant highways authority to provide additional litter or dog bins or make representations where it agrees a removed bin should be reinstated.
Bus shelters	The Parish Council is currently responsible for two bus shelters: one at Windgreen and one near the Lambs Green Inn. Requests for additional bus shelters will be assessed on a case by case basis. <i>NB Should any requests be supported, the installation of a bus shelter would be subject to consultation by, and permission from, the highways authority. Not all bus stops are suitable for bus shelters due, for example, to width restrictions or visibility issues.</i>

For decision.

ITEM 11 ADVERSE WEATHER PLAN

Corfe Mullen Parish Council Adverse Weather Plan

Corfe Mullen Parish Council does not have the resources or equipment to clear large areas of snow and ice.

The Parish Clerk will liaise with the Head Groundsman and the Chairman regarding staff attendance or the need to send staff home and close operations. Parish Council sites may be closed for safety reasons.

The Parish Council will strive to keep the cemetery drives and pathways clear of snow and ice to allow booked burials to proceed. It will not be possible to clear snow off the grassed areas.

Burials may have to be cancelled if the site is assessed as unsafe or staff cannot get into work.

The Parish Council sites are:

- Old and New Cemetery, Newtown Lane
- The whole of the Corfe Mullen Recreation Ground, Badbury View Road
- Springdale Road Public Open Space (car park and path up to Corfe Lodge Road)
- Corfe Mullen Village Hall, off Towers Way
- Corfe Mullen Parish Council office, off Towers Way
- Corfe Mullen Allotments, Wimborne Road
- Henbury Play Area, adjacent to Henbury View First School, Hillside Road
- Towers Way Play Area, off Towers Way
- Towers Way Multi-Sports goal facility, off Towers Way

It may be necessary to cancel any village hall bookings, sports other events at the recreation ground and guides/scouts meetings.

Please note that in some instances it may not be possible to close sites. This could be because staff cannot get into work or the sites are unsafe to access. The public are asked to please be vigilant, take care and use common sense in snowy or icy weather. Please heed Met Office weather warnings and stay at home if the warnings are Amber or Red and only go out if necessary if the warning is Yellow.

Roads and Footpaths

The Parish Council is not responsible for clearing roads and footpaths. This is the responsibility of Dorset County Council in most instances. For details of which roads are gritted see <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/406309>

Grit Bins

Dorset County Council does not provide grit bins in Corfe Mullen and the Parish Council is unable to meet the high number of requests for these. Instead, the Parish Council promotes community self-help by asking people in each street to get together to clear their own footpaths or roads.

Clearing snow and ice from pavements yourself

There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. It's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. Follow the snow code (see overleaf) when clearing snow and ice safely.

The Snow Code

Tips on clearing snow and ice from pavements or public spaces

Prevent slips

Pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas.

If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful - don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured.

Remember, people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.

Clear the snow or ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So, if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

Use salt or sand - not water

If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.

Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt but will provide good grip under foot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it, so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Offer to clear your neighbours' paths

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact your local council.

Corfe Mullen Parish Council

May 2018

For decision.

ITEM 12 HENBURY PLAY REFURBISHMENTS

The Council had budgeted £5500 for a 'mini-refurbishment' of this play area, however, the Clerk is recommending a more comprehensive refurbishment having undertaken a thorough site visit with the Head Groundsman as follows:

Lower level

1. Install steps/rail and fence to the right as you go in - this route is constantly used informally and has no path and therefore gets very muddy.
2. Put a access gate or opening at the top of the above new steps.
3. Crown lift trees and remove old tree stumps for safety.
4. Replace timber upstands - desirable but not essential.
5. Re-site bench to next to yellow gate so it faces into the play area, make good wetpour.
6. Investigate alternative options for the matta/grass (grass does not last). NB Terracing not an option as non-compliant with fall distances.
7. Replace slide steps or install non-slip treads - very slippery.
8. Replace roundabout.
9. Replace litter bin.
10. Replace worn maze/play panels on slide unit.
11. Fence at midway - replace with coloured metal railings.
12. Make good edging by top gate where wetpour meets the tarmac.
13. Replace/update signage.
14. Replace entrance gate

Upper level

1. Replace equipment - disappointing play value.
2. Crown lift trees.
3. Replace gate
4. Tidy up of borders and re-seed or spread bark chippings.

In addition, the School needs to be asked to replace 5-6 rotten fence posts.

Recommendation: it is recommended that the Clerk starts the process and contacts three play companies to quote for the above works. The Committee in the meantime can view the play area on its forthcoming tour of sites.

For decision.