

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2020 at 9a.m. In the Dorset Council Car Park, West Bexington

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), J. Marsh (Vice Chairman), T. Taylor, E. Sinclair  
B. Pye, Martin Buckland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Bowsher (Parish Clerk).  
Eight members of the public attended.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All councillors attended.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **3. The Councillors considered the existing rules for the car park in West Bexington, and how changes can be sought due to the volume of camper vans now using the carpark.**

There was much concern about the number of camper vans over the summer, the duration of their stays and the number of large tents pitched for long durations on the beach.

Residents expressed concerns about anti-social behaviour (noise, litter, sanitation issues, vandalism) and the apparent inability to stop this. There were also concerns that cars were parked across the emergency access route to the beach from the car park, which would prevent services from gaining access.

The discussion focussed around the suggestion of improving the ticket machine to require vehicle registration and increased parking charges to provide a punitive rate as a deterrent.

### **4. The Councillors discussed the use of parking restrictions along Beach Road, the enforcement of this. The residents present expressed strong support for a clearway to run along Beach Road and Swyre Road. There was support for the parish council to conduct a survey with the residents of West Bexington. If sufficient support is forthcoming, this can be submitted to Dorset Council.**

### **5. To note that the Council's next meeting will take place on 1st Sept 2020 commencing at 7.30pm. If the meeting is held remotely, a link will be available on the Agenda posted to parish council noticeboards and the Puncknowle.net website.**

The meeting ended at 9.45am.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....