



Place and Resources Overview Committee

Date: Monday, 21 September 2020
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: A link to the meeting can be found on the front page of the agenda.

Membership: (Quorum 3)

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To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public.

Public speaking has been suspended for virtual committee meetings during the Covid-19 crisis and public participation will be dealt with through written submissions only.

Members of the public who live, work or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area, may submit up to two questions or a statement of up to a maximum of 450 words. All submissions must be sent electronically to lindsey.watson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by the deadline set out below. When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for and include your name, address and contact details. Questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

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The deadline for submission of the full text of a question or statement is 8.30am on Wednesday 16 September 2020.

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Agenda item 5 – Public Participation

Statement from Lyme Regis Town Council

Lyme Regis Town Council is resolved:

“ that the town council takes all opportunities available to express its wish to see a dog ban on the Front Beach all-year-round “

The town council is extremely proud of the front beaches in Lyme Regis, particularly the smaller sandy front beach and believe they should be enjoyed by members of the public without dogs present all year round. Dogs can be walked along the parade on a lead or on other beaches either side of the town where there is no restriction, which are within easy walking distance of the front beaches.

Events where dogs have attacked children on the beach and defecated/urinated on the beach and belongings have informed the town council's view.

The shoulder months of April (Easter Term) and October (half term) need particular consideration when setting any dates. On a sunny day in those months the beaches in Lyme Regis fill up with children building sandcastles which are often then urinated on by dogs.

As the Pearl of Dorset we want to live up to that title and trust you will take our view into account when formulating the future PSPO to keep our Front beaches clean and safe.

Statement from Lorna Jenkin

I only have experience of conditions pertaining to dogs on the beaches of Lyme Regis, not the rest of West Dorset.

I am content with your proposal as far as the Front Beach and Harbour are concerned.

However I would hope that you will continue to allow dogs off leads on beaches to the east (Church Beach and to the boundary with Charmouth) and also continue to allow dogs off leads on Monmouth Beach all year round. I walk these areas frequently and there does not appear to be any conflict by allowing people to exercise themselves and their dogs in these areas.

However it is important to have the area of Front Beach, Sandy Beach and the harbour where families with young children (and adults fearful of dogs) may play and exercise without risk of stepping in dog faeces or meeting a dog not on a lead. I have an adult grandson with special needs who is terrified of energetic dogs and small children can be overwhelmed with meeting a dog which towers over them or appears unfriendly or undisciplined.

You will need to have more helpful signage alerting dog owners to the existence of dog-friendly beaches.

Thank you for your deliberations.

Statement from Charmouth Parish Council

The proposed recommendations will significantly change the current regulations, contrary to the initial question approved for inclusion in the proposal.

West Beach currently has complete dog exclusion from 1st May to 30th September.

East Beach currently has partial dog exclusion between 10am and 6pm from 1st July to 31st August.

The survey findings were without clear preference for change.

These are the facts and a definitive statement will be issued after the full Council meeting on Tuesday 22nd September.

Many thanks for your consideration.