

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DC Councillor), Cllr. Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs F Groves and Cllr Mr V White.

**Also in attendance:** Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

## 46/23 Public Participation Time

No issues were raised.

## 47/23 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Miller.

## 48/23 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

Councillor Ireland declared a personal interest in agenda item 3 as a neighbour of the applicant and did not comment on the application – P/HOU/2023/02288.

## 49/23 Planning Matters

The following planning application/s were considered: -

**Application No: P/HOU/2023/02288** – Old Stables, Chapel Lane, Osmington, DT3 6ET – Demolish existing flat roof single storey extension and replace with larger flat roof single extension.

It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

## 50/23 Finance

The Clerk introduced the Annual Audit Return for 2022/23 for approval. The Parish Council considered the report of the Internal Auditor, including the recommendations made.

It was **resolved** that;

- (i) The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be approved;
- (ii) The Accounting Statement (Section 2) be approved;
- (iii) The report of the Internal Auditor be received and noted; and
- (iv) The dates for the Exercise of Public Rights be noted as 29<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Members congratulated the Clerk for achieving substantial assurance for the audit.

## 51/23 Council Matters

- Cutting had commenced on the footpath from the east of Osmington Mills towards Ringstead.
- Both footpaths at the Mills Road and the top of Chapel Lane had been cut.
- The condition of the Roman Road had been reported as unsafe for horses and their riders and the report would be investigated.

- It was noted again that the steps down to the beach from the Smugglers Inn were unsafe and members would aim to secure funding and support to rectify this.
- The Chairman informed members that the current 20mph policy would be revised and the proposal for this could be revisited in early 2024.
- The Clerk informed members that Cllr. White had recently passed his ROSPA accredited play safety course and exam. Members congratulated Cllr. White for his achievement.

The meeting ended at 7.15pm.

Chairman

Date