OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 3rd March 2014

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr MI Reed (Chairman)
Cllr Mr NJ Ireland
Cllr Mrs SR Miller
Cllr Mrs G Pearson
Cllr Mrs DG Symes

1. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

69/14 Apologies. Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs D Squibb (ill health) and WDDC Cllr Mr P Stein.

70/14 Public Attendance. Four members of the public, including WDDC Cllr Mrs T Seall, attended.

71/14 Reports. Cllr Mrs Seall gave a report on WDDC items of interest including the Local Development Plan, measures of response to severe weather, Ringstead beach storm damage, the selection of a new Chief Executive, the opening of the new Dorchester Library, WDDC budget and council tax for 2014/15, progress in the Charles Street project and the Superfast Dorset broadband project.

72/14 Declarations of Interest. Nil.

73/14 Grants of Dispensation. There were no requests for Grant of Dispensation.

Planning decisions and related issues

74/14 Application No: 1/D/13/001743 – Rebuild chimneys, replace rotted windows to match and install secondary glazing at East Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX - approved.

75/14 Application No: WD/D/14/000417 – request for confirmation of compliance with condition 4 of planning approval 1/D/13/001743 at East Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX – currently partly complied. The method of fixing the secondary glazing to the existing window reveals, as shown on submitted plan drawing 13/168/04, is acceptable and subsequently approved. The condition will be fully complied with when the works are carried in accordance with the approved details.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD

76/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 6th January and Thursday 6th February 2014 were accepted as a true records and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS

77/14 White Horse Viewing Point. Cllr Ireland stated that he would be attending a meeting at County Hall to discuss the provision of signs indicating the existence of and access to the White Horse viewing point.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

78/14 Mills Road Junction Sign. It was decided that further pursuit of the legitimacy of the extra sign was unlikely to bear fruit. NFA.

79/14 Teenagers' Pagoda. It was decided that Weymouth & Portland Borough Council (W&PBC) should be instructed to gloss paint the inner panels of the pagoda. Thanks were offered to Mr Vic White for his valiant efforts to rid the pagoda of its unauthorised paintwork. Clerk to liaise with W&PBC.

ACTION: CLERK

80/14 Planning Applications. The Parish Council's responses to all outstanding Planning Applications had been forwarded to WDDC.

4. PARISH AMENITIES

81/14 Playing Field Report. A playfield site meeting with W&PBC Parks Supervisor to consider future maintenance of surrounding hedges and grass cutting would now be arranged when weather driven priorities subsided. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

82/14 Playing Field Basketball Net Project. Cllr Ireland stated that there was still nothing to report while funding sources continued to be sought. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

83/14 Community Plan. No new items had been reported. Ongoing.

84/14 Playing Field End Trees. The means of reclaiming the rough ground at the lower end of the playfield was still under consideration. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR MILLER

85/14 Broadband Progress. Cllr Ireland was continuing to monitor. He would also seek an explanation for the lack of commencement, locally, of the road works associated with the provision of broadband. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

5. PLANNING MATTERS

86/14 Application Ref: CA/14/00071 – Fell 1 No. Sycamore, 2 No. Ash, 1 No. Spruce plus surgery to 1 No. Cypress, 1 No. Willow, 1 No. Ash and 1 No. Sycamore at Bridles, Chapel Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ET.

The Council raised no objection to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

6. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

87/14 Speed Watch Notices. The research into Speed Watch warning notices is ongoing, When the design and dimensions have been approved, Clerk to liaise with the planners for consent.

ACTION: CLERK

88/14 A353 Traffic Calming Measures. Cllr Ireland had forwarded the appropriate documentation to propose the measures needed for traffic calming on the A353 locally but had not yet received a reply.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

89/14 Osmington Village Access Features. A quote for the costs would be sought once the design had been chosen. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLRS REED and IRELAND

90/14 Highways Maintenance. The poor condition of the road surface in lower Church Lane, the potholes in West Farm Lane and the blocked gully outside The Old School had been reported to County Highways by the Clerk. No other highways issues had been reported other than an increasing number of potholes.

91/14 ROWs. The collapsed path on Mr Tom Pomeroy's land at the Mills had yet to be remedied. Ongoing. No other ROW issues were reported. Work is planned for the bulging wall in Stone Lane but is subject to suitable weather.

ACTION: CLLR PEARSON

92/14 Shortlake Lane Maintenance. In view of the inability to identify the ownwership of the stretch of Shortlake Lane leading from the main road to Glebe Close it was decided to take no further action.

93/14 Countryside Ranger. The Chairman stated that he would invite Mr Adam Butcher to the Annual Parish Meeting.

ACTION: CLLR REED

7. LEGAL AND LAW AND ORDER

94/14 Signs and Hoardings. Measures to discourage/prevent the erection of permanent signs/hoardings within the Conservation Area/AONB/Heritage Coast had yet to be identified. Most likely, each incident of erecting signs would continue to be judged on individual merit in accordance with the government's planning portal doctrine. Cllr Reed stated that he would continue to pursue this issue. Ongoing.

ACTION CLLR REED

95/14 Unauthorised Encampments. It was resolved that a gate would be purchased and erected to the east of the playground's southern pedestrian gate. Cllr Miller was authorised to place an order with a 'limit of liability' of £500, invoiced to the Council.

ACTION: CLLR MILLER

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

96/14 Co-option. The recruitment by co-option of successors to the two former members who had recently resigned was deferred until WDDC had forwarded clearance to do so.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS

97/14 NALC/SLCC. No new issues.

10. COUNCIL AFFAIRS

98/14 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings. The DAPTC meeting on Tuesday 14th January had been rained off. The agenda had included local broadband and Dorset Waste Partnership issues. No other forthcoming events had been identified.

99/14 Parish Standing Orders. The work on editing the NALC revised model orders remains ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

100/14 Parish Financial Regulations. The NALC revised model regulations were now available. The Clerk would work on editing this in due course. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

101/14 Parish Clerk's Pension. The Clerk is in the process of setting up entry into the Local Government Pension Scheme with DCC.

ACTION: CLERK

102/14 Forecast of Outturn (FOO). The FOO for the remainder of FY13/14 was accepted as presented. The current forecast for FY14/15, which remained represented by the budget, was deferred to the new fiscal year.

103/14 Budget Plan FY14/15. The Clerk had revised the figures for the proposed budget plan for FY2014/2015, as instructed. Clerk had forwarded the precept to WDDC.

104/14 Cheques endorsed.

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105/14 Cheques signed.

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106/14 Topical Information. The Chairman announced that he would be unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting planned for 17th May but would be available on 10th (preferably) or 31st May.

Chairman Date