

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 24th June 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and Dorset Councillor), Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr P Botham, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs F Groves, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk). Two members of the public were also in attendance.

43/19 Public Participation Time

No matters were raised.

44/19 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hilary Ballard.

45/19 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

Councillor V White declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, Ash tree on Shortlake Lane. There were no other declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

46/19 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

47/19 Matters arising from the minutes

Item 40.6 – Cllr Ireland informed members that a response regarding the White Horse viewpoint was awaited from the landowner. The size and proposed location for brown signs had been discussed at a meeting with Dorset Council Highways.

Item 41.2 – The Clerk confirmed that ownership of the car park at Glebe Close was held by Magna Housing Association.

48/19 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 48.1 **WD/D/18/003015** – Alderbourne, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HA – Erection of single storey rear extension – **Approved.**

The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 48.2 **Application No: WD/D/18/001349** – Tolcarne, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HE – Alterations to existing dwelling and garage/annexe to include the replacement of external cladding and windows, roof alterations and addition of gable roof, canopy over entrance to east elevation and extended balcony to south elevation.

It was **resolved** that the application be supported.

Action by: The Clerk

49/19 Parish Amenities

- 49.1 The Playing Field Officer reported that the grass cutting remained an issue. The length of the grass, especially in the play area was too long and this had been discussed previously with the contractor. It was suggested that a site visit take place to discuss the requirements and expectations of the parish council.

The gazebo floor had yet to be repaired and it was agreed that a temporary solution be sought until a contractor could be engaged to undertake the works.

Action by: Cllr White and The Clerk

- 49.2 Cllr White provided an update on the preparation of the base for the bus shelter. The bench had been removed and the base would be ready for the installation of the new bus shelter by the end of July. Members considered reinstalling the bench near to the play area.

It was **resolved** that the bench removed from the bus stop be reinstalled close to the play area.

Action by: Cllr V White

- 49.3 Members discussed the proposal to carry out maintenance work to the Ash tree on the corner of Shortlake Lane, near to the village hall. Cllr V White informed members that the Tree Officer had confirmed that the tree was of a healthy nature and maintenance work was not required at this point in time.

It was **resolved** that no further cation be taken and the health of the tree be monitored in the future.

50/19 Highways and Rights of Way

- 50.1 Cllr Ireland provided a brief update on the bridleway path at the top of the hill from Church Lane. The loose stone needed to be rolled or compacted and this had been reported.
- 50.2 Cllr Miller reported that work had been completed to the path at Osmington Mills and this included the path behind the Smugglers Inn all the way down to Ringstead. New steps had been put in and also a new bridge. The drainage for the path appeared to be good.

51/19 Finance

- 51.1 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.
- 51.2 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments: -

Countrywide Grounds Ltd – grass cutting (May)	£81.50
Countrywide Grounds Ltd – grass cutting (June)	£81.50
Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 05/19)	£364.80
HMRC (PAYE 05/19)	£74.80
Osmington Village Hall (June)	£16.00
Paula Harding – Internal Audit	£30.00
Victor White – APM expenses	£29.60
The Cumbria Clock Company	£198.00

51.3 The Clerk introduced the Annual Audit Return for 2018/19 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; and
- (iii) The report of the Internal Auditor be received and noted.

52/19 Council Matters

52.1 Members discussed the Section 137 Policy that had been circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed that further clarity on the actual legislation and nature of grants and funding be sought and the Policy revisited at the next meeting.

Action by: The Clerk

52.2 Members agreed that it would be useful to invite the local Police and Community Support Officer (PCSO) to future meetings.

Action by: The Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.05.pm.

Chairman

Date