

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DC 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) and 16 members of the public.

## 17/23 Public Participation Time

- 17.1 The Sly Fox update – the agent and the applicant attended the meeting to provide an update to residents regarding the proposed development at The Sly Fox. It was noted that an initial planning application would be submitted soon to convert the stables and cottage into standalone dwellings and to rationalise the pub.

It was confirmed that in future plans there would be holiday accommodation, the pub would be retained with letting rooms upstairs and the plan for a shop would no longer be part of the application.

Questions regarding the car park, digging, Highways and tree removal were raised by several residents and were responded to by both the agent and the applicant.

- 17.2 A resident raised concerns regarding agenda item 6 – P/FUL/2022/07980 (Westdown Farm). The footprint of the proposed cabins was not the same, vegetation had been removed which presented ecology issues and the aims of the AONB were not met by this application.

A concern was raised regarding the stability of the site and the impeded drainage already present. There would be a detrimental impact on local amenities caused by noise, light and overlooking.

- 17.3 The applicant for planning application P/FUL/2023/00461 attended the meeting to provide a background to the application and answer any questions. Photographs of the existing site were circulated and it was confirmed that the garage would not be seen from the road and would be sited on an existing concrete base.

It was noted that an ecology survey has discovered bat droppings in the loft and an access tile would be installed to allow continued access for the bats.

## 18/23 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

## 19/23 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

Councillor V White declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.2 as a member of the Village Hall Trustees and left the meeting during its consideration.

## 20/23 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 21/23 Matters arising from the minutes

9<sup>th</sup> January – 7.3 – the bus shelter at Plough Close had now been cleaned.

8.1 – the installation of a new SID post near to Craig's Farm Dairy had been agreed. The purchase of a new, updated SID would be considered at the next meeting.

## 22/23 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

[P/HOU/2022/06499](#) – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Retain Bi fold doors in existing opening. Retain balcony and spiral staircase to South elevation – **Granted**.

The following planning application/s were considered: -

[P/FUL/2022/07980](#) - Land and buildings at Westdown Farm, Upton, Ringstead - Demolish existing cabins and toilet block. Erect 4 No. holiday cabins and store building.

It was **resolved** to **object** to this application for the following reasons;

1. It would have a significant impact on local amenities including noise from visitors.
2. The size of the proposed cabins is far larger than the existing footprint.
3. Light pollution would be significant due to the large windows and this would create an intrusion on the dark skies and would be seen from the coast path and the road.
4. Neighbours would be subject to a loss of privacy and overlooking from the position and size of the proposed cabins.
5. The application goes against the aims of the AONB.
6. Concern was raised regarding the suitability and stability of the current site and ecology issues due to the removal of shrubbery and vegetation.
7. If the officer is minded to approve this application, the Parish Council requests that the application is delegated to the Planning Committee.

[P/FUL/2023/00461](#) – 1 Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Erect extension to existing bungalow. Demolish disused stable and adjoining tool shed/workshop, erect garage with holiday accommodation above.

It was **resolved** to **support** this application.

## 23/23 Parish Amenities

23.1 Members considered the quotes received for the grass and hedge contract for 2023/24.

It was **resolved** that Dorset Council be awarded the contract for 2023/24.

23.2 Members discussed a request from the Village Hall Trustees to cover the legal costs for an amended lease for the proposed extension to the rear of the village hall.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would cover the legal costs of the amended lease.

23.3 The report of the Playing Field Officer was noted.

23.4 Dates for the Annual Spring Clean were considered and it was **resolved** that this be arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

23.5 There was no update regarding the telephone box.

#### **24/23 Highways and Rights of Way**

No issues or concerns were raised.

#### **25/23 Finance**

25.1 The Clerk informed members of the requirement to allocated CIL grants to specific projects. It was **resolved** that the grants be used for the following;

1. The new litter bin at Plough Close
2. The proposed improvements/upgrades to the play area.

25.2 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.

25.3 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments: -

WWCS Grass cutting – January and February	£408.24
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – January and February	£854.91
HMRC Tax – January and February	£119.80
Osmington Village Hall Hire – January 31 <sup>st</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> March	£36.00
Dorset Council – Litter bin at Plough Close	£301.00
SSE – works to the telephone box	£723.13

25.4 Members considered a number of documents prepared by The Clerk in readiness for the annual audit of the financial year 2022/23.

It was **resolved** that;

- (a) The Council's Risk Assessment be approved for consideration by the Internal Auditor;
- (b) The Council's Asset Register be approved for consideration by the Internal Auditor;
- (c) The Internal Controls be noted; and
- (d) Paula Harding of Barker Fox be appointed as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022/23.

#### **26/23 Council Matters**

26.1 Members noted the dates of future meetings and confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 6pm followed by the Annual General Meeting at 7pm. Meetings would revert back to The Constable Room from July onwards.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

Chairman

Date