

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held by Zoom on Wednesday 5th
May 2021 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 S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk).

31/21 Election of Chairman

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that Mr Nick Ireland be elected Chairman for the year 2021/22.

32/21 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that Mr Vic White be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2021/22.

33/21 Appointment of Other Officers to the Council

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that other officers of the council be appointed for the year 2021/22 as set out below;

Rights of Way Officer – Cllr Miller
Playing Field Officer – Cllr White
Community Plan Executive Officer – Cllr Ireland
Coastal Change Pathfinder Group Representative – Cllr Groves
DAPTC Area Representatives – Cllrs Dempsey and Botham
Speed Watch Co-ordinator – Cllr Ballard

Public Participation Time

34/21 No issues or concerns were raised by members of the public.

Apologies

35/21 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Frances Groves.

Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

36/21 No declarations of interest or grants of dispensation were received.

Minutes

37/21 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 1st March 2021 and 22nd March 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

38/21 Matters arising from the minutes

(210322) Item 30.2 – No further information had been provided regarding the Summer Demand Group and traffic concerns at Upton, Ringstead and Osmington Mills. A follow up email would be sent by the Clerk.

39/21 Planning Matters

The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 39.1 **Application No:** [P/FUL/2021/00231](#) – Poxwell Lower Dairy Access to Lower Dairy Farm, Poxwell, Dorset, DT2 8ND – Erection of an extension to cattle shed to add two bays to each end of the building.

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

- 39.2 **Application No:** [WD/D/21/000103](#) – 1 West Farm, Church Lane, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6EL – Erect two single storey extensions following demolition of rear lean-to.

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

- 39.3 **Application No:** [P/LBC/2021/01020](#) – Pitt Cottage, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NF – Internal and External alterations to facilitate the conversion of a derelict former World War II radar bunker into 1. No dwelling.

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

- 39.4 **Application No:** [P/FUL/2021/00531](#) – Smugglers Inn, Mills Road, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6HF – Creation of 4 bedrooms, replacement of doors and windows, blocking up of one window, erection of balustrade, replacement of defective walkway and installation of a replacement flue.

It was **resolved** to support this application although the current limitation for parking was raised.

- 39.5 **Application No:** [WD/D/21/000014](#) – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6EZ – Extension and replacement of roof.

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

If the current application were to be approved, then the combined result of this proposed development, together with the previously approved applications **WD/D/17/001935 21/07/2017** Change of use of Garage to Holiday let; **WD/D/18/002361 12/10/2018** Erection of double garage and car port with annexe above, **WD/D/19/000651 22/02/2019** Erection of additional holiday accommodation (timber cabin), that have all been constructed/converted since the 2016 refused application **WD/D/16/000400 05/04/2016** Erect Link Extension, Studio and Garage, would be far greater in terms of size and resultant impact on the surrounding AONB than that of the refused 2016 application.

As such, it is contended that the reasons given by the WDC Planning Department for the refusal to approve **WD/D/16/000400** is of far greater relevance to this current application “Having regard to the resulting scale & mass of the extensions and carport proposed to this property, it is considered that its spacious setting will be lost and its resulting scale will make it a dominant, sprawling and uncharacteristically large residential dwelling on a visually prominent hilltop within the open and predominantly rural context of this part of the AONB. As such, it is considered that this proposal will have a significant detrimental impact on visual amenity and the wider beauty of the AONB and is therefore contrary to policies ENV1, ENV10, ENV12 and HOUS6 of the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (Adopted 2015).”

- 39.6 **Application No: P/HOU/2021/00672** – Foxhollow, Church Lane, Osmington, DT3 6EW - Attic conversion with two dormer windows, one Juliet balcony dormer and three roof lights.

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

40/21 Parish Amenities

- 40.1 Councillor Miller provided a brief update regarding the play area and parish field. It was noted that the swing needed to be lowered and agreed that the Clerk ask Weymouth Town Council to look at options for this.
- 40.2 Members were informed that the wildflower seeds had now been planted.

41/21 Highway and Rights of Way Matters

- 41.1 A wobbly stile on the South West Coast Path west of Osmington Mills had been reported and replaced with a gate.
- 41.2 It was confirmed that resurfacing works between White Horse Farm and the Osmington Mills turning would take place in July.
- 41.3 The 30mph sign near to Plough Close had been uprooted and would need to be refixed.
- 41.4 The warning triangle near to The Briary had been replaced.
- 41.5 Councillor Miller informed members that there had been a recent cliff fall on the path from The Smugglers Inn to Ringstead. As this was in close proximity to the footpath, this would need to be monitored carefully.

42/21 Finance

- 42.1 The Clerk, as RFO, presented the final accounts for the financial year 2020/21 for approval by the Parish Council in advance of the annual audit process.

It was **resolved** that the final accounts be approved.

42.2 The Clerk explained the process for the audit regime and the requirement to complete a Certificate of Exemption.

It was **resolved** that the Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chairman and submitted to the External Auditor.

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

42.4 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments

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| Osmington Village Hall – Waste Recharge contribution | £91.00 |
| WWCS Grass Cutting – March/April 2021 | £324.00 |
| Leigh Johnson (salary/expenses) March/April 2021 | £897.10 |
| Weymouth Town Council – Play Area Inspection 2020/21 | £682.16 |

43/21 Council Matters

43.1 The Parish Council had been approached by the Village Hall regarding the current lease and land at the rear of the hall. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

43.2 The Chairman would make enquiries regarding the purchase of the memorial plaque at the bus shelter.

43.3 Councillor White informed members that the pergola wood needed to be treated as soon as possible.

43.4 It was noted that white lines would be painted outside Mariners, Chapel Lane to discourage parking outside the property.

43.5 It was also noted that white lines would be painted adjacent to the ramp outside Lychgate Cottage. It may be necessary to install a wooden bollard at this location if white lines did not rectify the issues here.

43.6 The Clerk informed members that an additional meeting would be scheduled for mid to late June to approve the Annual Audit and Internal Audit report. This would be necessary to meet the timeline for reporting as set out by the External Auditor.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

Chairman

Date