

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Special; Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 25th March 2019 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DCC Councillor), Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr P Botham, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mrs G Pearson and Cllr Mr V White.

**Also in attendance:** WDDC Cllr Mr A Thacker and Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk).

## 23/19 Public Participation Time

23.1 District Councillor Thacker provided a brief update regarding the creation of the new Dorset Council from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. He thanked members for their friendliness and support during his time as the West Dorset District Council ward member.

## 24/19 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor Nigel Bundy.

## 25/19 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

## 26/19 Planning Matters

27/19 The following planning application/s were considered: -

27.1 **Application No: WD/D/19/000377** – Upton Cottages, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NE – Erection of 3 new dwellings for use as holiday accommodation.

It was **resolved** that the parish council neither objected to or supported the application.

**Action by: The Clerk**

## 28/19 Parish Amenities

28.1 Members discussed the Keep Britain Tidy initiative and agreed that a village spring clean would take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The initiative would be advertised on the website and volunteers would be asked to rendezvous at the village hall from 10am.

28.2 A resident had raised a concern regarding the condition and size of the tree situated at the entrance to the village hall. It was agreed that a tree officer be requested to inspect the tree and an update be provided at a future meeting.

28.3 An update was provided by the Clerk regarding the proposed removal of the leylandii hedge on the playing field. After some research and investigation, it was unclear as to whether or not the hedge was situated on a particular boundary. In order to clarify this, it would be necessary to undertake a detailed search, which may or may not provide any further clarity. With this in mind it was agreed that options for the removal and/or the replacement of the hedge be discussed at the next meeting.

## 29/19 Finance

29.1 Information regarding the use of Section 137 funding was provided by the Clerk. Members discussed the policy and processes used at other parish councils and agreed that the funding should be publicised and bids encouraged.

It was **resolved** that a policy, application form and process guidance be drafted for consideration at the next meeting.

**Action by: The Clerk**

29.2 Members noted that both the batteries for the Speed Indicator Device needed replacement.

It was **resolved** that two batteries be purchased.

**Action by: The Chairman**

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

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council – Playground Inspection	£648.02
Osmington Village Hall (March hire x2)	£32.00

### **30/19 Council Matters**

30.1 Members discussed the annual play area inspection report.

It was **resolved** that the playing field officer contact the relevant parties to address the issues raised in the report.

**Action by: Cllr White**

The meeting ended at 7.45.pm.

Chairman

Date