

OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Village Hall on
Monday 7th July 2014**

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr NJ Ireland (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs CA Dempsey
Cllr Mrs SR Miller
Cllr Mrs G Pearson
Cllr Mrs DG Symes
Cllr Mr VG White

1. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

167/14 Apologies. DCC Cllr Mr A Canning and WDDC Cllr Mrs T Seall had tendered their apologies.

168/14 Public Attendance. One member of the public was in attendance.

169/14 Reports. WDDC Cllr Mr P Stein gave a briefing on WDDC matters of interest including the forthcoming Local Draft Plan changes meeting (including housing numbers) Public Consultation, health issues, the Charles Street development project, the solar farm open day at Crossways, Dorset road traffic accident numbers reduction over the past five years, the appointment of a new CEO and savings made in the budget..

170/14 Declarations of Interest. Nil.

171/14 Grants of Dispensation. There were no requests for Grant of Dispensation.

Planning decisions and related issues

172/14 Application No: WD/D/14/000954 – Refurbishment of existing house, upgrading insulation, windows and weather proofing. Replacement of asphalt flat roof to roof terrace with new single ply grey roof covering membrane over new tapered insulation. Replacement of GF windows & doors with new double glazed composite units. Over cladding of white painted (& part rendered on GF) external brick walls with Proprietary Marley weatherboard cladding boards over external insulation. Re-roofing of existing verandah reusing existing slates and patent glazing panels. Installation of heatpump for heating, all at Whitehaven, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HQ - approved.

173/14 Application Ref. No: WD/TP/14/00161 – T1 Holly reduce height by 40% and remove 3No stems, T2 Ash fell, T3 Hawthorn reduce height by 30%, T4 English Elm prune, T5 4No Holly - 2No fell and 2No prune by 40%, all at Bay Tree Lodge, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EH – approved.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD

174/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS

175/14 Teenagers' Pagoda. The Clerk had arranged a meeting with W&PBC to complete restoration work.

ACTION: CLERK

176/14 Planning Applications. The Parish Council's responses to all outstanding Planning Applications had been forwarded to WDDC.

4. PARISH AMENITIES

177/14 Playing Field Report. A playfield site meeting with W&PBC Parks Supervisor to consider future maintenance of surrounding trees and hedges had been arranged. It was considered that the stinging nettles at the bottom of the field should be treated with weed killer. Cllr Miller volunteered to investigate..

ACTION: CLLR MILLER

178/14 Broadband Progress. Cllr Ireland reported that Broadband Phase II was due to reach Osmington by late 2014. The final link would need to be arranged through individual users' ISPs. Guidance, generally, was available on Dorsetforyou. Cllr Ireland was continuing to monitor. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

179/14 Bench Donation. It was decided to accept the kind offer by a Weymouth College student of the donation of a stone bench crafted by himself. It was considered that suitable locations for this bench would be either at the school bus stop, opposite Shortlake Lane, or at the Lych Gate to replace the existing, original but derelict bench there now. The choice would be settled at a future meeting by which time the means of fixing the bench securely had been investigated. Cllr Ireland stated that he would pass the Council's response to Weymouth College.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

180/14 Community Plan. No additional issues were raised. Ongoing.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

181/14 Application No: WD/D/14/001414 – Expansion of the dairy farm to include the construction of more cow accommodation, a new milking parlour and associated fixed plant at Poxwell Lower Dairy, Access to Lower Dairy Farm, Poxwell, Dorchester DT2 8ND.

The Council raised no objection to this application, subject to the following:

1. a proviso that the increasingly dominating visual impact on neighbouring properties be mitigated by planting a line of trees between the dairy and those properties, and
2. the installation of bright intrusive lighting be regulated to a downward glow only, to minimise the negative impact of the consequent light pollution suffered by the neighbouring properties, and
3. plans for management and disposal of waste be sufficiently robust to protect the local environment.

Clerk to forward Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

182/14 Application No: WD/CA/14/00199 – 1No Copper Beech – crown reduction by 15% at Buttress Cottage, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EJ.

The Council raised no objection to this application.

Clerk to forward Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

183/14 Application No: WD/D/14/001636 – Single storey rear extension at 8 Glebe Close, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EY.

The Council raised no objection to this application.

Clerk to forward Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

6. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

184/14 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 in due course. It was resolved that the signs should be attached to the speed restriction signs' posts at either end of the village although responsibility for this would have to be accepted by the Speed Watch team. It was resolved that the Council would meet the £68 purchase fee for the two signs.

ACTION: CLERK (Planning and costs issues only)

185/14 Speed Camera. The original speed camera, which had been paid for by the Council, had proved to be faulty and had had to be replaced. It was resolved that the Council would bear the additional cost of £32.96.

ACTION: CLERK

186/14 A353 Traffic Calming Measures. Cllr Ireland had not yet received a reply to the documentation forwarded previously. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLRs IRELAND & PEARSON

187/14 Osmington Village Access Features. No quote for costs had yet been received. Highways consent had not yet been received. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLRs IRELAND & SYMES

188/14 Community Planning Grant. The Clerk had reported the Parish Council's commitment to at least ten years upkeep of the Village Access features to the WDDC Community Planning Officer.

189/14 ROWs. It was reported that DCC had plans for remedial action for the subsided Mills footpath in hand. No new reports had been received.

190/14 Highway Maintenance. The Clerk had reported to Highways that vegetation was overgrowing part of the Mills Road between Thyme Cottage and the Ranch House entrance. The landowner(s) have been requested to carry out the necessary work. The status of this issue can be viewed on Dorsetforyou report number 1017119. No action had been taken to date although Cllr Miller had been pursuing the matter. Clerk to seek briefing on Highways' options for getting the work done. No new reports had been received although it was noted that vegetation growth around and over highways, generally, needed addressing by Highways.

ACTION: CLERK

191/14 Community Plan. Cllr Pearson reported that the preferred of four route options, by far, for the Osmington Hill footpath is that of the original path alongside the A353 itself. Unfortunately, this would be the most expensive choice. In order to reinforce the case for such works, it is intended to carry out a survey, to be conducted by a rota made up of volunteers. Safety issues would need to be addressed in view of the inevitable proximity to traffic. Additionally, the speed limit review is currently under way. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR PEARSON

7. LEGAL AND LAW AND ORDER

192/14 Bonfires. It was recognised that there existed very limited legislation to regulate the management of antisocial/nuisance garden bonfires and any proposed related by-law would be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. The cost of pursuing such a measure would be financially prohibitive. The only option remaining would be education at the local level. Cllr Ireland proposed to provide a suitable notice on the website and Cllr Symes offered to pursue the acquisition of a suitable leaflet for delivery, perhaps, by those who deliver copies of the 'Ridgeway' to individual households. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLRS IRELAND and SYMES

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

193/14 Co-option. A number of residents had been approached with a view to their being co-opted to the Council but no volunteers had been forthcoming. Ongoing.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS

194/14 NALC/SLCC. No new issues.

10. COUNCIL AFFAIRS

195/14 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings. Approval was given for the Clerk to attend the Clerks Seminar programmed for 18th September at Kingston Maurward.

196/14 Parish Standing Orders. The work on editing the NALC revised model orders remains ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

197/14 Parish Financial Regulations. The NALC revised model regulations were now available but are still subject to certain refinements at source. The Clerk would work on editing this in due course. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

198/14 Parish Clerk's Pension. The Clerk is now enrolled in the Local Government Pension Scheme with DCC.

199/14 Parish Clerk's expenses. The Clerk's request to increase his charges for printing from 10p per fair copy printed sheet (as agreed circa 2002) to 10p per printed side was approved.

200/14 Forecast of Outturn (FOO). The current forecast for FY14/15 was accepted as presented.

201/14 Cheques endorsed.

	100736	(spoiled and retained)	
29 May 14	100737	DAPTC (annual subs)	£199.28
29 Jun 14	100738	HMRC (PAYE 4-6/14)	£191.60
29 Jun 14	100739	NH Hayes (sal/exps 4-6/14)	£887.45

202/14 Cheques signed.

Nil			
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203/14 Topical Information. Nil reports.

204/14 Bank Account Signatories. The Clerk had obtained the required documentation from Barclays and would distribute the appropriate personal information documents, with instructions, to the designated future signatories for completion and return to him.

ACTION: CLERK

Chairman

Date