

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th July 2021 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 and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk).

50/21 Public Participation Time

No matters were raised by members of the public.

51/21 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Miller.

52/21 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

No declarations of interest or grants of dispensation were received.

53/21 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 5th May 2021 and 21st June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

54/21 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

55/21 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

55.1 None

The following planning application/s were considered: -

55.2 **P/HOU/2021/01324** – Zambuka House, Grove Hill, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6EZ – Erection of 2 No. balconies and formation of 6 No. dormer windows.

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

56/21 Parish Amenities

56.1 Cllr. White provided a brief update regarding the playing field and play area. It was noted that some minor maintenance was required and he was happy to do most of the work. The new litter bin had been delivered and erected.

It was **resolved** that Weymouth Town Council be asked to complete the link repair to the swings.

56.2 The annual village clean was arranged for Saturday 11th September.

56.3 Members noted that the White Horse had not been sprayed due to weather conditions and remained in need of attention. A discussion took place regarding a one-off contribution from the parish council towards maintenance costs and this would be discussed at the next meeting after further information was sought.

56.4 The Chairman informed members of the arrangement in place for the annual upkeep and costs of the defibrillator, currently met by the Osmington Society. It was agreed that the defibrillator housed in the telephone box and also the one at the village hall were considered to be a community asset.

It was **resolved** that the parish council take on the responsibility for the annual costs and upkeep of both defibrillators within the village.

56.5 The listing of the Sly Fox as a community asset had now expired. The Community Benefit Trust was due to meet and look at proposals moving forward.

It was **resolved** that an application to relist the Sly Fox as a community asset be submitted.

56.6 Cllr. White raised the need for a tree survey around the playing field and play area. WWCS had offered a free, no obligation tree survey which would identify any issues or concerns.

It was **resolved** that Cllr. White would arrange the tree survey with WWCS.

56.7 Members considered a request to change the land lease at the village hall to enable the hardstanding area to be extended at the rear of the hall. It was agreed that The Clerk would contact the solicitor who held the lease regarding costs and the process for the change.

56.8 The Queen's Green Canopy project was discussed and it was agreed that a tree should be planted in the bottom corner of the playing field to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. Cllr. Groves agreed to look at options for planting.

56.9 The Clerk provided a brief update regarding the insurance claim for the telephone box that had been recently demolished. All information had now been sent to the insurance claims unit and a response was awaited.

57/21 Highways and Rights of Way

57.1 Resurfacing works and repairs had been scheduled for Main Road and the top of Church Lane.

57.2 The hatching at the top of Church Lane had faded and had been scheduled for repainting in 2022. The white lines outside the church had been completed.

57.3 In response to a question, The Chairman informed members that verge cutting work was currently behind schedule.

57.4 It was noted that although the rubber matting had been cleared from the footpath near to Craig's Farm, the path was still overgrown and abandoned tyres remained.

58/21 Finance

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

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

WWCS Grass cutting – May/June 2021	£324.00
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – May/June 2021	£567.02
HMRC – Tax – May/June 2021	£33.80
DAPTC – Annual Subscription 2021/22	£234.07
Leigh Johnson – Purchase of bin from Bin Shop (reimbursement)	£90.59
Zurich Insurance Renewal	£750.92
Osmington Village Hall Hire – June/July	£48.00
Paula Harding – Internal Audit	£36.25

58.3 The Clerk had previously provided information regarding Unity Trust Bank to members and a draft online banking protocol had been circulated.

It was **resolved** that The Clerk make the necessary arrangements to move to online banking with immediate effect.

59/21 Council Matters

59.1 The Clerk provided a brief overview of the Community Governance Review consultation by Dorset Council that would commence on 5th August 2021.

59.2 The Chairman informed members that a Parliamentary Boundary Review was in the pipeline.

59.3 Cllr. White confirmed that a village party had been arranged for Sunday 8th August between 12-4pm.

59.4 Concerns regarding planning permission and the felling of trees at The Briary were ongoing and a response from Dorset Council's enforcement officer had yet to be received.

The meeting ended at 8.06pm.

Chairman

Date