

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 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, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

**Also in attendance:** Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk), Mr Stephen Mepham (Senior Technical Officer and Team Leader, DC Highways) and 1 member of the public.

## **01/21 Public Participation Time**

No matters were raised.

## **02/21 Apologies**

No apologies for absence had been received.

## **03/21 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation**

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

## **04/21 Minutes**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## **05/21 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

## **06/21 Planning Matters**

The following planning decisions were noted: -

**Application No: WD/D/20/001909 – Mulberry House, Roman Road, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6ER – Erection of a single-storey extension with a flat roof terrace – Approved subject to 3 conditions.**

The following planning application/s were considered: -

There were no planning applications for consideration.

## **07/21 Parish Amenities**

7.1 There was no update from the Playing Field Officer.

7.2 It was noted that the parish noticeboard maintenance had yet to be completed and it was hoped that work could progress once Covid-19 restrictions allowed.

7.3 The creation of a small wildflower meadow, with insect logs on a section of the playing field was considered and further initiatives were discussed.

It was **resolved** that the creation of a wildflower meadow be agreed in principle and further details regarding the proposals be sought.

## 08/21 Highways and Rights of Way

- 8.1 Mr Mepham addressed the concerns raised regarding congestion at Upton, Ringstead and the request for additional signage and traffic calming measures. He informed members that a task group had been set up during the summer of 2019 to mitigate and resolve traffic issues around Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door. He felt that it would be appropriate for Upton to be added to this group and would ensure that this happened.

Mr Mepham also provided advice regarding other measures that could be put in place to help, such as the use of portable advisory messaging boards and a joined-up approach between the landowner of the toll road and the National Trust as owners of the car park.

A resident raised concern that if traffic was turned away at the Ringstead junction, they would continue to the next turning for Osmington Mills and further congestion and traffic issues would be created. This would need to be taken into consideration during peak times.

- 8.2 Mr Mepham discussed the request to reduce the speed limit between the garage and the Ringstead turning. He would look at options to reduce the speed limit on this stretch of road to 40mph and report back to the parish council in due course. Mr Mepham would also look at a request to reduce the speed limit on the Osmington Mills road.
- 8.3 The Chairman provided a brief overview of the condition of Lower Church Lane and the patching work that had previously been carried out. Mr Mepham agreed that a site visit would take place to assess the condition of the road and identify defects and areas for patching.
- 8.4 Members noted that the new ramp at the church would be completed once an order of stone had been delivered. The road would also be made good after the completion of the works.

## 9/21 Finance

- 9.1 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.
- 9.2 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments: -

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| WWCS Grass cutting – December                            | £151.99 |
| Weymouth Town Council – cradle swings                    | £203.70 |
| Dorset Council – litter bins                             | £599.20 |
| Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – November/December 2020 | £972.00 |
| SLCC – membership renewal                                | £95.00  |
| Osmington PCC - contribution                             | £250.00 |

- 9.3 The Clerk provided a budget report and the budget for 2021/22 was approved.
- 9.4 After the consideration of the budget for 2021/22, members discussed the precept for this period.

It was **resolved** to decrease the precept for 2021/22 from £16,000.00 to £15,916.59.

**10/20 Council Matters**

- 10.1 A member raised a question regarding development work at The Briary and it was noted that no further update had been received.
- 10.2 The Clerk informed members that the new website was now available and members provided positive feedback regarding the new site. A link would be added to the current website to redirect users.

The meeting ended at 8.09pm.

Chairman

Date