

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 5th November 2018 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 N Bundy and Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk). Fifteen members of the public were also in attendance.

132/18 Public Participation Time

- 132.1 Councillor Bundy provided a brief update regarding Local Government Reorganisation.
- 132.2 Dorset County Councillor Ireland provided an update regarding staffing and recruitment for the Dorset Council, budget overspends, Council Tax harmonisation, The Local Government Boundary review, election recharges for parish councils and future planning board and committee structure proposals.
- 132.3 A resident raised a query regarding the leylandii hedge on the playing field and it was noted that this would be discussed under agenda item 6.
- 132.4 A resident read out a statement regarding the proposed implementation of a playing field policy and it was noted that this would also be discussed under agenda item 6.
- 132.5 Many residents attended the meeting to speak regarding planning application **WD/D/18/001991 – Eweleaze Farm**. Questions and concerns were raised regarding the change of use of this land and the main areas of concern were noted;

Visual Impact – the visual impact in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Traffic – congestion of traffic on the main road, debris from the access track that had been transferred to the main road, volume of vehicles in general;

Litter and Waste Management – a large increase in litter on the beach, cliffs and coastal path and waste disposal arrangements on site;

Damage to landscape – tents had been situated closer to footpaths, the footpath to the beach had been damaged and also the cliff face and many circular scorch marks had been left from the open fires.

A resident made the following points which were also noted;

The campsite provided jobs for local people and an extension would lengthen this opportunity for employment. If an extension was granted it may reduce the impact of traffic in the area as this would be staggered over an 8 week period instead of the usual 4 week period.

The applicant responded to some of the concerns raised and explained that the application to extend the licence was customer demand led. The campsite provided an economic benefit to both Osmington and Weymouth and local people could be employed for a longer period of time. It was noted that no permanent facilities had been requested.

133/18 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from WDDC Cllr A Thacker.

134/18 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

Councillor White declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (leylandii hedge and playing field policy).

Councillor Ireland declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (WD/D/18/00191 – Eweleaze Farm).

135/18 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

136/18 Matters arising from the minutes

Item 128.1 – Quotes for the maintenance items identified at the meeting had yet to be provided and it was noted that the Clerk would produce an advertisement for the website if no further progress was made.

Item 128.4 – The gazebo floor quote had been agreed and a contractor appointed.

Item 128.5 – At a recent meeting of the Osmington Society it was agreed that a group of volunteers would endeavour to clean the white gates leading into the village.

Item 128.6 – Although it was resolved to opt in to the transfer of assets programme, the Shadow Executive had turned down the proposals. A new proposal had been put forward and this would be considered at the next meeting.

137/18 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 137.1 **WD/D/18/000889** – Purbeck Cottage, Main Road, Osmington, DT3 6EE – Installation of rear dormer and erection of first floor flat roof rear extension – **Approved.**
- 137.2 **WD/D/18/001713** – Beech Lawn, Upton, Ringstead, DT2 8NE – Demolition of garage, erection of replacement garage and single storey side extension – **Approved.**
- 137.3 **WD/D/18/002052** – Shambles, Ringstead, DT2 8NG – Amendment to planning permission WD/D/18/000792 – to substitute window on west elevation with a french window and one tall window on east elevation with two half sized horizontal windows – **Non-material amendment granted.**
- 137.4 **WD/D/18/002425** – Mulberry House, Roman Road, Osmington, DT3 6ER – Request for confirmation of compliance with planning conditions – **Complied.**

138/18 The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 138.1 **Application No: WD/D/18/002361** – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Erection of double garage and car port with annexe above. (Full).

It was **resolved** to submit the following comment from the Parish Council;
Due to an increase of 2m in the height of the proposed garage, concern was raised regarding the visual impact of this development in the surrounding area.

- 138.2 **Application No: WD/D/18/001991** – Eweleaze Farm, Main Road, Osmington, DT3 6ED
– Change of use of agricultural land to camping for 8 weeks per year.

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

There is a detrimental visual impact on this open landscape in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;

The access track is unsuitable for the volume of vehicles created by the campsite;

The impact on the area is residual. The burnt grass from open fires can still be seen on this land;

The 28-day national policy is prescribed for a specific reason and it is felt that a change of use for this sensitive landscape is inappropriate.

139/18 Parish Amenities

- 139.1 Members discussed the maintenance of the leylandii hedge and considered future arrangements which included complete removal of the hedge. It was agreed that the hedge had become out of control and presented an on-going and unnecessary expense to the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** to seek quotes for the removal of the hedge.

Action by: The Clerk

- 139.2 Members considered the options and quotes to provide a bus shelter at Plough Close. It was agreed that the preferred option was the enclosed bus shelter.

It was **resolved** that the quote for the supply, delivery and installation of the enclosed bus shelter be approved.

Action by: The Clerk

- 139.3 Councillor Pearson presented a draft playing field policy for consideration. It was confirmed that the policy would be rolled out to all users who wished to use the field during events.

It was **resolved** that the policy be amended and a final draft be circulated for consideration at the next scheduled meeting.

Action by: Cllrs Ballard, Miller and Pearson

- 139.4 Members discussed the situation of litter bins within the community and the need for additional bins and/or collections. It was identified that an additional litter bin was required at the bus stop near the entrance to Pixon Barn and the bin which was situated at the thatched bus stop opposite the Sly Fox would be better placed at the village pump. Members also discussed options such as bigger bins and more frequent collections during peak periods.

It was **resolved** that the siting of litter bins within the community be discussed with Dorset Waste Partnership and a request for an additional bin be made.

Action by: The Clerk

140/18 Highways and Rights of Way

140.1 It was noted that the work to the path east of the Smugglers Inn had been completed.

140.2 The removal of stiles at various locations was on-going and this would be added to the next agenda.

140.3 The potholes at lower Church lane had been filled.

141/18 Finance

141.1 It was **resolved** that the Engineering Inspection Insurance renewal quote be approved.

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

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

Wessex Grounds Services – grass cutting (September)	£116.20
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Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 09/18)	£249.10
HMRC (PAYE 09/18)	£52.40
Osmington Village Hall (July-September)	£48.00
Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 10/18)	£285.50
HMRC (PAYE 10/18)	£61.00
Allianz Insurance plc	£407.03

142/18 Council Matters

No matters were reported.

The meeting ended at 9.pm.

Chairman

Date