

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and Dorset 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) and three members of the public.

58/19 Public Participation Time

Two members of the public introduced themselves to members as new residents of the village. They outlined their plans to return their home to its former glory which would include some planning and tree works. A concern was raised regarding the lack of a proper footpath and the speed of traffic coming from Ringstead. It was suggested that a gravel path be considered in this location as the verge would allow for this.

A member of the public informed councillors that Phoenix Fundraisers would be willing to raise funds to cover the cost of the re-thatching of the bus stop roof. She requested that any information regarding costs be submitted to her for the group to consider.

59/19 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

60/19 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

61/19 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 24th June and 22nd July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

62/19 Matters Arising from the minutes

(190624) Item 49.1 – It was noted that the gazebo floor had been repaired.

63/19 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 63.1 **WD/D/19/001349** – Tolcarne, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HE – Alterations to existing dwelling and garage/annexe to include the replacement of external cladding and windows, roof alterations and addition of gable to garage roof, canopy over entrance to east elevation and extended balcony to south elevation - **Approved.**

64/19 Parish Amenities

- 64.1 Councillor White provided a brief update on the playing field which included the gazebo floor and the grass cutting. It was noted that the work completed on the gazebo floor was

of very high standard. The floor would need to be treated before the winter and there was also a slate that required replacement on the roof.

- 64.2 Members discussed and agreed the revisions to the current grass and hedge cutting contract.

It was **resolved** that the grass and hedge cutting be quoted for as separate contracts with immediate effect. The Clerk would investigate the need to tender or quote for the works and to seek quotes for the works.

Action by: The Clerk

- 64.3 Members considered the quotes received for the removal and replacement of the leylandii hedge on the playing field. It was noted that the Village Hall would be asked to consider a contribution of 50% towards the cost of the work and this would be confirmed at the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.

It was **resolved** unanimously that Sam Brown be appointed to undertake the works as quoted.

Action by: The Clerk

- 64.4 Members discussed the proposed replacement of the thatched roof at the bus stop and agreed that Phoenix Fundraisers should engage with villagers to raise funds for this project as suggested.
- 64.5 Councillor White provided a brief update regarding the work required for the installation of the bus shelter. A further update would be provided at the next meeting.

65/19 Highways and Rights of Way Matters

- 65.1 Councillor Ballard raised her concern regarding the condition of the White Horse track which still required some additional work.
- 65.2 The Chairman informed members that the loose stone at Craig's Barn had been reported previously and he would chase a response.
- 65.3 A member raised a concern regarding the overgrown trees along the highway. It was noted that this was the responsibility of the landowner.
- 65.4 The condition of the gutters along the main road was raised. It was agreed that this would be reported as it posed a risk of flooding.

66/19 Finance

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

Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 07/19)	£320.24
HMRC (PAYE 07/19)	£63.20
Osmington Village Hall Hire – July and September	£32.00
Graham Thomas – Gazebo floor repair	£500.00
Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 08/19)	£204.05
HMRC (PAYE 08/19)	£40.60

66.3 Members noted the conclusion of the Annual Audit for 2018/19.
67/19 Council Matters

Members considered a request from the Clerk to undertake the CiLCA qualification.

It was **resolved** that the request be supported and the fees for the qualification be approved.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

Chairman

Date