

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 3rd September 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). Two members of the public were also in attendance.

121/18 Public Participation Time

- 121.1 A resident expressed her concern regarding an alleged dog attack that had taken place in the village. She informed members that the Police and the dog warden had been made aware of the incident. Cllr Ireland informed the resident that he had spoken to the dog owner and was also aware of the incident.
- 121.2 Cllr Bundy informed members that LGR continued and a new Chief Executive would be confirmed by the end of September. Cllr Bundy also provided a brief update on the Local Plan Review, online voter registration and the planning considerations for Dorchester town centre.

122/18 Apologies

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

123/18 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

124/18 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd July and 23rd July 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

125/18 Matters arising from the minutes

Item 117/18 – Cllr Pearson updated members on the work that had been undertaken to develop a website policy for the use of the playing field and also an event agreement that could be used for events on the field. It was agreed that comments should be sent to Cllr Pearson and both the website policy and event agreement would be considered at the next scheduled meeting in November.

126/18 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 126.1 No decisions had been received.

127/18 The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 127.1 **Application No: WD/D/18/001713** – Beech Lawn, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NE – Demolition of garage, erection of replacement garage and single storey side extension.

It was **resolved** to submit no comment from the Parish Council.

Action by: The Clerk

128/18 Parish Amenities

128.1 Cllr White informed members that the seat in the play area needed maintenance and asked for an update regarding the maintenance of the noticeboards. The Clerk informed members that a contractor had been approached to undertake work on the noticeboards and an update would be provided as soon as possible. Members discussed alternative options for the maintenance of the noticeboards which included local sponsorship. It was agreed that further information be sought and discussed at the next scheduled meeting in November.

Action by: The Clerk

128.2 A discussion took place regarding the leylandii hedge on the playing field. Ownership and maintenance of the hedge were discussed and also the possible removal of the hedge. It was agreed that further clarity regarding ownership and responsibility of the hedge be sought and the future maintenance or removal of the hedge be considered at the next meeting.

Action by: Cllr White, The Clerk.

128.3 Cllr White provided an update on the erection of a bus shelter at Plough Close. Several types of shelters had been showcased at the Annual Parish Meeting and residents expressed no clear preference. Members agreed that the bus shelter should not be fully enclosed, however it should have at least one side to provide shelter from the weather. It was **resolved** that separate quotes be obtained for consideration, one for supply and fit and one for supply only.

Action by: Cllr White.

128.4 A quote for the replacement of the gazebo floor situated on the playing field had been received. The total cost of this work would be £835.20 including VAT and this was considered by members.

It was **resolved** the quote for the replacement of the floor be approved.

Action by: The Clerk.

128.5 Members discussed the condition of the white gates coming into Osmington and agreed that this would be monitored and discussed at a future meeting.

128.6 Cllr Ireland provided an update on the WDDC transfer of assets programme in relation to the public conveniences adjacent to the Smugglers Inn. Members noted that funding may be available for the running cost of these conveniences for a period of two years as well as a lump sum payment for remedial works if a transfer was to take place.

It was **resolved** to opt in to the transfer of assets programme.

Action by: Cllr Ireland.

129/18 Highways and Rights of Way

It was noted that the work on the Church Lane bridleway was due to start this week.

130/18 Finance

130.1 The conclusion of the Annual Audit 2017/18 was noted.

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

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

Wessex Grounds Services – grass cutting (July)	£116.20
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Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 07/18)	£364.80
HMRC (PAYE 07/18)	£74.80
Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 08/18)	£219.45
HMRC (PAYE 08/18)	£44.60

131/18 Council Matters

131.1 Members considered the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan Review, Preferred Options consultation and it was **resolved** to submit no comments.

131.2 Members considered the Dorset AONB Management Plan 2019-2014 consultation and it was **resolved** to submit no comments.

131.3 Members considered the suite of GDPR documents prepared by the Clerk and it was **resolved** to publish the documents on the website after amendments had been made.

Action by: The Clerk.

The meeting ended at 8.31pm

Chairman

Date