

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May 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). Two members of the public were also in attendance.

31/19 Election of Chairman

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that Mr N Ireland be elected Chairman for the year 2019/20.

32/19 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that Mr V White be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2019/20.

33/19 Appointment of Other Officers to the Council

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that other officers of the council be appointed for the year 2019/20 as set out below;

Rights of Way Officer – Cllr Miller

Playing Field Officer – Cllr White

Community Plan Executive Officer – Cllr Ireland

Coastal Change Pathfinder Group Representative – Cllr Groves

DAPTC Area Representatives – Cllrs Dempsey and Botham

Speed Watch Co-ordinator – Cllr Ballard

Public Participation Time

34/19 A resident provided a brief update regarding the history of The White Horse viewpoint and stated that due to insufficient signage, the location of the site was not widely known. Some years ago, the parish council had expressed an interest to the landowner regarding the ownership and responsibility of the site, although no response had been received. It was requested that the parish council reiterate this request to the landowner in order to allow for improvements to be made both to the access and signage for the viewpoint.

Apologies

35/19 No apologies for absence were received.

Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

36/19 WD/D/19/000707 – St. Osmund's Church. Councillors Ireland, Ballard, Botham and Groves declared an interest in this planning application and left the room during its consideration.

Minutes

37/19 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 4th March 2019 and Monday 25th March 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

38/19 Matters arising from the minutes

(190304) Item 19.3 – Further investigation had taken place regarding the re-siting of the bench to enable the installation of the new bus shelter. A further update would be provided in the near future.

Action by: Cllr White

Item 22.1 – The Annual Parish Meeting would commence at 4pm on Saturday 11th May and the cream teas had been sourced.

Item 22.4 – The Village Spring Clean had proved very successful.

39/19 Planning Matters

The following planning application/s were considered: -

39.1 Application No: WD/D/19/000650 – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6EZ – Erect garden studio

It was **resolved to object** to this application for the following reason/s;

The development is inappropriate for this highly visible site and would have a detrimental visual impact in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Jurassic Coastline.

39.2 Application No: WD/D/19/000651 – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6EZ – Erection of additional holiday accommodation (timber cabin).

It was **resolved to object** to this application for the following reason/s;

1. The development would have a detrimental visual impact in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Jurassic Coastline.
2. Safety concerns had been raised regarding access to and egress from the site from the highway.

39.3 Application No: WD/D/19/000707 – St Osmund's Church, Church Lane, Osmington – Provision of handrail and access ramp to replace the existing steps at the lytch-gate.

It was **resolved to support** this application for the following reason/s;

The provision of a handrail is welcomed to enable less able supporters of the church to gain access.

Action by: The Clerk

40/19 Parish Amenities

40.1 Councillor White provided a brief update regarding the recent play area inspection. The Clerk agreed to provide up to date contact details for the contractors.

40.2 Members noted that two grass cuts had been undertaken since the beginning of April and further cuts would be required to reduce the length of the grass to an acceptable height.

40.3 Members discussed the replacement of the leylandii hedge and agreed to source quotes for mature laurel hedges or mature Ionicera hedges.

Action by: Clerk

40.4 The Clerk provided quotes to re-thatch the bus stop in the village. A query was raised with regards to fundraising or sponsorship locally and it was agreed that the matter be considered at the next meeting once further information had been gathered.

Action by: The Clerk

40.5 A request had been received regarding the installation of a bus stop at the entrance to White Horse Park. Members made no comment regarding this request as the entrance was not in the parish.

40.6 Members discussed the White Horse viewpoint and whether or not the offer to take on ownership of this site should be re-submitted to the landowner.

It was **resolved** that a request be made to the landowner to enable the parish council to take on the ownership, maintenance and liability insurance for this site.

Action by: Cllr Ireland

41/19 Highway and Rights of Way Matters

41.1 It was noted that the white line markings on Osmington Hill, on the approach from Osmington to Preston had now been replaced.

41.2 Confirmation was sought as to the ownership of the car park at the Glebe. An update would be provided once this had been clarified.

Action by: Cllr Ireland and The Clerk

42/19 Finance

42.1 The Clerk, as RFO, presented the final accounts for the financial year 2018/19 for approval by the Parish Council in advance of the annual audit process.

It was **resolved** that the final accounts be approved.

42.2 The Clerk explained that the process for the audit regime and the requirement to complete a Certificate of Exemption.

It was **resolved** that the Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chairman and submitted to the External Auditor.

Action by: The Clerk

42.3 The replacement of a grit bin at Upton was discussed and it was agreed that no replacement be purchased at this time.

42.4 Members considered the quote for the annual insurance renewal.

It was **resolved** that the insurance renewal be approved.

Action by: Clerk

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

42.6 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments

Leigh Johnson (salary/expenses) March	£407.55
HMRC – Tax – March	£85.40
Dorset Council	£1000.00
Nick Ireland (Hardware Express, SID batteries)	£102.97
Countrywide Grounds – Grass April	£81.50
Leigh Johnson (salary/expenses) April	£209.55
HMRC – Tax – April	£45.50
Osmington Village Hall – Hire for May sessions	£48.00
Osmington Village Hall – DWP contribution	£75.00
DAPTC – Annual Subscription Renewal	£223.41
Zurich Municipal – Annual Insurance Renewal	£724.67

42.7 It was noted that the first half precept for 2019/20 had been received.

The meeting ended at 8.28pm

Chairman

Date