OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Village Hall on
Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7pm

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr NJ Ireland (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs HS Ballard
Cllr Mrs CA Dempsey
Cllr Mrs SR Miller
Cllr Mrs G Pearson
Cllr Mrs DG Symes
Cllr Mr VG White

1. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

210/15 Apologies. Apologies received from Cllr Alan Thacker and Cllr Andy Canning.

211/15 Public Attendance. Four members of the public, including WDDC Cllr Mr Nigel Bundy were in attendance.

212/15 Reports. Members of the public raised concerns about Planning Application WD/D/15/002097 (Hazeldown Cottage, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6EJ) with regard to prominence, parking and materials.

Cllr Bundy gave an update on the Local Plan which has been approved. There is still a hold up at the validation stage of Planning Applications at WDDC but it is improving.

213/15 Declarations of Interest. Nil.

214/15 Grants of Dispensation. Nil.

Planning decisions and related issues

215/15 Application No: WD/D/15/000764 – Outline application for erection of an agricultural workers dwelling at Eweleaze Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ED – approved.

216/15 Appeal Decision - Application No: WD/D/14/001598 – Change of use from unviable holiday let accommodation to owner's residential accommodation at L'Atelier, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6EZ – This appeal was dismissed.

217/15 Application No: WD/CA/15/00251 – Trees in a Conservation Area - Surgery to 1 No. Ash, 2 No. Sycamore and 1 No. Beech at Trees, Chapel Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ET – approved.

218/15 Application No: WD/CA/15/00257 – Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1 No. Ash at West Farmhouse, Church lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EL – approved.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

219/15 Minutes of the meetings held on 7th September and 21st September 2015 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

220/15 Planning Applications. The Parish Council's responses to all outstanding Planning Applications had been forwarded to WDDC.

4. PARISH AMENITIES

221/15 Playing Field Officer Report. Bottom boards missing from fencing.

222/15 Councillors agreed to contribute £40 to the Dorset Waste Partnership charge of £75 per annum for collecting the rubbish from the village hall.

ACTION: CLERK

5. PLANNING MATTERS

223/15 Planning Application No:.WD/D/15/002097

Erect single and two storey extensions. Reconstruction of porch and provide natural slates to the existing roof, in lieu of water reed.

Hazeldown Cottage, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EJ

The Council raised objections to this proposal. Clerk to inform WDDC of Council's response.

Osmington Parish Council and West Dorset District Council both adopted the Osmington Village Design Statement (VDS) as Supplementary Planning Guidance and it is referenced, both explicitly and by ethos, in this response.

Hazeldown Cottage is located at the heart of Osmington Village and within the Conservation Area. It is both adjacent and near to several neighbouring Grade II listed thatched properties, and already dominates the crossroads it overlooks.

The VDS states that buildings should be designed to fit in with the surrounding properties in a sympathetic manner and that extensions or alterations should be handled with great sensitivity, generally conforming to the style and materials of the existing structure.

The proposed development fails this test on several points.

The thatched roof was a condition of the original development and changing this to slate would alter the character of the building completely to the detriment of the environs.

The proposed large increase in the building's footprint would exacerbate the already dominant outline of the property and be out of character with the location.

The addition of a modern feature, in the form of a roof terrace, is unsympathetic to both the style of building the original structure was required to conform to and the locale in general.

The reduction in the available off-road parking space at the property, which would be caused by the proposed extension, is in contravention to the VDS guidelines designed to minimise the problems our community has with on-road parking.

It should also be noted that West Farm Lane outside Hazeldown Cottage is a no-parking area (as dictated by the safety conditions imposed by the West Farm development permission). The Parish Council have contacted DCC Highways to have the relevant markings, which were lost to road works and fading, reinstated.

Clerk to inform WDDC of Council's response.

ACTION: CLERK

224/15 Planning Application No:.WD/D/15/001553

6 dormer windows and 2 number balconies. Zambuka House, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EZ

The Council raised no objection to this proposal. Clerk to inform WDDC of Council's response.

ACTION: CLERK

6. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

225/15 Highway Maintenance. Dorset County Council need to temporarily restrict use of Osmington Hill.

To keep disruption to a minimum, work will only happen on weekdays during 9am-4pm. The road will be open, with a convoy system in place to allow vehicles to move along the site on 5th, 6th and 12th November.

There will be a full closure 9am-4pm from 9th - 11th November due to the width of the road and the space needed to carry out the work safely.

7. LEGAL AND LAW AND ORDER

226/15 No new issues.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

227/15 No new issues.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS

228/15 NALC/SLCC. No new issues.

10. COUNCIL AFFAIRS

229/15 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings. Cllr Mrs Pearson informed the meeting that should would be attending the DAPTC AGM on Saturday 7th November.

230/15 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings. Approval was given for Cllr Ireland to attend the Chairman's Seminar on the 17th November 2015.

231/15 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings. Approval was given for Cllr Mrs Symes and Cllr Mrs Ballard to attend the Councillors Update West on the 25th November.

ACTION: CLERK

232/15 Asset of Community Value. Councillors agreed to register The Sunray Public House as an Asset of Community Value.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

233/15 Transparency Code. Approval was given to apply for funding for a new laptop and software through the Transparency Code.

ACTION: CLERK

234/15. Approval for the Clerk to have delegated authority with regard to requests affecting the playground and playing field was given.

235/14 Risk Assessment. To be updated and placed on the Osmington website.

ACTION: CLERK

236/15 Standing Orders. To be placed on the Osmington website.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

237/15 Financial Regulations. To be placed on the Osmington website.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

238/15 Forecast of Outturn (FOO). The current forecast for FY15/16 was accepted as presented.

239/15 Budget Plan FY2016/2017. The figures for the proposed budget plan for FY2016/2017 and the associated precept were considered and accepted.

240/15 Cheques signed since last meeting.

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242/15 Topical Information. Nil.

Chairman Date