

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DC Councillor), Cllr. Mr V White, Cllr. Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr P Botham, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs F Groves and Cllr Mrs S Miller.

**Also in attendance:** 7 members of the public.

## **75/21 Public Participation Time**

- 75.1 A resident confirmed that the proposal to create a parish meeting at Ringstead would not proceed.
- 75.2 A resident raised concerns regarding planning application P/CLE/2021/03870 – The Orchard, Ringstead Bay. The boundary measurements were incorrect in accordance with Wessex Explorer and both the storage representation and site measurements were questionable.
- 75.3 In relation to the possibility of a parish council newsletter, a resident confirmed that the Osmington Community Support Facebook page could be utilised as a parish communication.
- 75.4 A resident reported that localised flooding near to Corner Cottage had caused paths to be dangerous. There were also large amounts of leaves on both the paths and road. It was also noted that the tree at the Sly Fox was deemed dangerous and this had been reported to Dorset Council.
- 75.5 A request was made by two residents of Ringstead to revisit planning application WD/D/20/001874 as this had been refused by Dorset Council and an appeal lodged. Further information regarding the application would be made available by the applicant.
- 75.6 A resident requested that the debris from the telephone be removed as this posed a Health and Safety risk.
- 75.7 A resident questioned the ownership of the land and building on the parish field and who authorised events on the field. Cllr White confirmed that OPC authorised events on the playing field and the parish fete in 2022 would be organised by Phoenix Fundraisers.

## **76/21 Apologies**

Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) was absent due to illness and her apologies were noted.

## **77/21 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation**

Cllr. White declared an interest (as a trustee of the Village Hall) in agenda item 6 and would take no part in the debate.

## 78/21 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 79/21 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

## 80/21 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 80.1 East Wing, Osmington House – Rear porch and extension and internal alterations – **Granted**
- 80.2 Poxwell Lower Dairy – Renewal of temporary planning consent for the siting of a mobile home – **Granted**
- 80.3 Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane – Erection of garage following demolition of existing garage and erection of rear single storey extension following the demolition of lean-to/store – **Granted**
- 80.4 East Wing, Osmington House – Demolition of 2 single garages. Erection of detached garage with ancillary annexe accommodation – **Granted**
- 80.5 East Wing, Osmington House – Restoration of East Wing, internal alterations and rear porch extension – **Granted**
- 80.6 East Farm House, Main Road – Replace thatch and fireboard – **Granted**
- 80.7 1 Grove Hill, Osmington – Erection of 1 dwelling (demolition of existing barns) – **Refused**
- 80.8 [P/CLE/2021/03870](#) – The Orchard, Fishers Place, Ringstead Bay, Dorset, DT2 8NG – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for storage.

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

1. The boundaries are disputed by residents and there are no measurements or dimensions in any plan.
2. Evidence was presented which suggests the 10-year rule regarding the caravan is not met.
3. If Dorset Council proceeds to grant the licence, Osmington parish council requests that a condition be applied such that planning permission is required for any future change of use, reflecting the site's location in an AONB and on a world heritage coastline.

## 81/21 Parish Amenities

- 81.1 Cllr. White provided a brief report on the playing field and play area. No specific actions arising.

- 81.2 Cllr. White presented the original tree survey (with quote of just over £3k) and quotes obtained subsequently from three tree surgeons. (Dorset Tree Works - £5868 inc. VAT), Trees R Us (£4000 – no VAT) and Aaron Griffiths (£1950 – no VAT).

It was **resolved** unanimously to accept the lowest quote. (proposed Cllr. Ballard, Seconded Cllr. Ireland)

Cllr. White to contact Aaron Griffiths.

- 81.3 A report from the Clerk was presented by Cllr. Ireland and recommended retaining the BHIB annual inspection but replacing the use of Weymouth Town Council by a monthly inspection by Cllr. White thus saving £682.16 p/a.

It was **resolved** unanimously to accept the recommendation.

- 81.4 Cllr. Ireland explained that Dorset Council had no specific budget nor any responsibility for the maintenance of the White Horse; DC had suggested that perhaps OPC should consider donating towards the cost of spraying. Offers of sponsorship had been rejected by the landowner. Mr P Critchell (owner of the White Horse) stated that he has made an offer to Dorset Council, which still is extant, to pay for an annual spraying of the monument (which hasn't taken place for the past two years). Cllr. Ireland to take this up with Dorset Council and any funding decision by Osmington parish council will be determined at a future meeting.

- 81.5 Cllr. White stated that the Sly Fox was still under offer. Osmington CBS is to meet later this month to determine any next steps.

- 81.6 Cllr. Ireland gave an update on the telephone box; still awaiting a quote from X2Connect for its replacement.

- 81.7 (Cllr. White who had previously declared an interest was permitted to remain in the meeting)  
The council discussed the report previously circulated containing the recommendations from our solicitors Humphreys Kirk to create a separate lease for the extension referencing the original village hall lease.  
Cllr. Ireland recommended that the Village Hall trustees meet all parish council costs arising other than any charges to register the original playing field deeds with the Land Registry if so required.

It was **resolved** unanimously that the extension be provided under lease to the Village Hall subject to agreement regarding costs. Clerk to contact VH and solicitors.

## **82/21 Highways and Rights of Way**

- 82.1 Cllr. Botham reported that a recent Speedwatch at the East side of Osmington Village and accompanied by the Dorset Speedwatch coordinator had noted 41 vehicles exceeding 36mph during the period of operation. It was noted by the coordinator that this was excessive. Cllr. Ireland to raise this with Dorset Council and request attendance by an officer at the January OPC meeting.
- 82.2 Cllr. Groves requested that we have 'gateway' markings and additional 'Slow' markings on the approach to the existing physical gateways. Cllr. Ireland to take forward to Dorset Council.

- 82.3 Cllr. White asked if a 20mph limit through the village would be possible. Cllr. Ireland responded that this had been raised before with Dorset Council and due to the classification of the road was not an option.
- 82.4 Cllr. Ireland reported that several potholes in Lower Church Lane had recently been repaired.
- 82.5 Cllr. Ballard reported that several gates on the 'White Horse loop' were broken and inaccessible to horse riders. Cllr Ballard to report via DorsetForYou.
- 82.6 Cllr. Ireland reported that the White Horse bridleway was flooded again at the point where no reinstatement had taken place. Cllr. Ireland to raise with DC.

### 83/21 Finance

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

WWCS Grass cutting – September/October 2021	£324.00
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – September/October 2021	£781.70
HMRC – Tax – September/October 2021	£89.60
Osmington Village Hall Hire – September/November	£48.00
BHIB Engineering Inspection and Insurance Renewal	£484.45

- 83.3 Cllr. Ireland presented the Clerk's report on the current funding situation with regard to Portland Town Council's efforts to prevent an incinerator being built at Portland port. The appeal is currently fully funded.

It was **resolved** not to contribute at the current time but would consider future requests if made.

### 84/21 Council Matters

- 84.1 Members undertook an annual review and it was **resolved** to accept the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with no amendments.
- 84.2 It was **resolved** to take no action to extend the usage of the parish council website or produce a newsletter. It was regarded that sufficient resources relevant to the village already existed on the internet and social media.
- 84.3 Cllr. Ireland noted that the DAPTC AGM is imminent.
- 84.4 The council received a request from two Ringstead residents to revisit the council's previous comments to Dorset Council on WD/D/20/001874 given that Dorset Council have refused the application and the applicant has appealed.

It was **resolved** to hold a special meeting via Zoom as soon as possible (in order to meet the appeal deadline) to examine the additional information available. Clerk to organise.

84.5 Cllr. White raised the ongoing issue of our noticeboards.

It was **resolved** to consider replacing some (or all) at the next scheduled meeting of OPC in January. Clerk to obtain costs and quotes.

84.6 Given the delays in replacing the telephone box and the risk to residents from the debris, it was **resolved** to organise a contractor to remove the loose debris surrounding the structure. Clerk to action.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm