

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DC 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.

12/20 Public Participation Time

- 12.1 A resident raised concerns regarding the planning application WD/D/19/002903 – Osmington Mills Holidays. It was noted that although planning notices had been put up, not all affected residents had received correspondence regarding the application. The resident stated that the lighting emitted from the chalets was bright particularly during the winter months and concern was also raised in relation to the suitability of the roads during the winter.
- 12.2 A resident attended to enquire about the recent removal of the hedge on the playing field. An update was provided and it was noted that the both the Parish Council and the Village Hall had agreed that the hedge should be removed and the cost of this work would be shared. The current hedge would be replaced with a native shrub in the very near future.

13/20 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

14/20 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

Councillor Mr V White declared a personal interest in Item 4.3 as an adjoining resident of the playing field. Councillor Mrs S Miller declared a personal interest in Item 3.1 (WD/D/19/002903) as a neighbouring resident of the holiday park.

15/20 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

WD/D/19/002793 – Conkers, Upton Fort Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HH – Erect two storey side extension. – **Approved.**

16/20 The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 16.1 **Application No: WD/D/19/002903** – Osmington Mills Holidays, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HB – Use of land as a year-round holiday park.

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

1. Increased light pollution in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
2. The chalets would have a detrimental visual impact on the local area as they would be well lit and highly visible. The site no longer benefited from being well screened with trees and shrubs
3. Osmington Mills is a small hamlet of mostly permanent residents. Facilities on the holiday site encourage its residents to remain on site and does not encourage integration within the already established community.

- 16.2 **Application No: WD/D/19/002884** – Westdown Farm, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NE – Conversion of former RAF building and barn into 2 no. dwellings.

It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

Action by: The Clerk

17/20 Parish Amenities

- 17.1 Members considered the quotes submitted for the grass cutting contract.

It was **resolved** that WWCS Environmental Services Ltd be appointed.

- 17.2 Members considered the quotes submitted for the hedge maintenance contract.

It was **resolved** that WWCS Environmental Services Ltd be appointed.

- 17.3 Members were updated on the hedge removal work at the playing field which had commenced the week previously. The hedge had now been removed and the clearance of brambles and weeds had begun. It was recommended that the stumps be removed before proceeding to the planting of bare root native shrubs which would be 1.2m in height. Members considered the need for a temporary fence to be erected to protect the young shrubs.

It was **resolved** that;

1. Work to remove the stumps be approved as quoted for previously.
2. A budget of £300.00 be approved to enable a fence to be erected.

Action by: Cllr Miller and The Clerk

18/20 Finance

It was **resolved** to approve the following payment: -

S B Brown – Hedge Removal	£1500.00
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19/20 Council Matters

- 19.1 Members noted that the Section 137 Policy had been amended and would be put on the website. Any requests for funding would be considered at the meeting in May.

- 19.2 Councillor White informed members that an abandoned car had now been removed from the village hall car park. The village hall had agreed that CCTV should be installed and appropriate signs would be erected.

The meeting ended at 7.50.pm.

Chairman

Date