

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1/23 Public Participation Time

- 1.1 A resident enquired why a request for an Article 4 directive at The Creek, Ringstead had been made and if a response had been received from Dorset Council regarding this. It was noted that The Creek was a small family run park and there was no intention to request residential use in the future. Plans were to modernise the park and provide better accommodation. The Clerk confirmed that an email confirmation had been received by Dorset Council and that the purpose of the request was to safeguard any future development at the site.
- 1.2 Members noted that the footpath closure at Ringstead had been requested until the middle of the summer.

2/23 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P Botham.

3/23 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

4/23 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5/23 Matters arising from the minutes

- 60.1 – Enquiries would be made to source poppies for Remembrance Day.
- 60.2 – The state of the graveyard was on-going and this would be addressed in the Spring.
- 60.3 – The drain had been cleared but not the gully. The Clerk would report this.

6/23 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

Application No: P/HOU/2022/05919 – White Horse Farm Bungalow Access Road to White Horse Farm, Osmington, DT3 6ED – Erect single storey extension – **Granted**.

Application No: P/FUL/2022/01957 – Eweleaze Farm, Eweleaze Farm Campsite, Osmington, DT3 6ED – Change of use of agricultural land to camping site for 42 days per year – **Granted**.

The following planning application/s were considered: -

There were no planning applications for consideration.

7/23 Parish Amenities

- 7.1 There were no updates regarding the playing field.
- 7.2 The Chairman informed members that SSE had been asked to investigate the electrical output for the telephone box and felt that a site visit would be beneficial.
- 7.3 The bus shelter at Plough Close was in need of a clean and Cllr. White would approach the local window cleaner regarding this.

8/23 Highways and Rights of Way

- 8.1 Members discussed the need for an additional Speed Indicator Device within the village. The Chairman informed members that it was possible to have one in a 40mph zone and would investigate this further.
- 8.2 The results of the recent speed surveys were discussed and it was noted that over 50% of cars travelling through the village had been speeding. A review of the results would be undertaken by the Dorset Council's Road Safety Team and discussed at a future meeting.
- 8.3 Cllr. Groves reported that the "cow path" at Osmington Mills was extremely muddy and waterlogged.

9/23 Finance

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

WWCS Grass cutting – November/December	£408.24
Dorset Council – x4 speed surveys	£900.00
SLCC Membership Renewal	£112.00
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – November/December (inc. pay award back pay)	£825.94
HMRC Tax – November/December	£125.60
Osmington Village Hall Hire – January 2023 and recharge for defib pads	£71.94
DWP Commercial Waste collection January to March 2023	£141.44

- 9.3 The Clerk provided a budget report and the budget for 2023/24 was approved.
- 9.4 After the consideration of the budget for 2023/24, members discussed the precept for this period.

It was **resolved** to increase the precept from 15,916.59 to £16,622.63 for 2023/24.

10/23 Council Matters

10.1 It was agreed that The Clerk be the Neighbourhood Community contact for the Police.

10.2 Cllr. White requested that council minutes be displayed on all noticeboards.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

Chairman

Date