

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th January 2022 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) and 2 members of the public.

90/22 Public Participation Time

90.1 A resident raised the following matters;

1. The new litter bin at the Pixon Barn layby was always full so was a much-needed addition. It would require twice weekly collections throughout the summer period. Although there was not a great deal of rubbish near to the bus stop at Plough Close, it was requested that members consider the need for an additional litter bin at this location.
2. Needles had been found at the thatched bus shelter amongst other undesirable items. This had been reported to the local PCSO and the resident would continue to monitor this.
3. The volume of leaves on the pavements had become hazardous and this had been reported to Dorset Council.

90.2 Another resident raised the following matters;

1. The depth of mud and leaves on pavements and lanes was a concern. Members were asked if there was a street cleaning schedule for the village. Cllr. Ballard informed the resident that there was no schedule in place although the roads were swept in the summer.
2. It was noted that many vehicles turned into Chapel Lane and had to perform a U-turn because of the barriers currently at the Sly Fox pub. There were also occasions when vehicles parked directly opposite the resident's driveway. Cllr. Ballard suggested that the resident could take photos of the vehicles and send them to Dorset Council Highways or put a note on the windscreen.

91/22 Apologies

No apologies for absence had been received.

92/22 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

93/22 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 1st November 2021 and 6th December 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

94/22 Matters arising from the minutes

Meeting on 1st November 2021

- 81.2** – The urgent tree works were due to commence on 24th January 2022.
- 81.4** – The White Horse had still not been sprayed and to date, no offer of financial help had been received from the rangers.
- 81.6** – The quote to replace the telephone box had been approved by the insurers and it was hoped that work would commence shortly.
- 82.1** – The Clerk had received a detailed update from Dorset Council Highways Team regarding concerns about speeding traffic through the village. There had been few reports over the past 5 years of accidents, none of which involved speed as a contributing factor. It was felt that there was sufficient signage in the village and the addition of more signage would not have any further impact/improvement.

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 6th December 2021.

95/22 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

Application No: P/CLE/2021/03870 – The Orchard, Fishers Place, Ringstead Bay, DT2 8NG – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for storage – **Withdrawn.**

The following planning application/s were considered: -

There were no planning applications for consideration.

96/22 Parish Amenities

- 96.1 It was noted that from 1st April 2022 the Playing Field Officer would undertake monthly inspections of the play area. The Clerk would provide a check sheet for this.
- 96.2 Members discussed at length the need for 6 noticeboards within the parish and future maintenance of the noticeboards.

It was resolved that;

1. Five of the six noticeboards be retained and quotes for new, low maintenance noticeboards be sought.
2. The noticeboard situated at Upton be removed.

97/22 Highways and Rights of Way

- 97.1 Potholes at Lower Church Lane remained a concern.
- 97.2 The track to the White Horse remained muddy and slippery. Concern was raised about the return of cattle in the area, although it was confirmed that the cattle would not return.
- 97.3 Cllr. Miller reiterated that Waterside had pledged to pay for works to the footpath down to Osmington Mills beach. It would be important to put plans in place before the summer as the current path was dangerous.

98/22 Finance

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

98.2 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments: -

WWCS Grass cutting – November/December	£324.00
WWCS – Herbicide treatment work	£204.00
SLCC Membership Renewal	£98.00
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – November/December	£523.50
HMRC Tax – November/December	£33.40
Osmington Village Hall Hire – January 2022	£24.00

98.3 The Clerk provided a budget report and the budget for 2022/23 was approved.

98.4 After the consideration of the budget for 2022/23, members discussed the precept for this period.

It was **resolved** to keep the precept the same for 2022/23 at £15,916.59.

99/22 Council Matters

99.1 Cllr. Groves updated members on the location and siting of the Jubilee tree. A site had been identified near to The Smugglers Inn and once permission had been given by the landowner the tree would be purchased and planted. A protective fence would need to be erected around the tree and a quote for this would be sought.

99.2 Cllr. White informed members that to start the year of Jubilee celebrations at the village hall, a quiz night had been arranged for Sunday 6th February. All were welcome to attend and all profits would be donated to charity.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

Chairman

Date