

# OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DCC Councillor), Cllr Mrs S Miller, Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mrs G Pearson, Cllr Mr P Botham and Cllr Mr V White

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Mr N Bundy (WDDC Councillor), Mr M Potter (DCC Collision Reduction Team Manager), Cllr A Thacker (WDDC Councillor), four members of the public and Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) were in attendance.

## **Apologies**

**38/18** An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs C Dempsey.

## **Public Participation Time**

**39/18** Mr M Potter explained that he had been involved with some 20mph speed restriction initiatives and wanted to know the main concerns of the council. The members of public in attendance raised concerns which included the accuracy of recent statistical data, priority of speed limit requests, traffic calming options, vulnerable road users, tourism and emergency vehicle access at peak times.

In response to comments made by the members of the public, Mr Potter detailed how requests for change were considered, scored, ranked and then prioritised. He explained how the rural nature of the roads were a challenge in themselves and confirmed that vulnerable road users such as cyclists, horseback riders and pedestrians would be taken into consideration. It was suggested that, if the parish council supported any request to reduce local speed limits, a formal request be sent to the DCC Community Highways Team.

**40/18** Cllr Mr N Bundy and Cllr Mr A Thacker gave an update on Local Government Reorganisation, social housing and infrastructure, bus services and subsidies. Cllr Mr N Bundy informed members that West Dorset District Council had now agreed a balanced budget.

**41/18** Dorset County Cllr Mr N Ireland also informed members that the County Council had now agreed their budget for 2018/19.

**42/18** Mr I Ballam, PGL Osmington Bay provided a full and detailed update which included road maintenance, drainage, traffic calming, coaches, signage and delivery. It was noted that an open day would be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 from 9-12am. The full update report can be found on the website as Item 1.

## **Declarations of Interest**

**43/18** None

## **Grants of Dispensation**

**44/18** None.

## **Planning decisions and related issues.**

**45/18** Application No: WD/D/15/000010 – External works to include new balustrading to river bank and pathways, new bridges over watercourse, new stone flag patio area with 2 No. Jumbrellas, new lamp standard and hanging lantern lighting to paths and roadway and minor works as per site layout (proposed) drawing. Engineering operations to remodel

the river bank as detailed on the submitted plans – Smugglers Inn, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HF. **Decision – Approval**

- 46/18** Application No: WD/D/17/002940 – Erect car port with home office over. Install air source heat pump – Osmington Hill Farm, Main Road, Osmington. **Decision – Approval**

### **Minutes**

- 47/18** Minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were **approved** and signed.

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 48/18** Item 11/18 – bus shelter opposite The Sly Fox untidy –Cllr V White to undertake another sweep out. **Action by: Cllr V White**
- 49/18** Item 17/18 – The millennium tree at the bottom of the playing field needs the stake that holds it put back in place. – As the ground has been so wet this remains a work in progress. **Action by: Cllr Mr V White**

### **Parish Amenities**

- 50/18** The poor state of the parish noticeboards and the gazebo floor was reported. Quotes would be obtained to undertake the work. **Action by: Clerk**
- 51/18** The tenders for the grass and hedge cutting contract were considered and it was **resolved that**;
1. the contract for the 2018/19 grass and hedge cutting be awarded to Wessex Grounds Services Ltd and
  2. dates for the two hedge cuts be agreed and stipulated in the contract.
- 52/18** The erection of a bus shelter at Plough Close was discussed and it was agreed that further information be sought and the item added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Action by: Cllr Mr N Ireland, Clerk**

### **Planning matters.**

- 53/18** Application No: WD/D/18/000341 – Erect conservatory – Holly Cottage, Church Lane, Osmington, DT3 6EW.

There was **no objection** to this planning application. **Action by: Clerk**

### **Highway and Rights of Way Matters**

- 54/18** It was noted that the area to the east of the white horse would be fenced off and levelled once the ground had dried out.

Options were discussed with regard to the A353 speed limit to Poxwell, the Osmington Mills road speed limit and the cycleway/footpath on Osmington Hill. It was agreed that the data from the SID should be reviewed at a future meeting. **Action by: Clerk**

It was **resolved that** to support the reduction of the speed limit on the Osmington Mills road. **Action by: Cllr Mr N Ireland**

### **Council Affairs**

- 55/18** It was **resolved** that Cllr Mrs G Pearson would attend the DAPTC Annual Conference on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 56/18** It was **resolved** that an Internal Auditor be appointed. **Action by: Clerk**

**57/18** Members discussed the timing and format for the Annual Parish meeting and the benefit of a leaflet drop to all residents to invite them to the event. It was **resolved that**;

1. the Annual Parish meeting be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm;
2. local residents and businesses be invited to attend a networking session from 4pm;
3. a leaflet be designed and sourced up to the value of £50.00.

**58/18** The Chairman informed members of the Silent Soldier Initiative. As there was no suitable location within the village for a statue, the church would be approached for their views. **Action by: Cllr Mrs H Ballard**

**59/18** It was **resolved** to approve the cashbook balances for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

**60/18** It was **resolved** to approve the following payments

Glendale Grounds – Grass cutting (Jan)	£136.87
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Osmington PCC	£250.00
Emma Webb (sal/exp 02/18)	£294.95
DCC Pension Fund (02/18)	£87.80
HMRC (PAYE 02/18)	£60.34
Leigh Johnson (sal/exp 02/18)	£117.50
HMRC (PAYE 02/18)	£25.80

The meeting ended at 8.58pm.

Chairman

Date