

# OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the  
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the Village Hall on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr MI Reed (Chairman)  
Cllr Ms EJ Bramley  
Cllr Mr NJ Ireland  
Cllr Mrs SR Miller  
Cllr Mrs G Pearson  
Cllr Mrs DG Symes

## **1. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

**1/14 Apologies.** Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs D Squibb (ill health) and WDDC Cllrs Mrs T Seall and Mr P Stein.

**2/14 Public Attendance.** DCC Cllr Mr A Canning attended.

**3/14 Reports.** Mr Canning expressed an interest in and support for the proposed footpath to link Osmington and Preston adjacent to the A353 on Osmington Hill. Road works are due to be carried out in March/April and may offer an opportunity to expose the previous path, which ran from Preston to the White Horse Farm access. Cllrs Pearson and Ireland stated that they would continue to pursue this matter. Mr Canning also reported that he was pursuing the issue of absent signs relating to the farm access viewing point.

ACTION: CLLRs PEARSON and IRELAND

**4/14 Declarations of Interest.** A Declaration of Interest was announced by the Clerk concerning the issue of the Parish Council considering participating in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**5/14 Grants of Dispensation.** There were no requests for Grant of Dispensation.

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

**6/14 Application No: 1/D/13/000909** – siting of three shipping containers for agricultural use (retrospective) at Eweleaze Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ED – approved, until 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 only and then to be removed.

**7/14 Application No: 1/D/13/000959** – 1.5 storey extension to the side of the existing house. Alteration to the existing house. Construction of a detached garage, all at Westdown House, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester DT2 8NE - approved.

**8/14 Application No: 1/D/13/001342** – erection of dwelling at Osmington Lodge, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX - refused.

**9/14 Application No: 1/D/13/001362** – Erect single and two storey extensions. Realign drive and construct turning circle (amended scheme to that approved under Application 1/D/13/000007) at West Farmhouse, Church (sic) Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EL – approved.

**10/14 Application No: 1/D/13/001394** – demolition of garage and 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension over. Demolition of single storey building on east side of main building. Construction of 2-storey extensions to north and east of existing building at 3 Upton Cottages, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester DT2 8NE – application withdrawn.

**11/14 Reference No: CA/13/00250** – fell T1 Willow tree at Honeysuckle Cottage, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EW – approved.

**12/14 Reference No: TP/13/00288** – T1 Cypress – fell, T2 Sycamore – fell, both at West Wing, Osmington House, Roman Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ES – approved.

**13/14 Reference No: CA/13/00345** – T1 Eucalyptus – above retaining wall onto Monks Way (sic, should read Stone Lane) – fell (under Section 198) at Little Orchard, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EJ – approved.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD**

**14/14** Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS**

**15/14 Mills Road Junction Sign.** It had been noted that the unauthorised sign recently erected at the A353/Mills Road junction had been set back from its original position but no information had been received concerning the legitimacy of this. Clerk to investigate.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**16/14 Teenagers' Pagoda.** Weymouth & Portland Borough Council had been unable to remove the unsightly paint without damaging the pagoda. It was resolved to accept their proposal to replace the plywood covering instead. Ongoing.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**17/14 Planning Applications.** The Parish Council's responses to all outstanding Planning Applications had been forwarded to WDDC.

## **4. PARISH AMENITIES**

**18/14 Playing Field Report.** The Clerk reported that he would be arranging a playfield site meeting with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council (W&PBC) Parks Supervisor to consider W&PBC's future maintenance of surrounding hedges and grass cutting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**19/14 Playing Field Basketball Net Project.** Cllr Ireland was continuing to seek grant funding for a replacement for the original net. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

**20/14 Community Plan.** Cllr Ireland had notified the Clerk of agenda items for the next meeting.

**21/14 Playing Field End Trees.** The means of reclaiming the rough ground at the lower end of the playfield was still under consideration. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR MILLER

**22/14 Christmas Tree Money.** A cheque for £18 was passed to Cllr Bramley, representing the Osmington Youth Club.

**23/14 Broadband Progress.** Cllr Ireland reported that he would be seeking information about road works associated with the laying of the intended broadband cable. Cllr Ireland to monitor. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

**24/14 Application No: 1/D/13/001607** – erect two storey extension and detached garage at Highfield, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EZ.

The Council raised no objection to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

**25/14 Application No: 1/D/13/001743 Listed Building Consent** – Rebuild chimneys, replace rotted windows to match and install secondary glazing at East Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX.

The Council raised no objection to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

**26/14 Application Ref: TP/13/00379** – T4 Maple – fell, T6 Elder – removal of main stem back to new leader at Waterside Holiday Group Ltd, Osmington Mills Holidays, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HG.

The Council raised no objection to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

## 6. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

**27/14 Speed Watch Notices.** The research into Speed Watch warning notices, including costs, for both A353 village approaches remained ongoing. The issue of planning consent for erecting such notices was raised. Clerk to enquire with WDDC Planners.

ACTION: CLERK

**28/14 A353 Traffic Calming Measures.** It was resolved that a speed limit reduction on Osmington Hill to 40mph and a 'SLOW' sign painted on the road at the approaches to the west of the village should be sought. The local business residents (Eweleaze Farm, Top Gear, Caravan Park and others) had been consulted and had expressed their support for such measures. Cllr Ireland had acquired the appropriate documentation to process this matter and would now take it forward.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

**29/14 Osmington Village Access Features.** It was reported that the construction costs of the proposed main road village approach features would be of the order of £1500 each end. Cllr Ireland reported that he would pursue grant support options. Cllr Reed announced that he would review wording options and costs generally. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLRS REED and IRELAND

**30/14 Highways Maintenance.** It was reported that the road surface in lower Church Lane was in increasingly poor condition. The blocked drain at Rosedale remained an issue but County Highways had been consulted over this. The gully outside The Old School had been observed to fill with debris carried down from Shortlake Lane surface water outflow, causing water to cross the main road and flow freely down Church Lane. Clerk to negotiate with Highways.

ACTION: CLERK

**31/14 White Horse Bridleway.** It was reported that the White Horse Hill bridleway had become very muddy but that this situation was addressed only occasionally by County Highways.

**32/14 Mills ROW.** The collapsed path on Mr Tom Pomeroy's land at the Mills had yet to be addressed. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR PEARSON

**33/14 Osmington ROW.** The tree at Little Orchard causing the bulging of the stone wall in Stone Lane had been felled and arrangements were in hand to rebuild the damaged part of the wall.

**34/14 Shortlake Lane Maintenance.** It was understood that the stretch of Shortlake Lane leading from the main road to Glebe Close has been owned by Magna Housing since circa 1970. No record of other deeds relating to this issue have yet been unearthed. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR IRELAND

**35/14 Countryside Ranger.** It was reported that Mr Adam Butcher, the Countryside Ranger whose area of responsibility includes Osmington Parish, wished to visit with his 'boss'. It was suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting would present a suitable opportunity. The Chairman stated that he would pursue this.

ACTION: CLLR REED

## 7. LEGAL AND LAW AND ORDER

**36/14 Signs and Hoardings.** The Clerk was instructed to discuss measures to discourage/prevent the erection of permanent signs/hoardings within the Conservation Area/AONB/Heritage Coast. Cllr Reed stated that he would also continue to research this issue.

ACTION CLLR REED and CLERK

**37/14 Unauthorised Encampments.** Advice had been sought from Mr Kenny Miller relating to the risk of unauthorised encampment on the playing field. It was considered that a wooden gate, with a secure lock, sited immediately to the east of the playground southern pedestrian gate was likely an achievable solution. Cllr Miller agreed to further investigate.

ACTION: CLLR MILLER

## 8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

**38/14 Nil.**

## 9. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS

**39/14 NALC/SLCC.** No new issues.

## 10. COUNCIL AFFAIRS

**40/14 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings.** DAPTC would be holding a meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The agenda would include local broadband and Dorset Waste Partnership issues. It was resolved that Cllrs Bramley and Symes would attend.

ACTION: CLLRS BRAMLEY and SYMES.

**41/14 Neighbourhood Plan.** It was considered that this might be a suitable agenda item for an Annual Parish Meeting once the Local Plan had been published by WDDC.

**42/14 Risk Assessment and Management.** Cllr Ireland had posted a copy of the Parish Council's Risk Assessment on the Osmington website.

**43/14 Parish Standing Orders.** The expected NALC revised model orders were now available and the Clerk would start work on any editing of the draft needed to customise it for the benefit of the Parish Council. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

**44/14 Parish Financial Regulations.** The expected NALC revised model regulations were yet to be published. A review of Parish Financial Regulations was deferred until the revised model regulations became available. Clerk to continue to monitor.

ACTION: CLERK

**45/14 Parish Clerk's Pension.** It was proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Ireland that a Statutory Resolution should be passed in favour of the implementation of the Clerk's admission into the Local Government Pension Scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. This resolution was supported unanimously by the Council Membership and passed accordingly. The Clerk was instructed to make the appropriate arrangements with DCC.

ACTION: CLERK

**46/14 Forecast of Outturn (FOO).** The FOO for FY13/14 was accepted as presented.

**47/14 Budget Plan FY14/15.** The Clerk had revised the figures for the proposed budget plan for FY2014/2015 and the associated precept, which would not be increased above the figure for the previous year. This proposal was accepted unanimously. Clerk to forward precept to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

**48/14 Good Councillors' Guide.** The Clerk had received the eight copies ordered and distributed them to those present at the meeting.

**49/14 Cheques endorsed.**

Nil			
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**50/14 Cheques signed.**

14 Nov 13	100721	DAPTC (Local Councils EXPLAINED)	£56.49
14 Nov 13	100722	DAPTC (Good Councillor's Guide X 8)	£21.00
15 Nov 13	100723	The SLCC (Annual subs)	£101.00
20 Dec 13	100724	DAPTC (Chairman's Seminar)	£25.00
31 Dec 13	100725	HMRC (PAYE Oct-Dec 13)	£202.80
31 Dec 13	100726	NH Hayes (sal/exps Oct-Dec 13)	£920.12

**51/14 Topical Information.** The following issues were mentioned:

Salt bins at the Mills and Ringstead,

Thought needed to be given for the APM format,

A forthcoming Chairman's Seminar was expected to include the proposed delegation of certain DCC services to parishes, which needed to be wary of the impact of such a move.

**52/14 Internal Audit.** The Clerk presented the recently conducted Internal Audit report. No issues had been raised from the audit.

Chairman

Date