

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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) and 5 members of the public.

## 81/20 Public Participation Time

81.1 Representation had been received from residents at Upton, Ringstead regarding traffic issues and concerns in the area. During the summer months, the increase in traffic using the single-track road caused severe congestion and disruption. Boundaries and property had become damaged as a result of the increased traffic using driveways and verges as passing and turning points. The speed of traffic on this road was also raised. Residents requested that traffic calming measures be implemented to address the issues raised.

The council had also received two further letters which supported the request and the implementation of traffic calming measures.

A request had been received from the Osmington Mills Protection Group to consider options for traffic calming at Osmington Mills as it was felt that similar elements affected both roads.

81.2 Representation had been received regarding the reduction of the speed limit from Osmington Garage through to the Ringstead turning. Concern was raised regarding the speed of motorists along this stretch and it was requested that a reduction in speed limit be applied in line with the Preston – Osmington stretch.

A request had also been received from the Osmington Mills Protection Group to consider the inclusion of Osmington Mills if the speed limit was to be reduced through to Ringstead.

81.3 Representation had been received from the applicant of planning consultation WD/D/20/001874, The Creek, Fishers Place, Ringstead. A comprehensive statement had been submitted and circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The statement included details with regard to the application which included the current position with the Covid-19 pandemic, the size of the property, demolition and rebuild, design and surrounding properties.

The council had also received a letter opposing the planning application from three residents from Ringstead which was noted.

81.4 Members received a verbal report from the spokeswoman of the Stop Portland Waste Incinerator campaign group. It was noted that in excess of 6700 objections had been received to date and many concerns had been raised, such as, the visual impact along the Jurassic Coast and the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, emissions plume, height of the chimney stack at 87.2m above sea level, air quality and carbon assessments.

## 82/20 Apologies

No apologies for absence had been received.

### **83/20 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation**

Councillor N Ireland declared an interest in Item 5.4 WP/20/00692/DCC, Portland Port as he had previously commented about this application during the Parliamentary Election campaign in 2019. Councillor Ireland remained in the meeting during its consideration, however, he did not take part in the debate or any associated vote.

### **84/20 Minutes**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 7th September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **85/20 Matters arising from the minutes**

- 85.1 Item 75/20 – The Osmington Community Benefit Society had received a contribution of £10,000 from Dorset Council to take forward any plans to achieve a desired outcome.
- 85.2 Item 78.2/20 – The loose stone along the White Horse track had been addressed.
- 85.3 Item 78.3/20 – The gravel in Village Street had been cleared.
- 85.4 Item 80.4/20 – The new website had been completed and activated. The Clerk had continued to work closely with the domain and website providers to enable the website to be found in a search engine.

### **86/20 Planning Matters**

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 86.1 **Application No: WD/D/20/000704** – Coastguard House, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HA – Single storey rear extension with pitched roof extending over existing extension – **Approved subject to 3 conditions.**
- 86.2 **Application No: WD/D/20/002122** – Land south west of Upton Farm, Upton, Ringstead – Request for confirmation of compliance with conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 of planning approval WD/D/18/00387 – **Complied and partially complied.**

The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 86.3 **Application No: WD/D/20/001874** – The Creek, Fishers Place, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NG – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling (Consultation for adjoining parish).

Members discussed the application and considered the comments that had been submitted. The applicant clarified some key details in relation to the footprint and height of the new building.

It was **resolved**, with a vote of 4:2 to support this application.

- 86.4 **Application No: WD/D/20/001909** – Mulberry House, Roman Road, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6ER – Erection of single storey extension with a flat roof terrace.

In response to a question, members were informed that there would be no external lighting on the terrace above the extension.

It was **resolved** to support this application subject to there being no external lighting on the flat roof terrace.

- 86.5 **Application No: WP/20/00692/DCC** – Portland Port, Castletown, Portland – Construction of an energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown. (Consultation for adjoining parish).

It was **resolved** unanimously to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

1. Adverse Visual Impact. The proposed plant would have a significant adverse effect on the setting of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and of views from the AONB across to Portland. The proposed PVC mesh covering a large section of the building is concerning. No evidence is given in the application for this technique being used on such a large scale or of its being durable in an exposed coastal location. The photograph on the mesh would be a one moment in time view of the landscape backdrop which would not change with the seasons, with varying degrees of light or with varying weather conditions. Both of these issues raise concerns that the PVC mesh might fail to act as any kind of camouflage and might indeed accentuate the scale and mass of this huge building. Light pollution from the aircraft warning light on top of the chimney stack at 87.2 metres above sea level as well as from the car park and the building itself is also a concern. The emissions plume may be visible much more of the time than the application suggests as is easily verified from evidence from other similar installations. This plume would have a major, significant adverse impact on views from and on the setting of the AONB.
  2. Adverse impact from pollutants, especially from ammonia and nitrogen deposition, on both the Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC and the Chesil and The Fleet SAC as well as to the SSSIs in the area.
  3. Climate harm from emissions of pollutants inappropriate in the context of a Climate and Ecological Emergency.
  4. Adverse impacts on traffic and road safety from additional large HGV movements on already heavily congested routes.
- 86.6 **WD/D/20/002363** – Ringstave, Ringstead Access Road to Cothill, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NG – Removal of existing mobile home and erection of log cabin.

It was **resolved** to support this application subject to the log cabin being permanently tied to the existing property.

## **87/20 Parish Amenities**

The Playing Field Officer provided a brief update to members. The grass on the playing field continued to be cut. The fence on the playing field would be erected along the parish field part shortly and the rubbish would be disposed of.

## **88/20 Highways and Rights of Way**

- 88.1 The stile by the gate at the playing field had yet to be replaced.
- 88.2 The drain by the bus stop at East Farm remained blocked.
- 88.3 The overgrown hedge near to East Farm had been cleared.
- 88.4 Resurfacing work throughout the village was due to take place during November.

- 88.5 Members had been notified of the closure of Chapel Lane for SSE works.
- 88.6 Work would commence on the church ramp, the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- 88.7 The current state of Lower Church lane remained a concern.
- 88.8 Members discussed the concerns raised at Upton, Ringstead and the request for traffic calming measures to be implemented.

It was **resolved** that officers from the Highways Department at Dorset Council be invited to attend the January meeting of the council in order to clarify procedures and policies for implementation of Traffic Regulations Orders and requests for traffic calming.

## 89/20 Finance

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

Association of Dorset Watches	£71.94
WWCS Grass cutting – September/October	£303.98
Hardy Signs	£117.00
The Cumbria Clock Company Ltd	£198.00
SLCC – CilCA Registration	£350.00
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – September/October 2020	£838.43
HMRC Tax – September/October 2020	£104.62
BHIB – Engineering Inspection Renewal	£454.88

- 89.3 It was **resolved** that the purchase of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Local Council Administration be approved.
- 89.4 Members discussed the renewal quote for the Engineering Inspection.

It was **resolved** that the Engineering Inspection Renewal quote be approved.

## 90/20 Council Matters

- 90.1 Members undertook an annual review of policies and procedures as follows;
- Standing Orders – recently revised (no action needed)  
 Financial Regulations – recently revised (no action needed)  
 Information and Data Protection Policies – no action needed  
 Playing Field Policy – revised (no action needed). In light of the requirement for a deposit under Point 8, it was agreed that the Clerk review the current banking arrangements and research online banking for the council.  
 FOI Model Publication Scheme – contact details updated
- 90.2 The Chairman informed members of the suite of learning opportunities currently offered by the DAPTC.
- 90.3 Councillor White enquired as to the status of current planning conditions in relation to The Briary. It was agreed that this would be investigated by Councillor Ireland.

The meeting ended at 8.12pm.

Chairman

Date