

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. Mr V White (In the Chair), Cllr. Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr P Botham, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs F Groves and Cllr Mrs S Miller.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and 15 members of the public.

60/21 Public Participation Time

60.1 Many residents attended the meeting to speak regarding planning application **P/FUL/2021/01654 – Eweleaze Farm**. Questions and concerns were raised regarding the change of use of this land and the main areas of concern were noted;

Waste Management and Litter – Where does the waste go? The planning application states Unknown. There was an increased amount of litter from campers on the beach, cliffs and coastal path. There were two reports of campers emptying chemical toilets over the cliffs.

AONB, Jurassic Coast, UNESCO status – Due to the sheer numbers of campers at the site, it is considered to be camping on an industrial scale in the village. This not only has an impact on the environment, it also impacts on the local residents who frequently walk the coastal path.

Access and Traffic Management – A single track access to the site was considered inappropriate and dangerous for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. Debris (chalk) from the track was transferred to the main road in wet conditions which obscured road markings. It was felt that the Traffic Management Plan was inadequate for this site and the traffic situation on the ground was not realistically and adequately reflected in the application.

Fire Pits and Safety – The acrid smoke from the numerous fire pits on the campsite could be smelt in the village. Windows could not be opened due to the amount of smoke and pollution created. Safety concerns were raised due to the close proximity of the campers which created a fire hazard on the site.

Security and disruption – Reports of trespassing were made and also a report of objects that had disappeared from buildings within the area. Some residents reported that they felt anxious due to so many strangers wandering around their property.

The Clerk also read two statements of objection from local residents, which had been submitted prior to the meeting.

60.2 Three residents from Ringstead attended the meeting and informed members of their intention to create a separate parish meeting/council for Ringstead. Due to tourism pressures, the leisure industry and the high volume of second homes, many residents were in favour of this. This would allow residents to address peculiarities common to Ringstead alone and form an independent identity to exercise a more democratic voice in the area.

61/21 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N Ireland.

62/21 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

No declarations of interest or grants of dispensation were received.

63/21 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

64/21 Matters arising from the minutes

56.1 – Councillor White had repaired the posts at the play area.

56.2 – The plaque had been purchased for the bus shelter at Plough Close and a ceremony would take place at 10.30am on Saturday 11th September.

56.6 – Councillor White had circulated the report from the recent tree survey. This would be discussed in full at the next meeting.

57.4 – The abandoned tyres near to Craig's Farm had now been removed.

65/21 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

65.1 **P/HOU/2021/00672** – Foxhollow, Church Lane – Attic conversion with two dormer windows, one Juliet balcony dormer and three roof lights – **Granted**.

65.2 **P/HOU/2021/01324** – Zambuka House, Grove Hill – Erection of two balconies and formation of six dormer windows – **Granted**.

65.3 **P/FUL/2021/00231** – Poxwell Lower Dairy Access to Lower Dairy Farm, Poxwell – Erection of an extension to cattle shed to add two bays to each end of the building – **Granted**.

65.4 **P/LBC/2021/01020** – Pitt Cottage, Ringstead – Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of a derelict former World War II radar bunker into one dwelling – **Granted**.

65.5 **WD/D/21/000014** – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill – Extension and replacement of roof – **Refused**.

The following planning application/s were considered: -

65.6 **P/FUL/2021/01654** – Eweleaze Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6ED – Change of use of agricultural land to camping for 56 days per year (10th July to 3rd September). Temporary permission until October 2024.

It was resolved to **object** to this application for the following reasons;

- There is a detrimental visual impact on this open landscape in an AONB with substantial damage to the land and no time to recover.
- The access track is unsuitable for the volume of vehicles created by the campsite. Traffic does not operate as implied in the application as there are frequent queues at the top of Osmington Hill. There are 5 stated passing places. If the first passing place is full, there is no way past to access additional passing places. Concern was raised regarding emergency services access to the site.

- The impact on the area is residual. The burnt grass from open fires can be seen on this land.
- Further information on the disposal of sewage at the campsite is required. The planning application states Sewage – Unknown.
- Concerns regarding fire safety were raised due to the close proximity of tents on the campsite. Further information is required regarding this.
- The 28-day national policy is prescribed for a specific reason and it is felt that a change of use for this sensitive landscape is inappropriate.

65.7 **P/HOU/2021/01710** – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6EJ – Extensions and alterations to include removal of rear addition and erection of pergola and greenhouse. (Amended scheme to that approved under WD/D/19/001586).

It was **resolved** to support this application.

65.8 **P/LBC/2021/01711** – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6EJ – Removal of rear addition, extensions and internal and external alterations. (Amended scheme to that approved under WD/D/19/001587).

It was **resolved** to support this application.

65.9 **P/LBC/2021/01889** – East Farm House, Main Road, Osmington, Dorset – Replace thatch and fireboard.

It was **resolved** to support this application.

65.10 **WP/20/00692/DCC** – Portland Port, Castletown, Portland, DT5 1PP - Regulation 25 of the T&CP EIA Regulations 2017 – request for further information.

It was **resolved** to submit no further comments in addition to the Objection made to the original application.

65.11 **P/HOU/2021/02657** – 1 Hollands Mead Avenue, Owermoigne, DT2 8HX – Double detached garage, access from existing drive (adjoining parish).

It was **resolved** to make no comment regarding this application.

66/21 Parish Amenities

66.1 Cllr. White provided a brief update regarding the playing field and play area. The report arising from the tree survey had been circulated and would be considered at the next meeting. Members discussed the need to treat the weeds around the area and agreed that this should be deferred until Spring 2022.

In the meantime, it was **resolved** that the area be strimmed as soon as possible.

66.2 The Clerk had received several complaints regarding over-flowing bins in the village which had been circulated to members. It was noted that the inner bin near to the church was broken and required replacement.

It was **resolved** that from 1st July to 30th September each year, the bins should be emptied twice weekly.

- 66.3 Despite the attendance of the White Horse landowners at the meeting, it was agreed to defer the item of its future maintenance until the next meeting. This would allow for Councillor Ireland to answer their questions more fully.
- 66.4 The Sly Fox remained on the market for sale and an application to re-register the pub as an Asset of Community Value had been submitted.
- 66.5 The insurance company had agreed the repair/replacement of the telephone box.

67/21 Highways and Rights of Way

- 67.1 Concerns had been raised regarding speeding traffic through the village and circulated to members. It was noted that the Speedwatch team had logged over 1000 vehicles passing through over the course of one hour. It was agreed that the exact statistics from the Speedwatch team be submitted for consideration at the next meeting, where it was anticipated that a Highways Officer would be present.

It was **resolved** that a member of the Dorset Council's Highways Team be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the traffic concerns of residents.

- 67.2 Councillor Miller informed members that the coastal path was overgrown as it had been strimmed early in the season. Councillor Miller would contact the Rangers to request that this takes place at a later date in 2022 and future years.

68/21 Finance

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

WWCS Grass cutting – July/August 2021	£324.00
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – July/August 2021	£571.82
HMRC – Tax – July/August 2021	£34.40
The Community Heartbeat Trust	£72.00
DAPTC – Code of Conduct Training	£30.00
Nick Ireland – Commemorative Plaque	£25.00

69/21 Council Matters

- 69.1 Three residents attended the meeting to put forward their proposal to create a separate meeting/parish council for Ringstead. This would be submitted under the Community Governance Review currently being undertaken by Dorset Council. Councillor Miller asked if the parish council could be more inclusive in any way but also recognised the problems peculiar to Ringstead.
- 69.2 A request for partnering and financial support regarding the Powerfuel application at Portland Port had been received from Portland Town Council. It was agreed that this be deferred until the next meeting and The Clerk asked to obtain further information regarding the request.
- 69.3 It was **resolved** that the parish council continue with the current Zoom subscription for future informal ad-hoc planning discussions.

69.4 Councillor Groves suggested that the tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 be located at Osmington Mills as there was already a tree located at the village green.

It was **resolved** that the commemorative tree be located at Osmington Mills.

69.5 Councillor White reminded everyone present that the village party would be held on Sunday 12th September.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Chairman

Date