

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and Dorset 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 two members of the public.

68/19 Public Participation Time

A member of the public introduced himself to members as a new resident of the village and informed members of his genuine interest in the community and local issues.

A member of the Osmington Mills Protection Society informed members of objections made at the recent meeting of the group regarding the proposal to allow the park to remain open all year round. It was felt that the key reasons behind the application were inappropriate and not suitable to be applied for all year-round use. Other key concerns raised included road conditions in January and February and also light pollution in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

69/19 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

70/19 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no grants of dispensations and the following Declarations of Interest were recorded;

Councillor S Miller declared a personal interest in Item 5 (WD/D/19/002535) as a neighbour of the applicant.

Councillor V White declared a personal interest in Item 5 (WD/D/19/002535) as a member of the Osmington Mills Protection Society.

Councillor H Ballard declared a personal interest in Item 5 (WD/D/19/002390) as a local resident who kept horses near to the location.

Councillor N Ireland declared an interest in Item 5 (All) as a member of the Dorset Council Planning Committee and abstained from all decisions.

71/19 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd September 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

72/19 Matters Arising from the minutes

(190902) Item 64.3 – It was noted that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to the removal of the leylandii hedge. The Village Hall did not wish to replant the hedge and would seek quotes for the installation of a fence.

73/19 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 73.1 **WD/D/19/000377** – Upton Cottages, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NE – Erection of 3 no dwellings for use as holiday accommodation – **Refused**
- 73.2 **WD/D/19/000707** – St Osmunds Church, Church Lane, Osmington – Install an access ramp, widen a footway, regrade a path and install a dropped kerb – **Approved**

The following planning applications were considered:-

- 73.3 **Application No: WD/D/19/002141**- Pixon Barn, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6EZ – Erection of side extension and car port.

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

1. The proposed application site occupies a prominent position within the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Council considers that the construction of a dwelling in this location would be seriously damaging to the very special character of this area and would be at odds with the priority of conserving the natural beauty of the landscape that applies within AONB's.
2. The supporting statement presents no case for why this should be built and the Council considers that there would be no impact on the local economy if it were to be refused.
3. The Council also considers that this development would cause serious detriment to the visual amenities associated with the adjacent public rights of way.

- 78.4 **Application No: WD/D/19/002388** – Orchard Gate, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6EW – Erect front porch.

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

- 78.5 **Application No: WD/D/19/002535** – Osmington Mills Holidays, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HB – Restructure of facilities form 2 lakes. Provide 52 holiday units, increase 75 tent pitches landscaping (Variation of condition 2 of Planning approval 1/E/84/00528 – To allow holiday park to be used all year round.

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

1. Increased light pollution in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
2. The chalets would have a visual impact on the local area and more so if the proposed tree works were also carried out.

- 78.6 **Application No: WD/D/19/002390** – Mulberry House, Roman Road, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6ER – Erect 1 No. dwelling (part retrospective).

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

1. This development would create a significant increase in traffic on the bridleway.
2. This is considered an over development of the site and not a re-use of the redundant agricultural building.
3. The development would also increase light pollution in the area.

79/19 Parish Amenities

- 79.1 Councillor White provided a brief update on the playing field which included the gazebo floor and the grass cutting. The gazebo floor had yet to be treated and this would need to be treated before the winter.
- 79.2 Councillor White also informed members that the base for the bus shelter would be laid by the end of the week and the installation of the shelter could take place within two weeks.

80/19 Highways and Rights of Way Matters

- 80.1 Councillor Miller reported that several stiles around the village were in need of repair and maintenance. This would be reported for action.
- 80.2 The Chairman informed members that the steps at the Osmington Mills beach footpath needed further improvement. Liaison would be undertaken with the landowner.
- 80.3 It was noted that the “give way” sign from Osmington Mills to the main road had now been repaired.
- 80.4 Concern regarding the condition of the White Horse Hill track was raised again.
- 80.5 Councillor Ireland informed members that he would raise the issue of flooding once again and report back to the next meeting.

81/19 Finance

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

Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 09/19)	£291.65
HMRC (PAYE 09/19)	£63.20
Osmington Village Hall Hire – November	£16.00
DAPTC – New Councillor Course	£40.00
Leigh Johnson (sal/exps 10/19)	£224.95
HMRC (PAYE 10/19)	£49.40
BHIB Ltd – Engineering Inspection Renewal	£419.24
Maypole Manufacturing Ltd – Bus Shelter	£3924.00

82/19 Council Matters

- 82.1 The approval of the draft Section 137 Policy was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.
- 82.2 Members discussed the decision taken by Dorset Council to declare a Climate Change Emergency. Whilst it was agreed that climate change had a detrimental affect on the planet it was noted that the United Kingdom’s carbon emissions were low at 1.2%. Members deferred the decision to also declare a Climate Change Emergency and this would be brought to a future meeting if deemed necessary.
- 82.3 Members discussed the need for emergency maintenance especially with regard to the six noticeboards.

Due to a need for a decision before the next meeting it was **resolved** to approve the emergency maintenance work for the noticeboards with a budget of up to £1000.00.

- 82.4 Councillor White informed members that Phoenix Fundraisers had agreed to raise funds for the replacement thatched roof on the bus stop. It was anticipated that this project would be fully funded by Spring 2020. It was noted that the Constable Room had been opened as a bar at 7pm on Friday evenings. Funds raised would support the re-thatching project.
- 82.5 Members noted that several residents had an on-going issue with the collection of their food waste. Councillor Ireland informed members that more waste drivers would be recruited and the issue should be resolved in the near future.
- 82.6 A need for a defibrillator at Osmington Mills had been identified and a letter sent to the Chairman of Hall and Woodhouse to request support for this.

The meeting ended at 8.18pm

Chairman

Date