

OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th March 2015

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr NJ Ireland (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs HS Ballard

Cllr Mrs CA Dempsey

Cllr Mrs SR Miller

Cllr Mrs G Pearson

Cllr Mrs DG Symes

Cllr Mr VG White

1. Democratic Period

91/15 Apologies. Apologies had been received from WDDC Cllrs Mrs T Seall and Mr P Stein.

92/15 Public. Four members of the public attended.

93/15 Declarations of Interest. Cllrs Mr Ireland, Mrs Ballard, Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Symes and the Clerk each declared a Personal Interest in the proposed development at Mulberry House, Roman Road.

94/15 Grants of Dispensation. No requests for Grant of Dispensation were made.

2. Planning Applications

95/15 Application No: WD/D/15/000316 –Outline application to construct 3No. new build cottages with associated garaging. Change of use of an existing stable block to a residential at Mulberry House, Roman Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ER.

The Council most strongly opposes this application. This proposed development affects many more than the residents of the immediate locale and in view of the considerable number of objections notified to this Council from a wide spectrum of parishioners, the Council is requesting that this application is determined at WDDC Committee level after a site visit has been undertaken in order that the numerous issues raised are fully appreciated. The proposed development is in an unsustainable, remote location and would be contrary to both the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and the West Dorset/Weymouth & Portland Local Plan Policy HOUS6. The claim by the applicant that there are two in number public houses within walking distance of the site is incorrect. There is only one within practicable walking distance within the village. References to ready accessibility to the village by bus are grossly exaggerated. No such integrated service exists. Other applications locally have been refused for similar reasons. Osmington has no defined development boundary and the proposed development fulfils no criteria that may apply given that there has been no demonstration of local need via any housing needs survey. The proposed development would be accessed only from the adjacent bridleway known as the Roman Road, an extremely popular route to the South Dorset Ridgeway for the local equestrian and dog walking community, large groups of pedal cycling schoolchildren from the nearby PGL Outdoor Education Centre and rambler walkers. The likely 40% increase in vehicular traffic resulting from this development would increase the conflict with and reduce the safety of both existing and intended new users of this narrow and distinctly rural route.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

96/15 Application No: WD/D/14/003202 – Amendment Plan to proposal to remove 2nd floor pitched roof/attic room and replace with new pitched roof and 2nd floor accommodation at Highfield House, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HA.
 The Council raised no objections to this application.
 Clerk to forward the Council’s response to WDDC when formal notification has been received from WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

97/15 Application Ref: WD/TP/15/00082 – Fell 1No. Sycamore at Osmington Mills Holiday Park, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HB.
 The Council raised no objections to this application.
 Clerk to forward the Council’s response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

3. Planning decisions/notifications by WDDC.

98/15 Application No: WD/D/14/002409 – Demolition of existing conservatory.
 Replacement/new rear extension - approved.

4. Other Issues

99/15 Sponsored Meetings/Briefings. Nil.

100/15 Voluntary Sector Development. This item was deferred until more detail became evident.

101/15 Parish Standing Orders. The new draft document based on the NALC/SLCC template had been reviewed by the Members and it was resolved to adopt it.

102/15 Parish Financial Regulations. The new draft document based on the NALC/SLCC template had been reviewed by the Members and it was resolved to adopt it.

103/15 Gateway Features. Progressing.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

104/15 Topical Information Reported. No other non-agenda issues were raised.

105/15 Cheques endorsed.

12 Mar 15	100760	Weymouth & Portland BC (play area maint. 2014/15)	£592.99
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106/15 Cheques signed.

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Chairman

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