

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 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).

71/20 Public Participation Time

No matters were raised by members of the public.

72/20 Apologies

No apologies for absence had been received.

73/20 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

74/20 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 17th August 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

75/20 Matters arising from the minutes

Item 66/20 – A site visit at the Sly Fox had taken place and it was noted that the building had been emptied of its furnishings. It was thought that there may be interested parties regarding the sale of the site.

76/20 Planning Matters

The following planning decision was noted: -

76.1 **Application No: WD/D/19/002884** – Westdown Farm, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester, DT2 8NE – Conversion of former RAF building into 1. No dwelling – **Approved subject to twelve conditions.**

77/20 Parish Amenities

77.1 The Playing Field Officer provided a brief update to members. The grass on the playing field continued to be cut. A further update regarding the erection of the fence would be provided at the next meeting. It was noted that the litter bin at the rear of the village hall was full and needed to be emptied.

An inspection of the play area had recently taken place and a full report of findings was awaited.

77.2 Members agreed that the parish “spring” clean should be rescheduled for September. A proposed date for the event would be circulated shortly and kit would be made available to volunteers.

78/20 Highways and Rights of Way

- 78.1 The fence alongside the footpath at PGL had been moved back. There had been no official notice that the footpath had been reopened.
- 78.2 Members noted that there was a great deal of loose stone along the White Horse track and this was considered to have become dangerous.
- 78.3 Members also noted that the gravel in Village Street required clearing.
- 78.4 A request for the installation of a bus stop at Osmington Hill, near to White Horse Farm was discussed and considered by members. Due to the location and the general consensus that the bus stop would be under used, the request was not supported.

79/20 Finance

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

Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – July/August 2020	£716.32
HMRC – Tax – July/August 2020	£64.60
WWCS – grass cutting – August 2020	£151.99

- 79.3 Members the conclusion of the Annual Audit for 2019/20.

80/20 Council Matters

- 80.1 Members were informed that a pop-up pizza restaurant had caused some traffic issues in the Upton area.
- 80.2 A local resident had contacted the council regarding traffic using their driveway as a pull in. The resident had since placed traffic bollards in the driveway to discourage this.
- 80.3 The Clerk still awaited confirmation of when the new litter bins would be installed. An update would be provided when available.
- 80.4 The creation of a new parish council website continued to progress well. A domain name would be agreed and purchased within the next few days. The website would then be activated to enable members to provide feedback for the official live launch.

The meeting ended at 7.26pm.

Chairman

Date