

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr B Kuflik, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

52/23 Cllr B Kuflik signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to his first meeting.

53/23 Public Participation Time

The Sly Fox update – Mr S Bainbridge provided a brief update to members regarding the planning application and a delay that had occurred in the process. It was noted that due to a comment submitted by the council it was not possible to progress the application and the applicant requested that members review the comment made and consider its retraction.

It was **resolved** unanimously that the comment “It was requested that the cottage be linked to the pub as an income stream” (30/23 – 11th April) be retracted.

In the absence of Councillor Ireland (Chairman), Councillor White (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.

54/23 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Groves and Cllr N Ireland.

55/23 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

No declarations of interest or grants of dispensation were received.

56/23 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 22nd May and 27th June 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

57/23 Matters arising from the minutes

- 27th June
- 51/23 – Cllr Ballard had reported the condition of the Roman Road and this would be investigated.
 - 51/23 – Cllr Miller stressed the importance of clear communication with interested parties regarding the proposal to rebuild the steps to the beach at Osmington Mills.

58/23 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

None

The following planning application/s were considered: -

No applications were received.

59/23 Parish Amenities

- 59.1 The grass in the play area had now been cut.
- 59.2 The electric in the phone box had now been disconnected and it was hoped that the installation of the new box would take place shortly.
- 59.3 Members considered three quotes for the removal of two sycamore trees at the north side of the playing field.

It was **resolved** to appoint Sam Brown to carry out the work at a cost of £550.00.

60/23 Highways and Rights of Way

Cllr Ballard informed members that the condition of the Roman Road had deteriorated further and was unsuitable for all users. The Clerk would add a new tab to the website with links to the Highways and Rights of Way Report It forms.

61/23 Finance

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

Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – May and June	£719.97
HMRC Tax – May and June	£89.60
Osmington Village Hall Hire – 27 th June and 3 rd July	£30.00
Paula Harding – Audit	£65.33
Playsafety Limited – ROSPA course and exam	£922.00

It was **resolved** to retrospectively approve the following payment/s made in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.1.

Unity Trust bank charges – 30 th June	£18.00
Leigh Johnson – Laptop and software purchase reimbursement	£1591.22
Vic White – Accommodation and travel expenses for safety course	£162.65

62/23 Council Matters

- 62.1 Cllr White provided a brief report regarding the safety course that he attended and it was agreed that a separate agenda included at each meeting to discuss the monthly operational check report.
- 62.2 It was noted that the pergola needed a wood treatment to preserve it. Cllr Kuflik offered some tung oil that was left over from the refurbishment of the noticeboards.

The meeting ended at 7.44pm

Chairman

Date

Addendum to the Minutes of the council meeting of Osmington Parish Council held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7pm.

53/23 After consultation with the Monitoring Officer of Dorset Council, it is clear that the vote is invalid because;

It was taken before the meeting formally opened i.e. in public participation time and;

That it contravenes Standing Order 7(a) of our parish council i.e. that the council cannot revisit or alter something that it has previously resolved upon until six months have expired or a special meeting motion is put.

As such the decision cannot be acted upon.