

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 2nd March 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 S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk). Three members of the public were also in attendance.

20/20 Public Participation Time

- 20.1 A member of the public attended to inform members of her litter picking efforts in the area. Whilst out jogging, she collected large amounts of rubbish every week. It was her intention to set up a dedicated litter picking group and she requested that the Parish Council support her venture, with possible funding and support in relation to insurance and creating a risk assessment.
- 20.2 Two residents of the village introduced themselves to members and outlined their intentions for development at their property. Members were interested to note the proposals which included a desire to meet passive housing standards as far as possible, rainwater harvesting and the addition of a battery bank.

21/20 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor F Groves.

22/20 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

23/20 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 6th January and 27th January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24/20 Matters arising from the minutes

6th January 2020 – Item 8.3 – Members noted that the Spring Clean had been arranged on Saturday 4th April 2020 from 9am to noon. Litter Free Dorset would provide equipment required for this.

25/20 Planning Matters

No planning decisions had been received.

26/20 The following planning application/s were considered: -

Application No: WD/D/20/000139 – Osmington Hill Farm, Main Road, Osmington – Erection of extension incorporating garden room with home office over.

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

1. The design of the building has been changed since the original application; and

2. The glass design of the structure would increase light pollution in the area.

Action by: The Clerk

27/20 Parish Amenities

27.1 The Playing Field Officer reported the grass would be cut on 18th March. Cuttings would be collected on the first cut.

27.2 Members noted the resignation of Councillor V White as the Playing Field Officer.

It was **resolved** that Councillor Mrs S Miller be appointed as Playing Field Officer for the remainder of the term.

Action by: The Clerk

27.3 Members considered a request to fund the purchase of approved, long sleeved high visibility jackets for the Speed watch volunteers.

It was **resolved** that the request for funding be approved.

28/20 Highways and Rights of Way

28.1 Members noted the continued deterioration of the surface at Lower Church Lane which had once again been exacerbated by the recent exceptional weather conditions.

28.2 Members were informed of the landslide at Osmington Mills which had affected the car park and also the access to The Dell. Alternative access to this property would be investigated.

28.3 Path to beach (Osmington Mills) - It was noted that although the materials had been delivered, further work would be required to move the materials to site and access issues would need to be addressed with the local landowner.

28.4 The stile at Waterside had been completed.

28.5 A member raised a concern regarding the barbed wire fencing along the bridleway at Craigs Farm Dairy in relation to horse riders. It was agreed that this would be investigated further.

29/20 Finance

29.1 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.

29.2 Members considered a number of documents prepared by The Clerk in readiness for the annual audit of the financial year 2019/20.

It was **resolved** that:

- (a) The Council's Risk Assessment be amended as discussed and approved for consideration by the Internal Auditor;
- (b) The Council's Asset Register be amended as discussed and approved for consideration by the Internal Auditor;
- (c) The Internal Controls be noted; and
- (d) Paula Harding of Barker Fox Associates be appointed as Internal Auditor for the year 2019/20.

- 29.3 Members considered the updated Financial Regulations and noted key areas of change.
It was **resolved** that the Financial Regulations be confirmed and approved.

Action by: The Clerk

- 29.4 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments: -

Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses (January and February 2020)	£529.40
HMRC – Tax (January and February 2020)	£112.40
Osmington Village Hall Hire – March 2020	£16.00
Weymouth TC – Play Area Inspections	£664.22

30/20 Council Matters

- 30.1 Members discussed the upcoming 75th anniversary of VE Day. No specific events were planned for the Parish Council.
- 30.2 Cllr. V White requested that the Climate Emergency and ways in which the Parish Council could help locally be discussed at a future meeting.
- 30.3 Members exchanged items of interest which included the re-thatching of the bus shelter and the need to replace the pads on the defibrillator.

The meeting ended at 8.00.pm.

Chairman

Date