

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Constable Room of the Village Hall on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DCC Councillor), Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr P Botham, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mrs G Pearson and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: WDDC Cllrs Mr N Bundy and Mr A Thacker and Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk). Three members of the public were also in attendance.

1/19 Public Participation Time

The Chairman informed members that agenda item 6.1 had been deferred due to information received shortly before the meeting.

- 1.1 Councillor Bundy provided a brief update regarding Local Government Reorganisation and the continued upgrade to the planning system.
- 1.2 Councillor Thacker provided a brief update regarding the proposed transfer of assets programme and the proposals for Community Safety panels in the Dorset Council.
- 1.3 County Councillor Ireland updated members on the recent appointments to Dorset Council and the proposal for three area planning boards.
- 1.4 Two residents remarked on the importance of the continued provision of the public conveniences at Osmington Mills. Local residents were keen to keep the facility running and would be happy to offer assistance and look at creative ways to fund this provision if necessary.
- 1.5 A resident questioned the number of signatories required to submit a petition regarding the reduction in the speed limit at Osmington Mills. The Chairman would check the proposed arrangements for the Dorset Council and confirm the position.
- 1.6 A representative of the village hall informed members of the procedures for wedding bookings at the village hall.

2/19 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

3/19 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

4/19 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5/19 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

6/19 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 6.1 **WD/D/18/001267** – Pixon Barn Farm, Poxwell, Dorchester, DT2 8PA – Erection of barn – **Approved.**
- 6.2 **WD/D/18/002361** – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Erection of double garage and car port with annexe above – **Approved.**

7/19 The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 7.1 **Application No: WD/D/18/2606** – Pixon Barn Farm, Poxwell, Dorchester, DT2 8PA – Erection of dwelling with car shelter below (Full).

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.

Action by: The Clerk

8/19 Parish Amenities

- 8.1 The Playing Field Officer reported that the log bar swings required a replacement bolt and that the gazebo floor had deteriorated and would therefore be taped off until it had been repaired.

Action by: Cllr White and the Clerk

- 8.2 Councillor Pearson presented a draft playing field policy for consideration. It was confirmed that the policy would be rolled out to all users who wished to use the field during events.

It was **resolved** that the policy be amended to reflect parking for service vehicles and the final version be circulated for implementation.

Action by: Cllr Pearson and the Clerk

- 8.3 Members considered the situation of litter bins within the community and the need for additional bins and/or collections. It was agreed not to place an additional bin near to the entrance of Pixon Barn. Members discussed an additional bin near to the pump and it was agreed to seek further information regarding exact location, style of bin and collection schedules.

It was **resolved** that members explore the possibility of an additional bin being sited near to the pump.

Action by: Cllr Miller and the Clerk

- 8.4 The Clerk updated members of the latest proposal for the transfer of assets, specifically in relation to the public conveniences at Osmington Mills.

It was **resolved** that the Council did not express an interest in the transfer of the public conveniences at this time.

Action by: The Clerk

9/19 Highways and Rights of Way

- 9.1 It was noted that work had been scheduled to take place at Lower Church Lane.

10/19 Finance

- 10.1 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.
- 10.2 The Clerk provided a budget report and the budget for 2019/20 was approved.
- 10.3 After consideration of the budget for 2019/20, members discussed the precept for this period.

It was **resolved** to increase the precept from £15,450.00 to £16,000 for 2019/20.

Action by: The Clerk

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

Wessex Grounds Services – grass cutting (November)	£116.20
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Leigh Johnson (salary/expenses 11/18)	£307.25
HMRC (PAYE 11/18)	£67.00
Osmington Village Hall (November)	£16.00
Leigh Johnson (salary/expenses 12/18)	£228.80
HMRC (PAYE 12/18)	£50.40
SLCC Membership renewal	£89.00

11/19 Council Matters

- 11.1 Members noted the meetings dates for 2019/20.
- 11.2 The Clerk informed members that nomination papers for local elections on 2nd May would be made available soon and submitted on behalf of members.

The meeting ended at 8.32.pm.

Chairman

Date