

OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 5th February 2015

Members of the Council present:

Cllr NJ Ireland (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs HS Ballard

Cllr Mrs SR Miller

Cllr Mrs G Pearson

Cllr Mrs DG Symes

Cllr Mr VG White

1. Democratic Period

37/15 Apologies. Apologies had been received from WDDC Cllrs Mrs T Seall and Mr P Stein.

38/15 Public. Five members of the public attended.

39/15 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Miller declared an interest in the planning application relating to Highfield House, which is situated nearby to her own property.

40/15 Grants of Dispensation. No requests for Grant of Dispensation were made.

2. Planning Applications

41/15 Application No: WD/D/14/002409 – Demolition of existing conservatory.
Replacement/new rear extension at Thyme Cottage, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HA.

The Council raised no objections to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

42/15 Application No: WD/D/14/002571 – Demolition of garage and 1st floor extension over.
Demolition of single storey building on east side of building. Construction of 2-storey extensions to north and east of existing building at 3 Upton Cottages, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester DT2 8NE.
The Council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds. The windows on the North elevation, which are subject to condition #6 of WD/D/14/22 (ie opaque) are clear glass. The East extension / South elevation is higher than approved or on the plan and it doesn't match the existing building line. The light tubes generate significant light pollution and are too large / out of keeping with the property.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

43/15 Application No: WD/D/14/003013 – Change use of existing building to a dwelling house at Osmington Hill Farm, Main Road Osmington.

The Council objects on several grounds. The refusal for holiday lets at the same site is relevant here - 1/E/05/909 - nothing significant has changed and Osmington Parish Council objected to that. It is outside the development boundary and in a prominent position. There is effectively no public transport in Osmington other than the X53 and local services are minimal. These were used as grounds for refusing a recent application at Grove Hill, Osmington. The building is not redundant as the office conversion is incomplete and it has not been advertised for use.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

44/15 Application No: WD/D/14/003202 – Remove existing 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 (Cllr Miller abstained from voting).

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

45/15 Application No: WD/D/14/003322 – Proposed advertisement board for Craig's Farm Dairy at East Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX.

The Council raised no objections to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

46/15 Application No: WD/D/15/000010 – External Works to include new balustrading to river bank and pathways, new bridges over watercourse, new stone flag patio area with 2No. Jumbrellas, new lamp standard and hanging lantern lighting to paths and roadway and minor works as per site layout (proposed) drawing at Smugglers Inn, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HF.

The Council raised no objections to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

47/15 Application No: WD/CA/15/00011 – Ash – reduce crown by undertaking a 30% reduction at Cosy Cottage, Village Street, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EP.

The Council raised no objections to this application.

Clerk to forward the Council's response to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

48/15 Stream Ground Works around Smugglers. It was brought to the notice of the Council that significant earthworks were being undertaken in and around the stream running beside the Smugglers Inn, without, seemingly, the appropriate planning consent or even in relation to any associated planning application. It was noted that bridges, which form an essential part of various 'Rights of Way', had already been demolished or obstructed. No notices of closure or diversion had been posted. Further, as the stream is a SSSI, it was considered that an environmental study should have been carried out to establish any impact the works might have on wild life. Finally, concern was expressed on the effect such works might impose in a known high risk subsidence area which sits on large amounts of Kimmeridge Clay. The Chairman declared that he would bring notice of the various reservations to the attention of the appropriate department at DCC.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

3. Planning decisions/notifications by WDDC.

49/15 Application No: WD/D/14/002416 Listed building Consent – Replace front door on like for like basis at East Farm, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX – application withdrawn.

50/15 Application No: WD/D/14/002764 – Relocate window and door in extension, substitute solar slates for thatch on south elevation of extension - approved.

4. Other Issues

51/15 Sponsored Meetings/Briefings. Approval was given for both DAPTC Area Representatives to attend the DAPTC Annual Conference 0930-1500 25th February at Kingston Maurward.

52/15 FY2015-16 Budget and Precept figures. The figures, which had been presented but inadvertently omitted in the November meeting minutes, received full reaffirmation.

53/15 Risk Assessment and Management. The reviews of Risk Assessment and Risk Management, which had been addressed but inadvertently omitted in the November meeting minutes, received full reaffirmation.

54/15 Section 106 Agreement. WDDC is holding a sum of money derived from a Section 106 agreement for a development in the Parish and for the purpose of improving local recreational facilities. The Parish Council resolved to accept WDDC’s proposal to release the money and to abide by the conditions stated by WDDC. Clerk to respond to the Leisure & Commissioning Manager’s proposal.

ACTION: CLERK

55/15 Gateway Features. It was reported that the chosen provider of the A353 Gateway Features had sought payment, in two halves, in advance of work to be done. Unfortunately, public money cannot be released before work is done and an appropriate invoice presented. The Chairman stated that he would explain this to the provider.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

56/15 Notice Board Refurbishment. A quotation for the refurbishment of the six parish notice boards had been received and appeared reasonable but, in the interests of proper accounting for public money, it was considered appropriate to seek at least one other quotation for comparison purposes. It was decided to defer this issue to the March ordinary meeting.

57/15 Topical Information Reported. No non-agenda issues were raised.

58/15 Cheques endorsed.

8 Jan 15	100756	Osmington Village Hall (fees)	£64.00
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59/15 Cheques signed.

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Chairman

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