

OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 28th April 2016 at 7pm

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs H Ballard
Cllr Mrs S Miller
Cllr Mrs G Pearson
Cllr Mrs D Symes
Cllr Mr V Smith

1. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

69/16 Apologies. Apologies received from DCC Cllr Canning, WDDC Cllr Thacker and WDDC Cllr Bundy.

70/16 Public Attendance. Eight members of the public were in attendance.

Members of the public raised concerns regarding Planning Application WD/D/16/00113 (Jasmine Cottage, Village Street, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EP) with regard to the removal of the Willow tree.

71/16 Declarations of Interest. Nil.

72/16 Grants of Dispensation. Nil.

73/16 Planning decisions and related issues

Application No: WD/CA/16/00106

Reduce multi-stemmed Bay trees by 1.5m at Honeybun, Church Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EJ – approved.

Application No: WD/D/15/002593

Refurbishment of workroom/store into studio/workroom. Replace roof and insert window into east elevation at Abbeyfeale Farmhouse, Upton, Ringstead, Dorchester DT2 8NE – approved.

Application No: WD/D/15/001553

Erect 6 dormer windows and 2 number balconies at Zambuka House, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EZ – approved.

Application No: WD/D/16/000343

Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of 2 storey rear extension to kitchen and bedroom at Rookery Nook, Chapel Lane, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6ET – approved.

2. PLANNING MATTERS

74/16 Application No: WD/D/16/000400

Erect Link Extension, Studio and Garage at Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EZ

Osmington Parish Council raises no objection to this planning application.

75/16 Application No: WD/TP/16/00113

Willow (TPO 880: T1) – Fell Ash – Remove branches interfering with cables at Jasmine Cottage, Village Street, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EP

Osmington Parish Council fully endorses the report of our Tree Officer and objects to this application.

The planning rules state that Amenity Value should be considered when considering an application for tree works. One of the factors in this is how widely a tree can be seen within the local environment. This tree can be seen from many parts of the village, even from quite low down Church Lane. It is a glory at all times of the year including winter when its bare branches are a vivid orange against the sky and it is much loved by many villagers. The evidence of this is the amount of people who have contacted the Tree Warden expressing concern. We hope that the concern is reflected in WDDC's postbag, certainly many said to the Tree Warden they intended to object. In her 15 years as Tree Warden for the Parish she has never had such anxiety about the prospect of losing a tree. The Parish Council meeting called to discuss this matter was well attended by some villagers who came purely to comment upon this application.

The tree is tucked away in the corner of the garden and its position in relation to the movement of the sun is such that it does not much compromise light available to the property. On the Tree Wardens site visit she saw no evidence of weakness but would bow to the superior expertise of the Councils' Tree Officers in this matter.

The tree also acts as a bit of a water pump for this area of the village which has had minor flooding in the past. It also hosts a small rookery. All in all, many reasons for retaining this wonderful tree whose removal would be a serious loss to the village.

ACTION: CLERK

3. COUNCIL AFFAIRS

76/16 Cheques signed since last meeting.

16 Apr 16	100810	DAPTC – Annual Conference	£60.00
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78/16 Topical Information. None

Chairman

Date