

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman), Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mrs F Groves, Cllr Mr B Kuflik, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

63/23 Public Participation Time

- 63.1 A resident introduced himself to members and wanted to attend the meeting to learn of any local issues.
- 63.2 A resident raised concerns that the overgrown brambles from Farmhouse Cottage could damage the thatch on the bus stop. Although she had spoken to the gardener some years ago, the brambles still overhung the thatch.

64/23 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cllr C Dempsey.

65/23 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

No declarations of interest or grants of dispensation were received.

66/23 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

67/23 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

68/23 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 68.1 **Application No: P/HOU/2023/02288** – Old Stables, Chapel Lane, Osmington, DT3 6ET – Demolish existing flat roof single storey extension and replace with larger first floor single extension – **Granted**.
- 68.2 **Application No: P/FUL/2023/01223** – The Sly Fox, Main Road, Osmington, DT3 6EU – Change of use and conversion of existing buildings to residential, change of use of land to domestic curtilage with new boundary walls, associated parking, opening a pedestrian access onto Preston Road and associated works to wall fronting highway. Alterations to the public house including: demolish an area of flat roofing and associated walls, demolition of a northern ground floor bay, the replacement of the dilapidated orangery, extension to the terrace, the relocation of the patron entrance to the public house. Provision of a new pedestrian exit onto Preston Road – **Granted**.

- 68.3 **Application No: P/FUL/2023/00461** – 1 Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Erect extension to existing bungalow. Demolish disused stable and adjoining tool shed/workshop, erect garage with holiday accommodation above – **Granted**.

The following planning application/s were considered: -

- 68.4 **Application No: P/HOU/2023/00214** – Coconut Cottage, Church Lane, Osmington, DT3 6EW – Create accommodation at second floor level with new roof and new rooflights.

It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

- 68.5 **Application No: P/FUL/2023/04170** – Grove Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Proposed extension of the existing hobbies room above the double garage to form dwelling.

It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

69/23 Parish Amenities

- 69.1 The Playing Field Officer provided an update with regard to the playing field and play area. It was noted that the goal posts were broken and a replacement required. Members considered the three quotes that Cllr White had provided. There were other minor issues that had been identified during the monthly operational check and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Weymouth Town Council to arrange the repairs.

It was **resolved** that new goalposts be purchased at a cost of £660.00.

- 69.2 It was hoped that the new BT kiosk would be installed by the end of September.

- 69.3 Members considered a request from a resident to plant a tree on the playing field in memory of his late wife. It was agreed in principle subject to further information such as the location and type of tree.

- 69.4 Cllr Kuflik had commenced some general maintenance of the gazebo. Further work was required to replace a missing panel and complete the oiling of the gazebo.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Kuflik continue his work and be allocated expenses of up to £500.00.

- 69.5 Cllr Kuflik discussed the need for a newsletter and informed members that he had encountered some residents who did not have access to the internet and were often left wondering about village events and news. It was noted that the Parish Council maintained its own up to date website and six noticeboards across the parish. Cllr Ballard informed members that the church produced a newsletter regarding local events and news and would be happy to send this to Cllr Kuflik to print. It was agreed that Cllr Kuflik would gather further information regarding this and it would be considered at the next meeting.

- 69.6 Members noted the overgrown brambles from Farmhouse Cottage (holiday let) and the potential risk to the thatched bus stop. It was agreed that the address of the owners be sought and a letter sent to request that the brambles be pruned on a regular basis.

70/23 Highways and Rights of Way

- 70.1 It was noted that there would be roadworks on 19th and 20th September outside of Craig's Farm towards Grove Hill.

- 70.2 It was noted that the road from Warmwell towards Crossways would be closed from 6th to 10th November.
- 70.3 Cllr White enquired about the regularity of the gully clearance at Grove Hill as this area flooded on a regular basis. It was advised that any flooding be reported each time it occurred.
- 70.4 Cllr Ballard informed members that the track coming down from the White Horse was still dangerous for pedestrians and horses alike.

71/23 Finance

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

Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – July and August	£601.22
HMRC Tax – July and August	£66.40
Osmington PCC – churchyard maintenance	£250.00
Weyglaze – bus stop glass repair	£95.00
Community Heartbeat – annual rental	£72.00
Morelock – New Vario SID	£3192.00

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

Dorset Council Commercial Waste – collections from June to September	£225.03
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72/23 Council Matters

- 72.1 Cllr Kuflik would attend the new councillor training modules provided by the DAPTC.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

Chairman

Date