

# OSMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the  
Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the Village Hall on  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Mr NJ Ireland (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs CA Dempsey  
Cllr Mrs SR Miller  
Cllr Mrs G Pearson  
Cllr Mrs DG Symes  
Cllr Mr VG White

## 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

**106/15** Cllr Ireland opened the meeting as Chairman. Volunteers and nominations were called for the post of Chairman. Only Cllr Ireland was nominated for the post of Chairman of the Council. His election to the post was proposed by Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Symes and the motion was carried unanimously. Cllr Ireland accepted his re-election and resumed the post of Chairman.

## 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

**107/15** Following a general discussion and agreement, it was jointly proposed and resolved that posts were to be allocated as follows:

| <b>Post</b>                                    | <b>Office holder</b>         | <b>Proposed by</b>                                       |
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| Vice-Chairman                                  | Cllr Pearson                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cllr Miller, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Symes  |
| Rights of Way Officer (ROWO)                   | Cllr Miller                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cllr Pearson, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr White |
| Playing Field Officer                          | Cllr White                   | As above   |
| Village Hall Trust Representative              | Cllr Symes                   | As above   |
| Community Plan Executive Officer               | Cllr Ireland                 | As above   |
| Coastal Change Pathfinder Group Representative | Cllr Pearson                 | As above   |
| DAPTC Area Representatives                     | Cllr Dempsey<br>Cllr Pearson | As above   |
| Honorary Trees Officer                         | Mrs Susan Biddiss            | As above   |

### 3. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

**108/15 Apologies.** None received.

**109/15 Public Attendance.** Three members of the public, including the newly elected WDDC Cllr Mr Nigel Bundy, were in attendance.

**110/15 Reports.** The two new recently elected WDDC Cllrs would offer reports at future meetings once they had settled in to their posts.

**111/15 Declarations of Interest.** Nil.

**112/15 Grants of Dispensation.** Nil.

#### **Planning decisions and related issues**

**113/15 Application No: WD/D/15/000115**– Extensions and alterations to existing ‘Country Club’ building to form boutique hotel at Ranch House, Osmington Mills Holidays, Osmington Mills, Weymouth DT3 6HB – approved.

**114/15 Application No: WD/D/15/000522** – Non Material Amendment to Application 1/D/10/000522 at Pixon Barn Farm, Poxwell, Dorchester DT2 8PA - approved.

**115/15 Application No: WD/TP/15/00116** – Fell 4No Sycamore and 1No Ash. Surgery (pollarding) to 2No Yew at Timrick, 4 Osmington Lodge, Main Road, Osmington, Weymouth DT3 6EX - approved.

### 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD

**116/15** Minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were accepted as true records and signed by the Chairman.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS

**117/15 Planning Applications.** The Parish Council’s responses to all outstanding Planning Applications had been forwarded to WDDC.

### 6. PARISH AMENITIES

**118/15 Playing Field Officer Report.** Nothing new to report. The pagoda refurbishment has yet to be completed.

ACTION: CLERK

**119/15 Section 106 monies.** Options for the expenditure of Section 106 monies from WDDC, currently on hold, remained under consideration. . Ongoing.

ACTION: CLLR WHITE

**120/15 Community Plan.** No additional issues were raised. However, the village gateway features project was progressing. The Chairman stated that he would be carrying out further investigations into the development of this project. Ongoing.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

**7. PLANNING MATTERS**

**121/15** No new applications had been received.

**8. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

**122/15 ROW.** No new issues. The Smugglers' re-ordering works continue.

**123/15 Highway Maintenance.** The Mills Road is suffering from crumbling edges and this is exacerbated by the excessive demand for parking along the final stretch leading to the Smugglers' car park. Chairman to chase up Highways for action. It was noted that some pothole repair work had been completed.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN**

**124/15 Community Plan Footpath.** The proposed Osmington Hill footpath project continues but a re-focus on the issue and co-ordination of sources of date was now needed. Ongoing.

**ACTION: CLLR PEARSON**

**125/15 Speed Indicator Device (SID).** Mr Crane was continuing to lobby local residents to support the acquisition of a SID for the A353 main road. The Chairman would monitor progress. It was noted that the Parish Council would not be an appropriate agency to act as the banker for this venture. This issue would be reviewed, in due course, under the Community Plan.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN**

**126/15 Speedwatch Volunteers' Insurance.** The Parish Council had been asked to include the Speedwatch Team under the Council's Insurance Policy. The Chairman stated that he would investigate the matter further with the insurer but in the meantime he would take on the role of the Parish Council representative overseer of the Team's activities.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN**

**127/15 White Horse Viewing Point.** The Chairman reported that some progress was being made towards the erection of related road signs. Ongoing.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN**

**9. LEGAL AND LAW AND ORDER**

**128/15** No new issues.

**10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS**

**129/15 Local Elections.** All seven councillors previously members of the Council had applied for re-election. In the absence of any other applicants, all were deemed re-elected without need for a poll.

**ACTION: CLLR IRELAND**

**11. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS**

**130/15 NALC/SLCC.** No new issues.

## 12. COUNCIL AFFAIRS

**131/15 Attendance at Meetings/Briefings.** Approval was given for the Chairman to attend a chairmanship meeting at County Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**132/15 Parish Standing Orders.** The Clerk reported that the revised and recently adopted version was now completed.

ACTION: CLERK

**133/15 Parish Financial Regulations.** The Clerk reported that the revised and recently adopted version was now completed.

**134/15 Forecast of Outturn (FOO).** The current forecast for FY14/15 was accepted as presented.

**135/15 Cheques endorsed.**

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**136/15 Cheques signed.**

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| 11 May 15 | 100764 | GS Lancaster (refurbish notice boards) | £720.00 |
| 18 May 15 | 100765 | Aon UK Ltd (annual insurance)          | £970.89 |

**137/15 Topical Information.** Included expenses forms by members, dismissal of proposed flood warning signs, Japanese Knotweed appearing around The Sunray and notification of invitations, sent out to local organisations and interest groups, to attend the Annual Parish Meeting fair.

Chairman

Date