

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DC Councillor), Cllr Mr P Botham, Cllr Mrs C Dempsey, Cllr Mrs F Groves, Cllr Mrs S Miller and Cllr Mr V White.

**Also in attendance:** Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk).

## 50/20 Public Participation Time

- 50.1 Questions had been submitted from two residents regarding the current situation at the Sly Fox pub. Cllr. Ireland updated members on the issues that had been reported and were ongoing. Dorset Council's enforcement team had undertaken a site visit and a further visit would be scheduled in the near future.
- 50.2 A concern had been submitted from a resident regarding the poor state of the main A353 road through the village and also the condition of the "slow" markers. Cllr. Ireland informed members that the no provision for the use of cats-eyes in the village was in place and that the "slow" markers were deemed fit for purpose.
- 50.3 It was noted that the status of the works at Waterside was still unknown and Cllr. Ireland would escalate the request for further information.

## 51/20 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hilary Ballard.

## 52/20 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

## 53/20 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 25th June 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 54/20 Matters arising from the minutes

Item 48/20 – Quotes for a new cooker and instalment were still being sought by the Village Hall.

Item 49.3 – Cllr. Ireland confirmed that the parish council would be consulted on planning applications for neighbouring parishes that fell within 100m of the parish boundary. Further judgement would be made regarding applications that fell just outside of this remit.

## 55/20 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 55.1 **WD/D/20/001243** – Land at White Horse Farm Bungalow. Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6ED – Certificate of Lawfulness – **Granted**.

55.2 **WD/D/19/0006503** – Lynwood Lodge, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Erect garden studio and carry out landscape works – **Approved**.

55.3 **WD/D/19/002141** – Pixon Barn, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Erection of side extension and car port – **Approved**.

**56/20** The following planning decisions were endorsed (previously approved, Covid-19): -

56.1 **WD/D/20/000508** – 4 Plough Cottages, Main Road, Osmington, DT3 6EE - Installation of dormer window/balcony to north elevation – It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

56.2 **WD/D/20/000704** – Coastguard House, Mills Road, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, DT3 6HA - Single storey rear extension with pitched roof extending over existing extension. Reinstatement of roof terrace including new handrail and dormer access via second floor – It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

56.3 **WD/D/20/000877** – Fern Cottage, Chapel Lane, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6ET – Erect single storey extension and veranda – It was **resolved** to submit no comment regarding this application.

**57/20** The following planning application/s were considered: -

57.1 **Application No: WD/D/20/001411** – Zambuka House, Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Change of use of land to create a campsite for 10 caravans/motor homes and 5 tents, hardstandings, repairs to washroom.

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

57.2 **Application No: WD/D/19/002884** – Westdown Farm, Upton, Ringstead, DT2 8NE – Consideration of amended plan.

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

## **58/20 Parish Amenities**

58.1 The Playing Field Officer provided a brief update to members. The grass on the playing field continued to be cut. In response to a question it was noted that the fence alongside the newly planted hedge would be erected as soon as possible and any rubbish removed.

58.2 After a recent incident of overnight camping on the playing field, it was **resolved** to purchase signage to ensure that the rules regarding overnight were clear to visitors.

## **59/20 Highways and Rights of Way**

59.1 The stile on the footpath at the rear of the church had been removed after it's collapse as it was no longer required.

59.2 It was noted that some of the 30mph signage had now been replaced in the village.

## **60/20 Finance**

60.1 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.

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

Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – March/April 2020	£677.70
HMRC – Tax – March/April 2020	£89.40
Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – May/June 2020	£406.65
Weymouth TC – Play Area Repairs	£72.00
WWCS – grass cutting – April/May/June/July	£607.96
Zurich Municipal – Insurance Renewal	£737.60
DAPTC – Annual Subscription	£227.75
Osmington Village Hall – 50% contribution for commercial waste service	£91.00
Paula Harding – Internal Audit	£31.00

60.3 The Clerk introduced the Annual Audit Return for 2019/20 for approval. The Parish Council considered the report of the Internal Auditor, including the recommendations made.

It was **resolved** that:

- (i) The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be approved;
- (ii) The Accounting Statement (Section 2) be approved; and
- (iii) The report of the Internal Auditor be received and noted and all recommendations be approved.

60.4 The insurance renewal for Zurich Municipal was endorsed (previously approved, Covid-19).

**Action by: The Clerk**

#### **61/20 Council Matters**

61.1 The amendments to Standing Orders were endorsed (previously approved, Covid-19).

61.2 It was noted that both the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting would be cancelled until May 2021.

61.3 Members were informed that the Village Hall would re-open at the beginning of August for limited use.

61.4 In response to a question, Cllr. Ireland agreed to revisit the installation of the plaque at the new bus shelter.

61.5 In light of the current situation with regard to Covid-19 and guidance from NALC, it was agreed that meetings should continue to be held remotely. In order to allow for public participation during the meetings, the upgraded package for Zoom would need to be purchased.

Due to a need for a decision before the next meeting it was **resolved** to purchase the upgraded Zoom package.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Chairman

Date