

# Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Mr N Ireland (Chairman and DC Councillor), 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 9 members of the public.

## **1/24 Public Participation Time**

- 1.1 A resident requested an update regarding the Article 4 directive for The Orchard and Creek Caravan Park at Ringstead. He felt that the directive should be applied across the whole of Ringstead. The Clerk informed the resident that she had requested an urgent update regarding this and would report back as soon as she could.
- 1.2 A resident raised concern regarding an additional mobile home and shepherd's hut that had been sited at an address in Upton. The Chairman advised the resident to report the concern to Dorset Council's enforcement team.
- 1.3 A resident enquired as to whether the Traffic Regulation Order would be combined as one single consultation document. The Chairman confirmed that it would.
- 1.4 A resident enquired as to whether the SID was new or replaced the old one. The Chairman confirmed that it was a new SID and once the old one had been updated and additional posts had been sited, both SIDs would be used together on a rotation through the village.
- 1.5 A resident informed members that a new Certificate of Lawfulness had been submitted regarding The Creek Caravan Park at Ringstead. Two footpath diversions had also been applied for.

## **2/24 Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

## **3/24 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation**

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

## **4/24 Minutes**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## **5/24 Matters arising from the minutes**

**69.2** – The BT kiosk was now fully functional.

**70.2** – The flooding problem at Warmwell had now been addressed.

**70.4** – Work to the bridleway had now been completed.

**79.1** – The Traffic Regulation Order would be advertised a little later than anticipated.

**87.1** – The speed surveys at Osmington Mills and Upton had now been completed.

## **6/24 Co-option to Vacancy**

It was **resolved** (unanimously) that Mr C Merkle be co-opted to the vacancy with immediate effect.

Mr Merkle signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to his first meeting.

## **7/24 Planning Matters**

The following planning decisions were noted: -

7.1 **P/FUL/2023/04651** – 2 Grove Hill, Osmington, DT3 6EZ – Remodel and extend existing field shelter to create a self-contained dwelling with 2no. off-road parking spaces and new access drive – **Refused**.

7.2 **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 – **Refused**.

The following planning application/s were considered: -

None.

7.3 The Chairman informed members that he had been contacted by numerous residents and the Ringstead Protection Society regarding planned work and work undertaken by the landowner of Ringstead Farm.

Concern was raised regarding the potential proposal to site a pop-up campsite in the field to the west of the houses at Ringstead which includes the Ancient Ringstead Village (a designated Scheduled Monument) to the north and to the south, an area of SSSI. The pop-up campsite would be under the new permitted development legislation (Class BC part 4. Temporary Recreational Campsites).

The Chairman confirmed that Dorset Council would investigate the work that had taken place to date.

7.4 A resident confirmed that she would be managing and re-opening the café at Ringstead. There would be no change of use and a better choice of food would be offered.

## **8/24 Parish Amenities**

8.1 The dog signs had been erected although some fouling was still taking place.

8.2 The new goalposts had arrived and would be erected as soon as the surface was more stable.

8.3 The tree works to fell two trees at the north corner of the field had been submitted and approved.

8.4 The acer tree had been planted by a resident in memory of his late wife.

8.5 Cllr White informed members that he had been contacted by PlaySafe regarding possible improvements to the play area and the services they provide. It was agreed that a site visit be undertaken and an update be provided at the next meeting.

8.6 Cllr Kuflik confirmed that the newsletter had been sent to residents that had requested a copy.

## 9/24 Highways and Rights of Way

9.1 The Chairman provided a detailed update regarding the recent speed surveys on the Mills Road and Upton/Ringstead. He outlined findings regarding speed, volume of traffic and average speeds. It was anticipated that the numerous speed limit related changes could be dealt with in one single Traffic Regulation Order. To implement all the changes would be costly and the parish council would be requested to make a contribution. Once the full costs were known, the item would be considered at the next meeting.

9.2 Cllr Kuflik reported that the drains needed to be cleared and he would report this online.

9.3 Cllr Ballard informed members that the Roman Road had become incredibly slippery and dangerous for users and horses. This would be reported online as a user of the bridleway.

9.4 Cllr Groves reported that a patch on the Mills Road had opened up and this would be reported online.

9.5 Cllr White reported that a road bump that had been installed to protect the properties at Glebe Close from surface water had caused an adverse effect to the main road towards PGL.

9.6 It was noted that deep channels had been created alongside the Mills Road. This was mostly due to the continuous rain and the possibility that a culvert was blocked.

## 10/24 Finance

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

10.2 The Clerk provided a budget report and the budget for 2024/25 was approved.

10.3 After the consideration of the budget for 2024/25, members discussed the precept for this period.

It was **resolved** that the precept remain the same for 2024/25 at £16,622.63.

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

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| Dorset Council – Commercial waste – January to March                          | £225.03 |
| Dorset Council – Supply and install solar panel kits for SID                  | £870.00 |
| SLCC Membership Renewal   | £112.00 |
| Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – November/December (inc. pay award back pay) | £635.22 |
| HMRC Tax – November/December  | £74.80  |
| Dorset Council – Supply and install new SID post                              | £531.60 |
| Humphries Kirk – Amended village hall lease                                   | £432.00 |
| Vic White – reimbursement for dog signage                                     | £45.35  |
| Bernard Kuflik – reimbursement for work to gazebo                             | £69.27  |
| The Cumbria Clock Company – Church clock service                              | £234.00 |
| Dorset Council – Speed surveys at Osmington Mills and Upton                   | £570.00 |

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

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| Hugo Fox – website fee for November  | £11.99 |
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| Unity Trust – quarterly bank charges | £18.00 |

- 10.5 It was **resolved (due to a need for a decision before the next meeting)** to upgrade the email account with the DAPTC from 100MB to 50GB at a cost of £45.00 per annum.

#### **11/24 Council Matters**

- 11.1 The Clerk informed members that when placing orders, it was important that c/o Osmington Parish Council was included for VAT payments.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Chairman

Date