

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs S Miller (Chair), Cllr. Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr N Ireland, Cllr Mr M Johnson, Cllr Mr B Kuflik, Cllr Mr J Little and Cllr Mr J Medrecki.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

42/23 Public Participation Time

No issues were raised.

43/23 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

44/23 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

Councillor Little declared a personal interest in agenda item 4.3 – Litter bin contributions at the village hall and remained in the meeting during its consideration.

45/23 Planning Matters

The following planning application/s were considered: -

Application No: P/HOU/2024/02623 – Westdown House, Upton, Ringstead, DT2 8NE – Erect garden store.

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

46/23 Finance

The Clerk introduced the Annual Audit Return for 2023/24 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;
 - (iii) The report of the Internal Auditor be received and noted;
 - (iv) The dates for the Exercise of Public Rights be noted as 13th June to 24th July 2024.
 - (v) Members confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.
- At the request of The Clerk the decision to purchase accounting software was deferred.
- Members discussed the 50% contribution that was currently made to the village hall for the commercial waste bin to be emptied. It was noted that historically, the two smaller bins at the playing had been emptied as part of the duties of the Playing Field Officer and litter placed in the large commercial waste bin at the village hall.

It was **resolved** that the two bins at the playing field be removed for a trial period, being reviewed at the meeting in September.

47/23 Council Matters

47.1 The new NALC Model Financial Regulations were presented to members. It was noted that the new model allowed for smaller councils to tailor the regulations to better fit their size, budget and activities.

It was **resolved** that the new Model Financial Regulations, subject to amendments agreed at the meeting be approved.

47.2 It was noted that the verges had been cut since the last meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Chair

Date