

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs S Miller (Chair), Cllr. Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mr N Ireland (Dorset Cllr), 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 7 members of the public.

48/24 Public Participation Time

- 48.1 It was noted that the foliage at the thatched bus shelter was overgrown and needed trimming. A resident offered to trim the weeds and it was agreed to discuss the future maintenance of the area at the next meeting.
- 48.2 A resident stated that it would be a backward step to remove the council's litter bins from the play area, especially as a contribution was made to the commercial waste collection at the village hall.
- 48.3 A resident spoke regarding the recent refusal of the council to support an Article 4 Directive at Ringstead and the proposal for a 60 day pop up campsite on the planning portal. Cllr Ireland confirmed that this was not a planning application but a notification under permitted development and therefore, residents and the council had not been consulted. It was felt by the resident that consultation should take place as the site is an SSSI, a wildlife habitat and enjoyed by locals.
- 48.4 It was noted that the area surrounding the village pump had become overgrown. A resident offered to clear the area and gather the support of volunteers to maintain the area in the future.
- 48.5 A resident asked if Tony Burden was still the traffic officer at Dorset Council and it was confirmed that he was.
- 48.6 Another resident spoke regarding the request for an Article 4 Directive on certain geographical areas in Ringstead. It was felt that this was an infringement of people's liberties and the ability to comment on permitted development was still available. As confirmed by Cllr Ireland earlier in the meeting, a notification under permitted development was not open to public or parish council consultation.

49/24 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

50/24 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

51/24 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 28th April, 13th May and 10th June 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

52/24 Matters arising from the minutes

28.04.2024 (APM) – Review of A roads (20mph speed limit) – Cllr Little suggested that paper be prepared to present to Dorset Council as the recent speed surveys and speed watch data only provided a snapshot of the situation in the area.

The cost of the new SID posts be amended to show the accurate figure.

13.05.2024 – 38.1 – The cost of the play area inspections be added to the minute.

Cllr Kuflik requested that the decision to use Weymouth Town Council for all future play area inspections be reviewed and other competitive quotes be sought. The Clerk confirmed that a notice of motion by two members would be required to reverse the decision made at the meeting.

53/24 Planning Matters

The following planning decisions were noted: -

- 53.1 **P/FUL/2024/00983** – Land off Shortlake Lane Osmington, Preston Road, Osmington, Weymouth, DT3 6EE – Erect tack room, hay store and two wooden stables – **Granted.**
- 53.2 **P/FUL/2023/05134** – The Sunray, Main Road, Osmington, Dorset, DT3 6EU – Erection of new class C3 residential buildings and change of use and conversion of existing outbuilding to C3 residential to create 12 units of residential accommodation. Alterations to the public house. Associated access, landscaping and parking – **Granted.**
- 53.3 There were no planning consultations received before the meeting.

54/24 Parish Amenities

- 54.1 Cllr Medrecki provided an update regarding the play area and confirmed that he was happy to make minor repairs.
- 54.2 The dog signs on site were broken and would need to be replaced.
- 54.3 There were some logs left at the bottom of the field and it was hoped with the drier weather that they would be taken soon.
- 54.4 It was noted that the old goalposts had been left in the shrubbery and Cllr Miller would arrange for their removal.
- 54.5 The nettles had not encroached further on the field and Cllr Medrecki would arrange some volunteers to keep this area tidy and look at the possible installation of stock fencing.
- 54.6 It was suggested that consultation with residents take place before any plans for improvements at the play area were approved. This would provide a good indication of the what is desired at the play area.
- 54.7 Litter bins were discussed in detail and ideas for future solutions were put forward, including a larger bin that could be added to the current commercial waste schedule. The emptying of the bins was discussed and it was noted that historically the bins were emptied by the Playing Field Officer. Cllr Johnson agreed to empty the bins until September when the review of the bins took place.

54.8 Cllr Little proposed that a Contingency Plan for Osmington be drafted. He stated that Osmington was a vulnerable parish in some ways, such as there was only one road in and out. A plan for villagers could be published and practised every five years. This would ensure that the village would be ready if another situation similar to Covid arose. Cllr Little informed members that there were villagers with the skills able to assist in the preparation of the plan.

Cllr Ireland informed members that he would contact the Emergency Planning Officer at Dorset Council as she would be willing and available to assist with the plan.

55/24 Highways and Rights of Way

55.1 Members agreed that it was important to prepare a case for the 2025 review of the 20mph speed limit.

55.2 It was noted that some of the 30mph and 40mph traffic signs were obscured by overgrown foliage and this should be reported on the portal.

55.3 Cllr Miller informed members that the drainage issue at Osmington Mills was on-going.

55.4 Cllr Kuflik reported over-flowing litter bins at Osmington Mills and suggested that larger bins could be purchased. Cllr Miller stated that there was not much room for a larger bin in this area. Whilst discussing bins, Cllr Little suggested that rubber flaps be installed on the current bins to discourage seagulls.

55.5 It was reported that coaches waiting for access to PGL were sometimes waiting on the road to access Shortlake Lane. Although the traffic management of the coaches was the responsibility of PGL this would be reported to the Dorset Council Highways team.

55.6 Cllr Kuflik reported a rotted warning sign near to Chapel Lane. Dorset Council had not replaced the sign after it was taken away and it was needed to make road users aware of the hidden entrance. Cllr Ireland would follow this up.

55.7 Two members enquired if the recent accident opposite the garage had been properly reported and it was confirmed that it had.

55.8 Cllr Kulik informed members that the signs and noticeboard at the White Horse Viewpoint were encroached by overgrown foliage. It was confirmed that this was the responsibility of the landowner.

56/24 Finance

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

The Clerk agreed to check the allocation of her expenses to the current budget headings.

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

Leigh Johnson – salary/expenses – May and June	£836.90
HMRC Tax – May and June	£121.40
Osmington Village Hall – Hire for June and July	£40.00
Paula Harding – Internal Audit	£68.34

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

Hugo Fox – website fee for May and June	£23.98
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56.3 Members considered the purchase of replacement pads for the defibrillator. Cllr Kuflik suggested that training for the defibrillator be investigated and he would approach a contact he knew regarding this as she was able to provide training at a cost of £25.00 per session. Cllr Ireland confirmed that he had a training kit.

It was **resolved** that replacement pads be purchased.

57/24 Council Matters

57.1 Cllr Kuflik informed members that the DAPTC offered a suite of training at a discounted cost and it was worth looking at what was available on the website.

The meeting ended at 8.01pm.

Chairman

Date