**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of theMeeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday

1st November 2012 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Mr.M. Brown (Chairman) Mr. P. Gripton

Mr.J. Best Mrs E. Sidebotham

Mr B. Leathwood Mr J. Marriott

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

54/12 APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Edney, Ms J. Pay, Mr M. Caswell

The Chairman will speak to Mr M. Nicklin - Absent

55/12 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

56/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

 All members declared personal interests in Agenda Item 4(i)

 Dick Best declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4(ii)

57/12 MATTERS ARISING

 (i) Hinkley Point C Development

Paul Gripton reported that he had been invited to todays meeting with local MPs on the Govournment Energy Forum. He, and the other Parish Council representatives were given the opportunity to put their views including “purchasing” of objections by EDF via Section 106.

Alyn Jones of Somerset County Council had volunteered to attend the Public Meeting in Combwich. The Clerk had written to Doug Bamsey of Sedgemoor District Council.

 (ii) SteartPeninsular Project

Dick Best reported that the regular Residents Meeting was held last Friday with a representative of WWT to ask for support to improve public facilities, access etc. and looking for funding for 2 members of staff. Signage of the site is still an important issue and consideration given to a brown tourist sign.

Paul Gripton raised the issue of the footpath BW 25/2 (min 50/12) and he had attended a meeting of those involved. Letters had been sent to and from Somerset County Council Rights of Way Officer, and there is to be another meeting on Monday to try to avoid a formal objection.

Members supported Paul in fighting to keep the public right of way.

 (iii) Broadband

Dick Best had looked at the website, nothing new. The microwave “site” is available at a cost, only one take-up at Steart.

(iv) Parish Plan, Revisions

Nothing to report

 (v) Changes to Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

The Clerk to arrange copies for members.

 (vi) Newsletter

 Next edition planned for early December

 (vii) Members Declarations of Interest

The Clerk “chased” missing forms

58/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances. Current Account £ 285.28 Business Call £9698.63

 Pension Fund £ 1601.79

(b) Accounts for

Payment Francis Darch £200.00 Clearing at Steart

 P.M. Shaw £1277.20 Clerks Salary etc

 OtterhamptonVillage

Hall £ 36.00 Rent

The Accounts were APPROVED for payment

 (c) Annual Accounts The books were presented for inspection to be examined by Paul Gripton.

The Clerks new laptop is being installed by John Marriott who will “train” the Clerk in it’s use.

59/12 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

 None submitted

 Dick Best mentioned Councillor John Edney’s proposals for defibrillator training. To be actioned.

60/12 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

 (i) Children’s Playground Repairs

As last meeting. The picnic bench now installed. RLT2 monies to be requested. Gate closing to be chased.

 (ii) Village Gardening/Tree Work

The wild flower project is underway on the selected/approved site at the entrance to the village.

The Clerk to pursue the replacement of Laurel trees

 (iii) Housing Needs Survey

In the hands of Elaine Oliver, Sedgemoor District Council. To be publicised via the next newsletter

 (iv) Bus Shelter Light

 Paul Gripton and John Marriott are to action

 (v) Grit Bins

Prices being sought

 (vi) Site for BMX

 The Chairman reported that he is chasing the B Station Manager on the possible site.

 (vii) Street Lighting

The Somerset County Council proposal to turn off some lights was discussed and to be published in the newsletter.

61/12 CORRESPONDENCE

* + 1. **Requiring Council Decision.**

(i) 28th Sept Sedgemoor District Council - Small Grants Programme – *to be actioned*

(ii) Undated Western Power Distribution - Stakeholder Meetings

(iii) Undated Sedgemoor District Council - Police Commissioner Election – *to be*

*noted*

(iv) Undated Environment Agency - Flood Warning Service - *to be*

*noted*

(v) 2nd October SALC - Items of Interest, Precept Setting - *to be*

*noted*

(vi) 11th October OPRA - Firework Display 4th November. Parish

Council Attendance. – *to be arranged*

* + 1. **To be Noted:** All other correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk.

# Received after Preparation of Agenda.

Undated Open spaces magazine

 The Somerset Crane Project newsletter

 Community Warden Scheme Somerset County Council

 Somerset Waste Partnership Bank holiday collections – *notice boards*

October Environment Agency, Flood warning service

16th October Somerset County Council – Cluster Group – A39 Diversions

16th October Sedgemoor District Council – RLT2 & RLT3 contributions – policy

18th October Sedgemoor District Council – Code of Conduct etc information, - response. Members forms, Clerk to chase

18th October Otterhampton Village Hall – request for grant - ACTION. Agreed up to last years grant.

 18th October Combwich Wild Flower Project – thank you letter

 22nd October Plantlife Charity – information

 23rd October SALC –Finance/precept – next meeting – noted

 22nd October Mendip Community Transport – request for grant – ACTION

 24th October Somerset County Council – “Local Choices” event 6th November – Respond

 24th October MCS –Santander Funding – Reply

 24th October Open Spaces Society – parliamentary bill – No Action

 25th October Somerset County Council – Waste Core Strategy – consultation - respond

 16th October Sedgemoor District Council – Housing Needs Survey

 26th October Emails – Wildfowl & Wetland Trust. Steart – reply sent

 29th October Somerset County Council - Rights of way – reply re “permissive” path - Steart

Project – Paul

 29th October Sedgemoor District Council – Annual meeting of Parish Reps 29th November –

Respond

 30th October SALC – Smaller Councils Committee – No takers

 30th October Sedgemoor District Council – Affordable Housing poster

 31st October Open Spaces Society – Bill – No action

 1st November Sedgemoor District Council – Planning reforms – To Chairman

# Outgoing. List – Available.

62/12 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No

No new applications

39/11/0007 Toilet Block, Ponds Feedback on “non-compliance” complaint

 1/39/307L Footpath, Steart Project, diversion and closing.

63/12 REPORTS OF REPRESENTITIVES

1. Hinkley Liaison

*Mervyn Brown spoke to his report including the Stakeholder AGM. Mike Caswell as Chairman and Mervyn as Vice Chair. A talk on waste disposal*

1. Village Hall

*John Marriott (Chairman) spoke to his report, 4 new committee members. The refurbishment plan proceeding, see request for grant. Two fund raising events in 2013. The rental agreements requested. Clerk to action. It is hoped to get early broadband facility.*

1. Steart Ward

*Dick Best tabled his report including a meeting re. Coastal Access Provision to improve footpaths on the river bank.*

1. OPRA

*Barry reported on the Fireworks on Sunday 4th November. Preparation for Christmas Dinner.*

*Looking at provision of power point/projector.*

*Next talk on 20th November.*

1. School

*Report on the website*

64/12 MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Parish Cluster Group

Awaiting date of next meeting

 (ii) SALC

 Next meeting – Thursday 29th November

65/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Damaged Wall, Wharf Road – Clerk to chase
2. Affordable Housing – New survey
3. Footpath – to Cannington – Clerk to pursue
4. Grit Bins
5. Public Meeting – Response from Sedgemoor District Council
6. Budget

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th December 2012 at 7.30pm

Signed………………………….. Chairman Date…………………………….