

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Combwich
on the 3rd October 2013 @ 7.3-0pm

PRESENT:

Mr Paul Gripton(Chairman)	Mr T Jones
Mr Barry Leathwood	Mrs E Sidebotham
Mr Mervyn Brown	Mr Richard Best

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Peter M Shaw (Clerk)
4 Parishioners

53/13 APOLOGIES

Mr J Marriott Cllr Ms J Pay

54/13 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

55/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared personal interests in Agenda Item 6(i)
Dick Best declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6(ii)
Mervyn Brown declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 (d)

56/13 HOUSING SURVEY

To be discussed at November meeting.

57/13 ^{Planning} PERSONAL MATTERS

Application Nos.

13/13/00016 Wind Turbines, Castle Hill Quarry, Cannington –*Withdrawn*
39/13/00003 Renewal of Application at Plot 4,9 Church Hill – *Awaiting decision*
39/13/00004 Renewal of Application for 3 dwellings, 9 Church Hill –*Awaiting decision*

The Chairman raised the issue of access around the Ponds following Cllr Edney's enquiries (see 51/13). Barry Leathwood reported that we are still "on the list" and unless any illegal act has taken place our application has to "wait its turn".

58/13 MATTERS ARISING

Hinkley Point C Development

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting with Nigel Cann mainly to discuss the impact on the Parish and the Fund (45/13). The representatives of EDF seem to want to build good relations for the whole construction period and beyond. It seems likely that EDF will not need to proceed with all items approved in our Parish. There will probably be further meetings with EDF Construction Team prior to work starting.

Following recent media comment, it is likely that there will be an announcement on the "go ahead" within weeks

Stearns Peninsular Project

Dick Best reported that the majority of the Construction work is completed. The site office is being cleared and turned into a car park.

There will be a meeting for all on 11th October at Stockland Bristol Club.

Dick said that everything has gone well and relationship with EA and the Contractors have been very good and the Villagers are well pleased, a Warden has been appointed.

The EA Flood Risk Strategy is still under consideration and Residents have pressed for ongoing monitoring of the coast line. Further flood risk surveys are needed for a Flood Prevention Plan for properties.

The Application for funding was unsuccessful.

The completion of the Bridleway and Footpath is imminent.

The Chairman and Members thanked Dick for his efforts.

Bus Shelter

The Clerk had received and circulated the Structural Engineers report and he read the Conclusions to the meeting.

The Chairman felt that a temporary shelter should be provided quickly, possibly the short-term repaired shelter. In the longer term HPC Section 106 money could be used for a permanent replacement.

It was AGREED to get prices for the recommended short-term repairs but not to remove any trees unless further damage occurs and a regime of monitoring be established.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for expediting action.

The re-routed Bus service was discussed particularly the issue of Webber-Bus stopping in the lay-by on the C182. At the moment we have no information from them, but no complaints.

59/13 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances	Current Account	£422.00	Business Call £12492.25
	Pension Fund	£1852.60	
	Second Instalment of Precept received		

(b) Accounts for Payment

Peter Shaw	£238.83	Six-monthly Salary Adjustment
Bridgwater Mowers	£112.29	Mower servicing/repair
" "	£ 79.30	Strimmer servicing
K Preston	£351.84	Gardening etc
St John Ambulance	£462.00	De-fibrillator cabinet
John Marriott	£ 26.95	Laptop Anti-virus
Customs & Excise	£150.00	PAYE
Nether Stowey PCC	£ 30.00	Cluster contribution

The above accounts were APPROVED for Payment

(c) Annual Accounts The Account Books tabled – to be passed to Internal Auditor.

60/13 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr J Pay joined the meeting and reported on consideration of Flood risk for properties by SDC

The Chairman asked Cllr Pay about the new Webber Bus service and their stopping on the C182 only, she promised to investigate.

61/13 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (a) Children's playground – repairs RLT3 Works – John Marriott will report at November meeting
 - Inspection rota – Forms to Liz Sidebotham
- (b) Village Gardening/Tree Work – Wild Flower Project - Report tabled.
- (c) Defibrillator location – Dick Best reported that the cabinet obtained – on view – similar to the one installed in Cannington, a qualified electrician will be needed – Wessex Water was suggested. A substantial stand is needed and is in hand. It was Agreed that the siting near the Phone Box is good.
- (d) Parking Problems – The main issue being large vans on the Slip-way car park. The Chairman Invited comments. It was commented that it is safer than road-side parking, also that there is no difference between commercial and private vans. Members Agreed not to implement any controls but to Monitor to ensure that Long-term stay is not happening.
- (e) Signs – The Clerk is monitoring the situations to ensure that the problem does not escalate. The Chairman explained the legal situations at both locations, in particular on the track where Residents and Authorised users only may use. The constraints imposed by Natural England were explained. Members agreed on a Newsletter item. The Clerk had contacted SDC Clean-surrounding re. dog-bin problems.
- (f) Footpath – This project overtaken by Cycle-route issues.
The Chairman has written to Cllr Edney.
- (g) Combrich Common issues – The main issue is that of Parking (see e. above).
The Chairman raised the issue of the National Coast Path and Dick Best confirmed the intention for consultations on the Steart section.
- (h) Internet Usage – The Village Agent wants to provide for public use.
The Chairman asked for views on location and usage. OPRA also looking at this subject.
The possibility of incorporation in the Village Hall re-furbishment Dick Best reported that Fast Broadband may be provided by June 2014.
- (i) Safety Netting, Estuary Parkbridge. A Parishioner had raised the issue of safety on the bridge to Estuary Park, this is probably a Highways Matter. Clerk to contact SCC.

62/13 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision

- (a) 20 Aug – Otterhampton Village Hall. Grant Request – Next meeting.

B. To be Noted: All other correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk.

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda

- (a) 25 Sept. – John Marriott – Antivirus for laptop
- (b) 25 Sept. – Chris Lloyd-Williams, Wildflower project
- (c) 26 Sept. – Barry Leathwood, OPRA Tractor replacement
- (d) 27 Sept. – Nick Stevens, Drainage Board – works at Riverside Farm, a reply needed
- (e) 30 Sept. – John Marriott, Playground work, RLT3 application
- (f) 30 Sept. – Sedgemoor DC, Voter registration
- (g) 3 Oct. – Brian Jones, report on Bus Shelter (see 58/13)

D. Outgoing List – Available

63/13 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) **Hinkley Liaison** – Mervyn Brown spoke to his written report (on file). At the recent meeting the preferred options for nuclear waste storage settled.
- (b) **Village Hall** – Liz Sidebotham spoke to her written report (on file).
- (c) **Steart Ward** – Previously covered (58/13)
- (d) **OPRA** – As last meeting (50/13)

64/13 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) **Parish Cluster Group** – Next meeting 22nd October
- (ii) **SALC** – AGM on 28th Sept. Not represented
- (iii) **Mis-use of Wharf Road** - The Clerk to write again to EDF
- (iv) **Replacement for Clerk** – The Clerk circulated his proposals for Action

65/13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Housing Survey – Elaine Oliver to attend
- (ii) Budget – Members to consider items
- (iii) Bus Shelter – Report by Clerk

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 7th November 2013 at 7.30pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Date

Barry Leathwood