

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 5th April 2012 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr. B Leathwood (Chairman) Mr. P. Gripton
 Mrs E. Sidebotham Mr. M. Nicklin
 Mr. M. Brown Mr. J. Marriott

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Parishioners
 Mr P. M. Shaw (Clerk)

119/11 APOLOGIES

Mr J. Best, Councillors Ms J. Pay, Mr J. Edney,

120/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st March 2012 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

121/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

122/11 MATTERS ARISING**(i) Hinkley Point C Development**

Paul Gripton reported on our submission to the IPC and the first meeting of the IPC which was close to being a “shambles”. Considerable concern was expressed about the attitude of the Chairman of the panel. Paul stated that Comwich is the only community recognised as a “principal issue”, we have also been given an “open floor” meeting – around the 10th – 12th May.

The next key date is 3rd May for our written submission. Paul has little belief in a good outcome of the open floor meeting but he has been in touch with the secretariat of the IPC hoping to get an improved format. He is also hoping that it will be a “subject specific” meeting. Paul tabled his next submission covering three main subjects and he asked Members to look at and comment/add to.

There will be a series of submissions and responses all of which must be in writing.

Paul believes that we are working well together with Sedgemoor District Council and support their Supplementary Planning Proposals.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of Paul’s document. Paul still has to write the paper on AIL’s, Lay-down area and Flood Risk (Sequential Test) issues.

There will be a visit to the Wharf by the IPC and Paul is invited just as an observer.

Paul expressed concern about the potential safety impact of pressure groups targeting Comwich Wharf and he suggests a letter to EDF telling them that we will hold them financially liable, he will draft a letter.

The Clerk reported on the mitigation offer to 40 houses and a group on Riverside has got together and are having a meeting with EDF representatives on 16th March.

(ii) Stear Peninsular Project

There was no report. The Bristol Port Company Application is pending.

(iii) Broadband

Awaiting Dick Best’s return.

(iv) Parish Plan Review

These have been Approved by Sedgemoor District Council with their compliments.

123/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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| (a) Current Balances. | Current Account £ 168.80
Pension Fund £ 1101.51 | Business Call £1554.76 |
| (b) Accounts for Payment | None to hand - | Clerks Salary – Next meeting |
| (c) Annual Accounts | Account Books as closed at 31 st March 2012 available for inspection.
Risk Assessment. Annual Audit., at next meeting. | |

124/11 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

- (i) Councillor Edney had notified the Clerk that the County Council now has a small fund available for minor road/traffic schemes and to notify him.

125/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (i) Children's Playground – Repairs
Our RLT2 application has been Approved for the new Picnic Table only, fencing repairs not accepted. It was Agreed to purchase.
- (ii) Village Gardening/Tree Works
Concern has been expressed by Parishioners at the Open Session that the laurels planted to replace the Leylandii are not suitable Rural Trees, it was agreed to contact our Tree Contractor Paul Cobbledick for advice and possible replacement.
- (iii) Housing Needs Survey
The Chairman reported that the Community Council have offered to attend a future meeting to advise on action. It was Agreed on the June meeting.
- (iv) Gardening Volunteers
No current work. It was Agreed that the wild flower "group" should make contact and both groups be invited to the Annual Assembly.
- (v) Jubilee Group
In order that the group can benefit from VAT recovery and the Council Insurance Cover it had been suggested, on advice from SALC, that they become a Formal Committee of the Parish Council. This was APPROVED and members Liz Sidebotham, Mat Nicklin and John Marriott to serve on the Committee with the existing Group Members.

126/11 CORRESPONDENCEA. **Requiring Council Decision.**

- (i) 29th February - Environment Agency - Hinkley Point C, permit for discharge during site preparation and construction

- (ii) 8th March - EDF/Magnox - Hinkley Bikeweek event – Sunday June 24th – No objection to use of small area of common

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

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda.

- (i) March - Environment Agency - Steart – Costal Management Project - Newsletter
- (ii) March - St John Ambulance - Defibrillator Training
- (iii) 19th March - Sedgemoor District Council- Policy RLT2 and RLT3 contributions
- (iv) 27th March - Environment Agency - Flailing at track – Apologies
- (v) 27th March - IPC - Decisions from Preliminary Meeting, Hinkley C
- (vi) 29th March - Sedgemoor District Council - Planning Application 39/11/0007 Wharf Road Weight Limit.
- (vii) 29th March- Angela Griffiths - Jubilee and Olympic Events
- (viii) April - Sedgemoor District Council - Otterhampton Community Plan Executive Committee Report
- (ix) 30th March - Somerset County Council - Boundary Review
- (x) 2nd April - M.J. Dodden and Co - PAYE
- (xi) 3rd April - SALC - Councillor Training
- (xii) 3rd April - Nether Stowey PC - Retirement Ainslie Ensor
- (xiii) 4th April - Sedgemoor District Council - Wharf Road weight limit
- (xiv) 5th April - Sedgemoor District Council – Quantock land protected

All the above were noted.

127/11 PLANNING MATTERS
Application No

- 39/11/00007 Toilet at Ponds. Mervyn Brown reported on the issues involved prior to the GRANTING of this application.
- 13/12/00014 Cannington Parish Council – Erection of 70m high wind measuring mast – passed to Group.

128/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTITIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison
Mervyn Brown reported that there had been no recent meeting but as Vice-Chair of the Stakeholder Group he had attended a meeting at Cockermouth regarding the European Policy on storage of Nuclear Waste. The Chairman, Councillor Caswell will attend further meetings.
- (b) Village Hall
Next meeting 21st March. The result of the survey was to keep but improve the existing hall. It has been agreed to go ahead with an Architect design with available funds
- (c) Steart Ward
No report

(d) OPRA
An Easter egg hunt, planning for the fete on 7th July is well ahead.

(e) School
No report

129/11 MATTERS OF REPORT

(i) Parish Cluster Group
Next meeting 22 May

(ii) SALC
Next meeting, date awaited. Councillor training available

130/11 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None recorded

NEXT MEETING

Annual Assembly
Annual Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 3rd May – Need to be changed to Tuesday 15th May

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