# **OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday  $5^{\text{th}}$  July 2012 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr. M. Brown (Chairman) Mr. J. Best Mr. J. Marriott Mr B. Leathwood

Mr. P. Gripton Mr. M. Nicklin Mrs E. Sidebotham

- IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Mr. J. Edney, Ms J. Pay Mr P. M. Shaw (Clerk)
- 17/12 <u>APOLOGIES</u> None

# 18/12 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

 19/12 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> All members declared personal interests in Agenda Item 4(i) Dick Best declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4(ii)

#### 20/12 MATTERS ARISING

(i) <u>Hinkley Point C Development</u>

Paul Gripton gave an update on the current EDFE examination, noting Otterhampton Parish Council attendance at the recent issue specific hearing. The panel listened to the many issues on Combwich that were raised. The next issue specific hearing is on 17<sup>th</sup> July and will be attended by Barry Leathwood and Paul Gripton representing Otterhampton Parish Council.

Paul was thanked for his dedication and input. He informed us that there will be no indication of decision this year.

Barry Leathwood added that he felt that the panel are much more understanding of people's views, specially ours.

Mat Nicklin expressed concern that during the B Station "outage" a bus for workers running from Combwich may cause a car parking problem. This is because the A Station has no dedicated car park. It was reported that special parking sites are being sought. It was agreed to write following the stakeholder meeting to prevent a problem.

(ii) <u>Steart Peninsular Project</u>

Dick Best reported that main construction by the Environment Agency has started. The main effect on the village being the re-routing of the Parrett Trail and Southbrook Path. Regular meetings are being held with residents including from Stockland Bristol.

Concern had been expressed about road signage and markings not being as originally proposed and effecting protection of the village, it was thought that Somerset County Council Highways may have impacted this. Councillor Edney is to look into this. Dick reported that Avocets have nested for the first time in 100 years, also Skylarks and Lapwings.

(iii) <u>Broadband</u>

All received information passed to Dick Best who has raised queries.

(iv) <u>Parish Plan, Revisions</u>

It was agreed to invite a representative from Sedgemoor District Council Housing Group re. our Housing Needs Survey to our October meeting.

(v) <u>Code of Conduct</u>

John Marriott reported on the SALC meeting and circulated a paper entitled "Standards Regime" which he took Members through. He was thanked for his involvement. The Clerk referred to documents received today from Sedgemoor and Somerset County Councils referring to the Code of Conduct and New Register of Interests. New (amended) standing orders need consideration for adoption, two versions are likely to be available – SALC and SDC.

John Marriott then reported on "Future Arrangements for Localising Support for Council Tax", which could affect future precepts.

The subject to be a key item for the next meeting.

## 21/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances.	Current Account	£67.58	-	Business Call £6696.94
	Pension Fund	£1101.6	55	* includes VAT refund
(b) Accounts for				
Payment	Otterhampton Village	Hall	£ 18.00	0 Rent for meetings
	Otterhampton Village	Hall	£ 27.00	0 Rent for chat/chill
	W.P. Cobbledick		£100.0	0 Planting trees
	Greenslades		£ 69.91	I Grass cutting April
	Greenslades		£546.6	7 Grass cutting May
	Purnells		£ 99.90	D Type/print Feb – May
	Francis Darch		£200.00	Clearance at Steart
	Lynn Palmer		£345.20	) Jubilee costs

(c) Annual Accounts The Account books were presented, to be passed to Liz Sidebotham for inspection. The Clerk reminded Members of his report on the Pension Fund at the January meeting (91/11(c)) and that we have a £2000 carry forward in addition to the £2500 contingency. Members AGREED to transfer £500 to the pension fund. The Clerk reported on the problems with his probably 15 year old computer, which John Marriott had also examined and confirmed that it was obsolete and in need of replacement for which he recommended a quality laptop and wireless router. This was Accepted. John to investigate costs etc. The Clerk referred to the receipt of a £1000 refund from Sedgemoor District Council for overcharging for dog bin emptying.

# 22/12 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Caswell offered his help in any regard. Councillor Edney referred to his "Chairman's Award" Scheme (see correspondence)

Ward Members left the meeting

# 23/12 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(i) Children's Playground

A working party to fix the picnic table. The fencing/gate repairs should be done this week. The Inspection Rota was Agreed.

(ii) Village Gardening

The wildflower project is to proceed. A list of work needed to be instructed by the Clerk. The cutting of the hedge adjacent to the Copse is to be actioned by the Chairman.

(iii) <u>Housing Needs Survey</u> Sedgemoor Housing representative invited to attend the October meeting.

#### 24/12 CORRESPONDENCE

А.	Requir	ing Council Decision.		
(i) 5 May Margaret Leyton -		Toilet	Block – Ponds – To be passed to SDC	
(ii) 29 <sup>t</sup>	<sup>th</sup> May	Margaret Leyton	-	Use of Wharf Road – To be passed to SDC
		Burnham Marine	-	Combwich Buoy – Request actual date
(iv) 30 <sup>t</sup>	<sup>th</sup> May	Planning Inspectorate	-	Meeting 26 <sup>th</sup> June - <i>Noted</i>
(v) 7 <sup>th</sup>	June Sedger	moor DC -	Village	e Hall Capital Grants – Passed to Hall
				Committee
$(vi) 8^{th}$	June Planni	ng Inspectorate -	Comm	ent on documents - Noted
(vii)	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Planning Inspectorate	-	Further written questions - Noted
(viii)	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sedgemoor DC	-	RLT2 money release – After picnic table is fixed
(ix)	18 <sup>th</sup> June	Somerset CC	-	Chairman's Awards – Paul Gripton Nominated
(x) 25 <sup>t</sup>	<sup>th</sup> June	Sedgemoor DC	-	Affordable Housing Open Day - Noted

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

#### C. Received after Preparation of Agenda.

(i)	June	Somerset County Council	-	Civil Parking Enforcement
(ii)	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Somerset Waste Partnership	-	More recycling
(iii)	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Planning Inspectorate	-	Hinkley – meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> July
(iv)	4 <sup>th</sup> July	Playsaftey Ltd	-	ROSPA inspection of children's
				Playground (see 23/12(i))
(v)	4 <sup>th</sup> July	Somerset Highways	-	Wild flower project (See 23/12(ii))
(vi)	Recd 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Otterhampton Primary Schoo	1-	Request for funding. Decided no
				funding at this time.

## **D. Outgoing – Available**

#### 25/12 PLANNING MATTERS

Composition of planning group – *Agreed to be unchanged* Application No

3/32/11/043	Creation of intertidal habitat – Steart – Bristol Port Company - Support
39/12/00003	Porch. 4 Riverside Estate - Granted
13/12/00014	Temporary 70m high wind speed mast. North of Castle Hill Quarry - Granted

#### 26/12 <u>REPORTS OF REPRESENTITIVES</u>

(a) Hinkley Liaison

Mervyn Brown reported on the meeting of  $28^{th}$  June – a full written report will be submitted.

(b) Village Hall

Liz Sidebotham reported in writing on the AGM where John Marriott was elected Chairman, other committee members continued. A meeting in June to decide on future plans and the appointment of an Architect.

(c) Steart Ward

Dick Best tabled his written report, highlighting some inappropriate behaviour. Proposals for improvements to the church are under consideration.

(d) OPRA

Barry Leathwood reported on a busy time, the Jubilee and the forthcoming fete. Mat Nicklin had offered use of the Boat and Anchor in the event of bad weather. The 100 club needs 3 more members for the 100.

(e) School See letter – 24/12 (vi) above.

# 27/12 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group No report. Awaiting next meeting.
- (ii) SALC Next meeting – new code of conduct etc – future report.

#### 28/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Code of Conduct etc.
- (ii) Bus Shelter Light
- (iii) News Letter
- (iv) Grit Bins
- (v) Site for BMX/Skate Park
- (vi) Village Buoy

<u>NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 7.30pm

Signed..... Chairman

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