**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

6th June 2013 at 7.30pm

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

Mr. J. Marriott Mrs E. Sidebotham

Mr T. Jones Mr B Leathwood

Mr R Best

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Coucillors Ms J Pay, Mr M. Caswell

Mr P. M. Shaw (Clerk)

4 Parishioners

15/13 APOLOGIES

Cllr J Edney

16/13 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Council held on 1st May 2013 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

17/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Dick Best declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4(ii) and 9-39/13/00005.

John Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in Accounts for payment.

18/13 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Hinkley Point C Developmjent

Paul Gripton reported on availability of the Community Fund in particular the need for match funding in order to receive our £half million ring fenced fund, he had attended the recent Parish Cluster meeting where Doug Bamsey of Sedgemoor DC believed that OPC need not. Paul confirmed that it will not be the OPC who decides on spending but the Community. He reported that there have been legal challenges to the Project from Green Peace and an Irish Group.

It was commented that reports of agreement on the Financial arrangements have been circulated but no official statement. Paul then raised the issue, recently reported, of the use of Hinkley for storage of Intermediate Level Waste from other Nuclear power stations, he asked Cllr Caswell as Chairman of the Liaison group to comment. Cllr Caswell referred to the press report on the Special Stakeholder Meeting which discussed “creditable options”. Mervyn Brown added that there are 8. 7 refer to only Hinkley waste. Number 4(c) refers to waste from Dungeness. Additionally 9 credible options for FED Dissolution was discussed in which 4 options referred to waste from other stations being transported to Hinkley.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) web-site invites comment from everyone, but this has not been publicised, but will once SCC and SDC have considered an actual proposal. Cllr Caswell said that Members of the S S Group should report to their bodies (which he and Mervyn Brown do).

Tim Jones felt concerned that the NDA are not sufficiently proactive in dealing with local communities.

After some discussion, including comment from Parishioners that not all have internet access or take the West Somerset Press, Mervyn Brown recommended that we should oppose any Importation of Nuclear waste to Hinkley.

The Chairman called for a resolution:

Barry Leathwood proposed that we should object to any option which includes importation of any Nuclear waste to Hinkley Point, this was seconded. A letter to be sent to the NDA.

Cllr Caswell recommended that a representative of OPC attend the next Stakeholder meeting, on 28th June, to state our views.

(ii) Steart Peninsular Project

Dick Best reported on the recently published Flood Risk Management Strategy which covers the whole of the Severn Estuary. A consultation process in place until 31st July. Our concern obviously is Stolford to Combwich where the flood risk statistics indicate only a 20 year protection. Several issues are of concern including the road access to Steart and protection to properties. Dick suggested that we invite a representative from the Environment Agency to attend our next meeting. The Chairman asked all Members to investigate the web-side prior to the meeting.

It was commented that the EA hope to open the new footpath from Combwich river-side next week.

*Ward Members and Parishioners left the meeting.*

(iii) Risk Asessment Update

The Clerk tabled the previously adopted Schedule and commented that our Internal Auditor

had recommended individual assessment for larger projects, not just financial but also

health and safety and public impact.

Mervyn Brown and the Clerk had carefully considered the renewal of the Annual Insurance

both from our previous Insurer Aon, and also Zurich. Cover for the piped Culvert

(Riverside Farm) had been included and following negotiations a revised premium of

£698.58 was achieved. This was Agreed.

(iv) Standing Orders - Revisions

The approved revision sheet was circulated.

19/13 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Current Balances Current Account £ 2203.58 Business Call £7011.80

Pension Fund £1602.20

1. Accounts for Otterhampton Village Hall £18.00 Hire, 2 meetings

Payment: £27.00 Chat & Chill, April

Greenslades £241.28 Wharf Road Maintenance

Purnells £165.80 Printing newsletter

P M Shaw £400.00 Monthly Salary. April,May

Mr E Marriott £ 25.00 Wireless router

AON Insurance £698.58

John Marriott £ 25.96 Ink cartridge

K Preston £201.96 Gardening

£1803.58

The above accounts were APPROVED for payment.

20/13 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Covered by items 18/13 (i) (ii).

120/12 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(i) Children’s Playground Repairs

John Marriott is progressing schemes for safety surfacing and new fencing. He said that

presentation was important to achieve RLT3 monies

(ii) Village Gardening/Tree Work

Somerset Highways have requested return of the Approved License. Quotations are being sought for cutting back the hedge by the Copse to avoid moving any tres. The work may be delayed until the Autumn to avoid the nesting season.

(iii) Defibrillator Location

Following enquiries the siting has been Agreed near the phone box, Mervyn Brown obtained agreement from Wessex Water to take power from their adjacent box. Locating an enclosing cabinet is in hand. It was Agreed to proceed ASAP.

The unit is currently in the Shop with thanks to Peter

(iv) Site for BMX

The Clerk is pursuing via Land Registry.

(v) Grass Cutting Contract

A second cut has been done with better results following complaints at the first cut. Additional cuts may be necessary, a review by Natural England re mulching and number of cuts.

(vi) Signs

The Chairman and Clerk to install.

(vii) Footpath

Awaiting further clearing by Somerset County Highways.

22/13 CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. 30 April Somerset County Council Wild Flower Project
2. May ROSPA Playground Inspection
3. 16 May Sedgemoor District Council National Grid Application
4. 17 May Somerset County Council Flood risk fund

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

# Received after Preparation of Agenda.

1. 6th June Community Councils – Membership
2. 6th June SALC Vacancy – Executive Officer

24/13 PLANNING MATTERS

39/13/00001 Crossways Farm, conversions - *Granted*

39/13/00002 Single Storey Extension 14 School Lane

39/13/00003 Renewal of Application Plot 4, 9 Church Hill

39/13/00004 Renewal of Application 3 Dwellings, 9 Church Hill

39/13/0005 Conservatory “Salterns”, Steart

25/13 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. Hinkley Liaison

*See 18/13*

1. Village Hall

The AGM well attended. Alteration plans displayed.

1. Steart Ward

*See 18/13*

1. OPRA

*Nothing to report.*

26/13 MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Parish Cluster Group

*The Chairman reported on items – Highway verges, Rights-of-Way changes. Riparian responsibilities.*

(ii) SALC

*No recent meeting.*

27/13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Siting of Buoy, risk assessment.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4th July 2013 at 7.30 pm

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