**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

7thMarch 2013 at 7.30pm

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

Mr. J. Marriott Mrs E. Sidebotham

Mr B. Leathwood Mr. J. Best

Mr T. Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One Parishioner

102/12 APOLOGIES

Mr P. M. Shaw (Clerk) – John Marriott took notes

Councillor Ms J. Pay

103/12 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7thFebruary 2013 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

104/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

All Members applied in writing and were granted Dispensations by the Clerk to speak on setting the Precept.

105/12 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Hinkley Point C Development

Paul Gripton reported that EDF have issued a statement saying that negotiations on fuel costs are “hard going”. The planning decision should be made by 19th March.

(ii) SteartPeninsular Project

Dick Best reported on signage issues including naming the project as “Steart Marshes”, and suggesting that the “no through road” sign be relocated. Dick will draft a letter.

(iii) Broadband

Dick Best reported that it is hoped that by 2016, 90% of locations will be serviced by fibre optics.

(iv) Changes to Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

Members considered the proposed changes drafted by SALC and questioned the wording of item 6(b). Clerk to action.

(v) Financial Regulations

Members considered and agreed to consider at next meeting with Clerk present.

106/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Current Balances. Current Account £ 882.67 Business Call £4858.62

Pension Fund £ 1602.20

(b) Accounts for

Payment Otterhampton £90.00 Hire of hall - *awaiting copy invoices*

Village Hall

Keith Preston £90.00 Gardening

The above accounts were Approved for payment.

(c) Annual Accounts The books had been inspected by Dick Best.

The Purchase of new printer to be expedited.

107/12 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

No ward members present

108/12 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(i) Children’s Playground Repairs

New schemes for RLT3 to be considered.

(ii) Village Gardening/Tree Work

The Wildflower Project is proceeding, a consignment of seeds received and volunteers needed for planting on April 6th.

A plaque to be erected for opening.

(iii) Defibrillator Location

Agreed to write to Village Hall Committee to seek permission to site it on village hall externally.

(iv) Bus Shelter Light

Paul Gripton and John Marriott are to action

(v) Grit Bins

Awaiting confirmation of location for village.

(vi) Site for BMX

Clerk actioning.

(vii) Lengthsman

Clerk to arrange meeting with adjoining parishes.

(viii) Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed to seek Tenders

(ix) Damaged Wall

Debris etc. removed and new fence installed by Sedgemoor District Council. 50% of cost of fence to be contributed by Otterhampton Parish Council.

(x) Flood Damage – Riverside Farm

Members discussed and approved the Speed by Action etc. in order to avoid a repeat event.

(xi) Auditor

The Clerk to report to next meeting on progressing appointment.

(xii) Blocked Gullies – Flood Risk

Awaiting action by Somerset County Council

(xiii) Signs – Wharf Road limits – Track use

Clerk obtaining prices.

(xiv) 20mph Speed Limit

Awaiting reply by Somerset County Council.

(xv) Footpath – Combwich to Cannington

Clerk to write re clearance and erosion of verges, and copy to Cannington Parish Council and Garry Perrett.

(xvi) Rural Services Online – Opportunities Bulletin

To be circulated to Members.`

109/12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. 12th Feb Community Council – Village Agents Project *– Appointment made, Yvonne*

*Bulman*

1. 13th Feb Barry Leathwood – Flooding, Brookside Road – *Clerk is actioning*
2. 13th Feb SALC – Items of Interest – *Training – Tim Jones to attend*
3. 17th Feb Bob Birkenhead – Brambles, Church Hall. Owl box. – brambles cleared - *owl box*

*installed at church*

1. February Land Registry request – *see 108/12 (vi)*
2. 18th Feb Sedgemoor DC – Somerset Flooding Summit – *Mention Combwich and*

*Otterhampton problems*

1. **To be Noted :** All other correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk.
2. **Received after Preparation of Agenda.**
3. **Outgoing List – Available**
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# Received after Preparation of Agenda.

1. February NHS Somerset – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
2. 25th February Somerset County Council – Wild Flower Project – Copy to Team

# Outgoing.List – Available.

110/12 PLANNING MATTERS

No new applications

Planning Group – Tim Jones to join

111/12 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. Hinkley Liaison

*Mervyn Brown reported on latest meeting which discussed:-*

*National need for local involvement on strategy on low to middle level waste, and a national plan for temporary storage on site.*

*Magnox, fuel element debris and strategy for dealing.*

1. Village Hall

*John Marriott said that there is a meeting next week.*

1. Steart Ward

*Dick Best spoke of litter nuisance, location of litter bin and possible drug misuse at Bird Hide Tower. The Clerk to write in conjunction with Dick.*

1. OPRA

*The website to promote usage. The AGM on 22nd March.*

112/12 MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Parish Cluster Group

*Report on last meeting to be given in April*

(ii) SALC

*No meeting in March/April. New councillor training – Tim Jones.*

113/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Defibrillator siting.
2. Otterhampton Village Hall and School sign, and other signs.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4th April 2013 at 7.30pm

Annual Meetings – Wednesday 1st May 2013

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