

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022, 7.05pm at Otterhampton Village Hall

DECLARATION(S) OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS:

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations applied for. Member's Interests are disclosed at the time of taking Office. This information can be viewed on the Sedgemoor District Council (SDC) website.

1. General

- It is very important that affordable housing is included in the planning application for Brookside Road otherwise there is no reason for new housing.
- The two trees that were removed were only 33 years old so when planting new trees OPC need to be aware of how big the trees will grow. Three ash trees near the school could possibly be diseased but we need to know who is responsible for them.
- The company that removed the Ash trees should be commended
- The school would like to have the library bus stop at the school again. Headteacher, Claire Luce, will ensure the turning circle is cleared of vehicles. Cllr Caswell to chase the library.
- Sedgemoor District Council does provide grants for clearing trees. Noted for future reference.

2. Ward Councillors Reports

Cllr Pay

- The Annual meeting of Sedgemoor District Council will be held on 18th May and then it will be business as usual until 31.03.23.
- Cllr Caswell
- Has attended meetings regarding the wharf to sort out various problems.
 - No longer chairman at Somerset Building Control Partnership
- Cllr Bolt
- Is already a councillor for SDC and now along with M Caswell is the newly elected councillor for Somerset County Council.

PRESENT:

Lindsey Parsons (Chair), Gina Mear (Clerk), Tina Gardener, Andy Darch, Sally Horne, Kay Whatling. Ward councillors Julie Pay and Mike Caswell, County Councillor Brian Bolt and five members of the public.

65/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Rachel Perrett (Vice Chair)

66/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 07.04.22

The minutes of the meeting held on 07.04.22 were APPROVED and signed by the Chair.

67/22 WELCOME TO NEW CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

The Chair welcomed the new clerk, Gina Mear, and new councillors, Sally Horne and Kay Whatling.

Cllr Julie Pay left the meeting at 7.20pm

68/22 PLANNING MATTERS: (Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for this agenda item)

1. **39/22/00003** – Outline planning permission for up to 60 dwellings on Brookside Road. There have been a number of issues with this application, the original application was invalidated and has now been revalidated. There has been a lot of public interest with 73 responses lodged on SDC planning website. The recent Affordable Housing (AH) Survey shows a need for 9 affordable homes in Combwich. As per policy T3a AH should be 40% of the total housing which be 22 rather than the 60 applied for. After discussions A Darch proposed to oppose this application, this was seconded by S Horne and an unanimous vote to OBJECT Post meeting the application has been invalidated again and removed from the website.
2. **39/22/00007** – Formation of two access tracks at Manor Farm, Otterhampton. GRANTED
3. **39/22/00004** – Erection of single storey front (SW) extension at 10 Ship Lane. This application was received too late for this agenda. Councillors were in support of the application but it will be displayed on the village notice boards before a decision is sent to SDC.

69/22 FINANCE:

1. **Bank Balances** - Current A/C £17,882.99; Deposit A/C £20,323.14; Reserve A/C £23869.12.
2. **The following payments were AGREED:**
 - a) T Gardener - £501.84 (Insignia Ltd – Jubilee Coins)
 - b) B Birkenhead - £40.74 (repairs to phone box)
 - c) Sedgemoor Tree Services £1288.78 (felling of two trees)
 - d) Village Hall - £1,550 (annual grant & hire for meetings), agreed after minute below
3. **Village Hall annual grant**

Councillors were unanimous in agreeing to pay the grant as included in the budget for the forthcoming year
4. **Income Received**
 - a) SDC Precept (50%) - £13,000
 - b) Community Infrastructure Levy - £2223.76.
5. **Approval of Annual Accounts**

The Annual Accounts to 31.03.22 were APPROVED and signed by the Chair
6. **Insurance Renewal**

The 3-year deal with our current insurance provider has ended and there has been a considerable increase. It was agreed to obtain quotes from other providers.

70/22 STEART WARD

A Darch reported that the fire brigade was called out to a fire on the Steart beach car park which may have been fly-tipped rubbish. There has been an increase in rubbish and old BBQs left recently so A Darch will ask WWT if the area can be included in their cleaning area. Cattle were returned to the fields in April.

71/22 ENHANCEMENTS:

Play Area Paths – Waiting for the contractor as to when they will start.

72/22 HIGHWAYS:

1. Dame Withycombe Hill – Waiting for signs to be put in place.
2. Bolham Bridge – on Highway's programme waiting to be done.

73/22 TREES:

Ash Trees – Both trees have now been removed and the wood was left for members of the public to remove.

74/22 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:

It was agreed to leave the remaining action list until the next meeting.

75/22 MEETING REPORTS:

13.04.22 & 11.05.22 – Village Hall (L Parsons)

L Parsons was unable to attend the previous two meetings and awaits the reports.

76/22 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

19.05.22 – EDF Community Forum. T Gardener to attend.

08.06.22 – Village Hall. L Parsons to attend.

77/22 CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

1. SDC – new Code of Conduct. To be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.
2. Nether Stowey PC – affordable housing. NSPC wrote to SALC regarding a future meeting of local PCs. P Gripton/B Birkenhead to attend.
3. Sedgemoor CAB - thank you letter received for donation.
4. RoSPA Play Safety Team – Annual play area inspection to take place in June 2022.
5. Somerset Community Foundation – The end of grant form has been submitted for play area resurfacing and bollards.
6. BT – The agreement for the adoption of the phone box in Brookside Road has been received.
7. SALC – advised of amendments to standing orders.
8. Housing Need Survey – the report was received and distributed.

78/22 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

1. A funding request of £395 from the village hall has been approved.
2. A grant from SDC of £200 for the celebrations has been awarded.
3. The temporary road closure of part of Riverside for Saturday 4th June has been granted.

79/22 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

1. **Public Rights of Way (PRoW) – B Birkenhead.**
Combwich Ponds - A council order for the new footpaths was published on 4th March and a deadline of 19 April given for any comments/objections. One objection was received.
2. **OPRA – T Gardener.**
The Easter weekend was successful with an Easter egg hunt and quiz. The beacon is to be lit for the jubilee weekend on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm.
3. **School – R Perrett.**
No update. The next meeting is on 16 May.
4. **Otter Tales – B Leathwood**
The printing price has increased to £247. Alternative prices to be researched.

80/22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 JUNE 2022, 7.00pm at Otterhampton Primary School.

The meeting finished at 9.17pm

Signed:

(Chair)

Date 9 June 2022