

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on
THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2023, 7.30pm 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.

PUBLIC SESSION (INCLUDING WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

1. Ward Councillors Reports

Cllr Caswell

- Somerset Council's Rights of Way department is very behind with dealing with issues.

2. General

- Planning application 39/23/00004 Construction of a temporary AIL bypass track and the erection of new gates was discussed. Comments/issues raised from the public included: how will this affect the environment, neighbours and people using the coastal path. The bypass will separate the path. There is no agreement/DCO for storage of AILs at the wharf. This is going to affect a lot of people especially those in Estuary Park. Can an environmental impact report be requested. Air quality is currently an issue and would get worse. The ideal place for AILs to be stored would be to the south of the ponds where the storage was originally proposed to be. The fencing that was installed around the wharf has made the noise worse for residents of Estuary Park as the sound bounces off the fencing.

PRESENT:

Lindsey Parsons (Chair), Gina Mear (Clerk), Tina Gardener, Connie Sanders, Mike Haycraft, Andy Darch. Councillor M Caswell and five members of the public.

118/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rachel Perrett (Vice Chair), Amanda Gibbons.

119/23 PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. **39/23/00004/BW** - Construction of a temporary AIL bypass track within Combwich construction compound, including the modification of existing, and erection of new gates in connection with the construction of Hinkley Point C Power Station at Combwich Wharf, Land To The South Of, Estuary Park, Combwich. All councillors agreed to support the application on the basis that questions given to EDF received a satisfactory response.

120/23 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The chairman reported that Amanda Gibbons has tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor. Due to other commitments, she is unable to fulfil her role as parish councillor. Somerset Council will be informed of the vacancy and a notice will be issued in due course.

121/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th September 2023, 7.00pm at Otterhampton Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Signed:

(Chair)

Date 14 SEPTEMBER 2023