

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on

THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024, 6.30pm at OTTERHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Connie Sanders (Vice Chair), Gina Mear (Clerk), Tina Gardener, Mike Haycraft, Carol Bradbury, Dave Dodge (late), Lindsey Parsons (late) and eight members of the public.

60/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Brian Bolt.

DECLARATION(S) OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS:

C Sanders declared an interest in item 77/24 b.

Member's Interests are disclosed at the time of taking Office. This information can be viewed on the Somerset Council website.

PUBLIC SESSION (INCLUDING WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORTS)

1. Ward Councillors Reports

- No ward councillors were present.

2. General

- S Parker spoke about item 20b on the agenda, the request for sponsorship of a Flower Show trophy/donation.

61/24 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES/CO-OPTION

A request was made for an application form.

62/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14.03.24

The minutes of the meeting held on 14.03.24 were APPROVED and signed by the Chair.

63/24 MATTERS ARISING – UPDATES FROM THE CLERK

- a. None

64/24 PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. 39/24/00003 Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of a single story extending 5.062m from the rear West elevation on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished). 2 Harbour View, Combwich, TA5 2QU. For information only.

65/24 FINANCE:

- 1. Bank Reconciliation and Budget Statement for March.** The statement and bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the precept meeting and were agreed.
- 2. The following payments were AGREED:**
 - a) G Mear - £579.60 (Clerk Salary, & Pension)
 - b) B Leathwood - £284.94 (Otter Tales Printing)
 - c) SALC - £165.00 (Training)
- 3. Income Received:**
 - a) None

66/24 COMMUNITY SHOP

There will be a meeting following this one to put together a steering group to take the project forward.

67/24 ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- a) Fly Parking – It was discussed if a note should be included in the next Otter Tales to ask for considerate parking. It was also asked if the parish council could add their own note to windscreens.

68/24 STEART WARD

D Dodge reported that the WWT (Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust) will be holding a meeting with residents regarding recent flooding.

69/24 HIGHWAYS (CLLR B BOLT)

Cllr Bolt was not in attendance.

70/24 FLOODING – BROOKSIDE ROAD

a) Clerk to look at applying for a grant to cover the cost of purchasing a pump.

71/24 WHARF ROAD

The clerk reported that she hasn't seen any brash that needs to be removed.

72/24 ENHANCEMENTS:

1. Common Track – There has been no response from the contractor who it was decided to go with. Clerk to chase.

73/24 ACTION LIST

1. Emergency Plan – This is almost complete and will be circulated on completion.

74/24 MEETING REPORTS:

1. **10.04.24 – Village Hall (L Parsons)** – S Barton is stepping down as chair but there is no replacement yet. The Stoggymen and Easter raffle both went well.
2. **14.03.24 Transport Forum** – The report was circulated before the meeting. The issue of fly parking was raised to which the response was that the SPS Fly Parking Team have done a recent survey and will mailshot employees.
3. **18.03.24 LCN** – Items discussed included Highways sub-group, Connecting Devon & Somerset (broadband), Somerset Rivers Authority workshop for emergencies and contingency planning. The AGM is on 12th June.

75/24 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. **Public Rights of Way (B Birkenhead)** B Birkenhead advised that the public footpath that goes behind the house on Estuary Park (from the Estuary Park junction) has become extremely slippery and dangerous. This will be reported to Somerset Council.
2. **OPRA (T Gardener)** The Easter egg hunt was very successful with 61 children. There were eight teams at the Easter quiz. The annual charity cricket match may be held on 1st June, this will be confirmed.

76/24 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 25.04.24 – Highways Subgroup (LCN)
2. 08.05.24 – Village Hall
3. 12.06.24 – LCN
4. 28.06.24 – SSG
5. 11.07.24 – Transport Forum

77/24 CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

- a. **Services Devolution – local parishes working together** – A meeting is being held on 18th April and T Gardener will attend on our behalf.
- b. **Flower Show Trophy Sponsorship** – The gardening club sent an email asking for sponsorship of a trophy. L Parsons proposed to donate £100, all were in agreement.
- c. **Somerset Day Big Picnic Event** – An email was received from Somerset Council suggesting communities hold a picnic to celebrate Somerset Day on the 11th or 12th May. It was felt that too little notice was given to be able to organise anything.
- d. **Recycling Collections** – There were reports on Facebook of issues regarding recycling and refuse collections on Harbour View. It appears that these issues have now been resolved.

78/24 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2024, 7.00pm at Otterhampton Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 7.13pm

Signed:

(Chair)

Date 9 MAY 2024