OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 2nd December 2010.

PRESENT: Mr. B. Leathwood (Chairman) Mr. R. Birkenhead

Mr. P. Gripton Mr. J. Best

Mr. M. Brown

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P. M. Shaw (Clerk)

1 Parishioner

70/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. J. Marriott, Mrs. E. Sidebotham.

71/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November were APPROVED and with the Minutes of 30th September were signed by the Chairman.

72/10 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u>

All Members declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 4(i), Mr. J. Best declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item 4(ii).

73/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Hinkley Point C Development:

Paul Gripton reported on two recent meetings with Sedgemoor DC where he and the Chairman had detected a change of position on our key issues to the extent that a meeting next week will look at the Local Impact Report with more sympathy with our views. We have responded to the SDC Core Strategy.

The Hinkley Stakeholder Group has also considered the issues. It is possible that we will hear EDF's latest views this month.

(b) Steart Peninsular Project:

Dick Best reported that the Environment Agency have submitted their Business Plan. He referred to the recent News-sheet. Reference was made to the M.P's recently published comments and our letter in response. A visit will be made by a small group to Porlock Weir to see their project.

(c) Road Safety Issues/School Traffic

Mrs. Layton the Chairmen of the School Governors was invited to speak and said that they have lobbied parents regarding walking to school, road safety/speed and a voluntary one-way system. The Clerk read from today's letter from SCC Highways in reply to our letter referring to a 20mph speed limit, and a regulated one-way system. The conclusions of the SCC letter were that they could not support either proposal. This letter to be circulated to the Chairman of the Governors and to all Members.

Members fully supported the Schools action, in particular the voluntary one-way system. It was suggested that an item be put in the next Newsletter asking all villagers to support.

74/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) Current Balances: Current a/c £ 2030.65

Business a/c £106771.73 Pension Fund £ 1100.67

(b) Accounts for Payment:

Greenslades	£267.64	Grass Cutting, October
Greenslades	£236.26	Wharf Rd. Maintenance
John Marriott	£ 37.16	Materials for Benches
SALC	£ 40.00	Budgeting Course x 2
Purnells	£155.00	Printing, Newsletter
Otterhampton	£ 54.00	Hall Rent, Chat & Chill
Village Hall		

These accounts were AGREED for payment.

(c) Annual Accounts and Audit

Members debated the Draft Budget and subsequent Precept particularly considering the issue of Shared Services with SCC and SDC. The Clerk reported on the recent SALC Course on Budgeting and the item on Council Tax in the current Newsletter. It was Agreed to get as much information as possible on the costs of Shared Services in order to set the Precept in late January.

75/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(a) <u>Highways – Parking at Church Hill</u>

A Planning Application has been received for the gate into the Church Yard (see 77/10)

(b) Childrens Playground:

A working party to be organised in the Spring before major use.

(c) Village Gardening - Volunteers:

The only work before Spring will be the planting of the free bulbs from SDC, mainly near the Bus Shelter, at the Slipway and the Copse. Thanks to be passed to the Volunteers. Mervyn Brown referred to the issue of removal of the Leylandii's, it was agreed that work so far is very satisfactory, it will be a few more weeks before completion. The matter of root removal

will be considered with advice from the Environment Agency and Natural England.

(d) Benches:

The arrangement with Daphne Ingram to be concluded including her donation and the procedures for the ashes of her late husband. The Clerk to arrange.

(e) Welcome Feature:

The Clerk reported that delivery to him is scheduled for Monday. He will then obtain quotations for installation from 3 contractors on the SCC approved list.

76/10 CORRESPONDANCE

(A) Requiring Council Decision:

(i)	29 th Oct	Commuity Council	-	Somerset & Energy Group – Noted
(ii)	9 th Nov	Somerset CC Highways	-	Broken finger arm – Otterhampton
				- Noted
(iii)	9 th Nov	Dick Best	-	Steart Project, statement by MP – Sent by
				Barry Leathwood – No reply to date
(iv)	11 th Nov	Nether Stowey PC	-	Quantock Cluster Meeting, 7 th Dec
				- Attending
(v)	16 th Nov	Somerset CC	-	Hinkley C Construction Group, next
				meeting 22 nd Nov – Copy to M. Brown
				and P. Gripton

(B) <u>To be Noted</u>

All other correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk and is available.

(C) Received after Preparation of Agenda

(i)	15 th Nov	SCC/SDC – Hi	nkley C Co	onnection	Group – Notea	ļ

(ii) 22nd Nov SCC Highways – Winter Service – *Noted*

(iii) 22nd Nov Open Space Society – Green spaces proposals – *Noted*

(iv) 23rd Nov AON Insurance – Offer – *Noted*

(v) 23rd Nov Somerset CC – Cuts/Shared Services – *Next Meeting* (vi) 23rd Nov Sedgemoor DC – Local funded services – *Next Meeting*

(vii) 23rd Nov Newsletter item by John Marriott – Council Tax – Next Meeting

(viii) 26th Nov Purnells – Invoice – see 74/10

(ix) 29th Nov Sedgemoor DC – Budget briefing meeting – Cancelled

(x) Nov EDF – Consultation Update – *Noted* (xi) 29th Nov SDC Highways – Snow Report – *Noted* (xii) 30th Nov SCC Highways – Snow Report - *Noted*

(xiii) 30th Nov SALC – Snow Clearing Responsibilities – *Noted – Filed*

(xiv) 30th Nov SDC – Emptying Dog Bins – Clerk Responded (xv) Oct SCC – Healthcare Transport – Notice Board

(D) Outgoing

List available at meeting.

77/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.

39/10/00008 - Renewal of Permission, Dwelling and Access Plot 4 –

9 Church Hill – OBJECTED – Still under construction.

39/10/00009 - Extension to North elevation – 5 Estuary Park 39/10/00012 - Provision of Gate and Path to Church – Supported.

78/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) <u>Hinkley Liaison</u>: A meeting to be held on 13th December with Hinkley A & B reps Rationalisation of the Stakeholder Group (Existing Stations).

(b) <u>Village Hall</u>: No report.

(c) <u>Steart Ward:</u> A photography weekend 11th-12th December in aid of Steart Church.

(d) OPRA: Next event – Parishioners Christmas Dinner – oversubscribed

Christmas Tree Lights – Sunday 5th.

(e) School: Fund raising events including fashion show. Carol concert on 10th December.

Parents reminded about traffic measures.

79/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

(i) <u>Parish Cluster Group – Meetings.</u> Next meeting – 7th December - Chairman and Clerk to attend

(ii) SALC

		eeting to be arranged for 19 th January 2011.				
80/10	ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING					
	(i)	Cannington/Bridgwater College proposal for "Construction Centre of Excellence Cannington. College Principal to be invited to attend.				
		MEETING				
	Thursc	lay 6 th January. The February meeting to be brought forward to 27 th January to set Precept.				
	Signed	l (Chairman) Date				

Meeting 2nd December – Apologies given.