OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 3rd June 2010.

PRESENT: Mr. B. Leathwood (Chairman) Mr. M. Brown

Mrs E. Sidebotham Mr. J. Marriott Mr. J. Best Mr. R. Birkenhead

Mr. P. Gripton

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs. Mr. K. Dyer, Mr. J. Edney.

15/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr. Mr. D. Joslin, Mr. P. M. Shaw (Clerk). In the absence of the Clerk Mr. Mervyn Brown agreed to take Minute notes.

16/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 13th May 2010 were corrected by the addition of Cllr. Mr. J. Edney's name to Apologies.

As the Minutes circulated were 'Draft' they were carefully considered for accuracy and agreement, then APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

17/10 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u>

The Chairman invited, Mr. Mervyn Brown declared a Personal Interest in an item regarding a requested grant to the Brownies (Minute 19/10 (b refers). There were no others.

18/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(i) Steart Peninsular/Shoreline Management Review.

It was reported that Residents appreciate the large financial constraints on the Environment Agency. It is expected that the "Preferred" scheme will be known in early July, and that the Environment Agency will hold a Technical session with an open meeting following. The Parish Council will arrange a meeting (as Minute 7/10 (a).

(ii) <u>EDF. Hinkley C.</u>

No reply to our letter concerning EDF "callers".

Mr. David Eccles has taken over from Simon Dunsford.

19/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) Current Balances: Current a/c £1085.65

Business a/c £8735.15 Pension Fund £ 800.00

(b) Accounts for Payment:

AON Insurance £ 720.95 Annual Premium

Mervyn Brown had considered the Schedule and recommended payment despite the apparent large increase in premium as it is due on 1st June

He recommended that we seek alternative quotations next year. The Clerk was asked to confirm cover for the Buoy while being repaired off site. Members expressed dismay with the protracted works.

Keith Preston £ 181.43 Gardening

Mr. M. Brown tabled a request for a Grant of £30.00 from the local Brownies towards a plaque for their "time capsule". Members Agreed.

These accounts were APPROVED for payment.

(c) Annual Accounts Mr. Birkenhead agreed to inspect the books. and Audit The Annual Audit Return has been submitted.

20/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(a) Highways – Parking at Church Hill

The Clerk had written to the PCC regarding action prior to arranging a meeting.

(b) <u>Tree Works</u>

As last meeting.

(c) Childrens Playground:

The Chairman will liaise with the Clerk to arrange a working party. Members considered the Clerk's suggested Inspection rota. Mr. J. Marriott agreed to update the Inspection Form.

(d) Village Gardening:

The gardener had cleared part of the Copse area. Greenslades requested to do their work by 7th June. The Clerk to meet them to discuss other bramble problems.

(e) Bus Shelter Light:

Mr. Gripton undertakes to complete this by September.

(f) River-side Track:

Members recorded their appreciation of the Clerks work to date.

(g) Benches:

As last meeting.

(h) Welcome feature:

As last meeting.

21/10 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision.

- (i) 18th May Sedgemoor DC Agenda for Quantock Cluster Meeting 8th June Chairman and Clerk to attend.
- (ii) 19th May SALC Confirmation of booking for Clerk's Courses. Noted.

B. To be Noted:

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

C. Received After Preparation Of Agenda

- (i) 21st May Somerset Rural Youth Project use of Common, 17th June Noted.
- (ii) 25th May Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review, we are not directly affected.
- (iii) 26th May Quantock Lodge Leisure Ltd request for support for funding, Agreed to write supporting.

- (iv) 26th May Sedgemoor DC Grants awarded, noted.
- (v) May National grid information re Hinkley connection, noted.

D. Outgoing

List available at meeting.

Cllrs. Dyer and Edney left the meeting.

22/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Mr. Mervyn Brown reported on Sedgemoor's Delegation Scheme and he had no cause for concern. Application No.

39/10/00001 - Advertisement Consent (Welcome Feature) - GRANTED

39/10/00002 - Change of use, field to boat parking. Combwich Wharf.

- GRANTED

39/10/00003 - 3 Dwellings, garages and access, 9 Church Hill, Combwich – No

objection

39/10/00004 - Front porch, 41 Estuary Park – No objection

23/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison Mervyn Brown reported on the ILW strategy workshop, filed.
- (b) Village Hall Liz Sidebotham reported on the AGM held on 26th May, filed.
- (c) <u>Steart Ward</u> It was reported that there is a need for a sign to deter parking beyond the Natural England Car Park. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- (d) OPRA Barry Leathwood reported on the successful Summer Ball.
- (e) <u>School</u> Bob Birkenhead reported on his extended involvement and will submit a written report.

24/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

(i) Litter Problems/Dog Fouling

Mervyn Brown reported that the Combwich Brownie Pack will be repeating their "pick-up" in July. The Clerk to arrange equipment.

(ii) Parish Cluster Meeting.

Next meeting 8th June. Chairman and Clerk to attend.

(iii) SALC.

Next meeting 24th June.

(iv) Risk Assessment and Audit Matters.

Clerk to action.

(v) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

With Chairman and Clerk.

(vi) Freedom of Information Act.

Clerk to action.

(vii) Parish Plan

Next meeting.

(viii) Newsletter

John Marriott presented his draft.

25/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

(i) (ii)	Parking Sign at Steart. Parish Plan.	
NEXT MEETING		
After discussion it was agreed to change the date to 8 th July if the meeting room was available.		
The meeting closed at 9.05pm		
Signed	(Chairman)	Date
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