

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 7th January 2010.

PRESENT: Mr. Mervyn Brown Mr. R. Birkenhead
 Mrs H. Jowett Mr. J. Marriott

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

81/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. B. Leathwood (Chairman), Mr. P. Gripton, Mrs E. Sidebotham.
In the Absence of the Chairman Mr. Mervyn Brown took the Chair.

82/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd December were Amended by the deletion of ‘new’ before Headmistress at 78/09(e) and were then APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

83/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Chairman invited and Mrs Jowett and Mr. Marriott declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.A(i). Mr. Mervyn Brown declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6(a).

84/09 MATTERS ARISING:

- (i) Steart Peninsular Project. It was reported that Paul Gripton is sending an e-mail direct to the Environment Agency. The Clerk reported that despite the “deadline” being Friday 8th he has had confirmation from the Environment Agency that any issues from this meeting can be forwarded by next Wednesday. Helen Jowett said that the main issue for the Steart Residents was maintaining 24 hour access, but little concern about potential flooding of properties. We have already commented to Sedgemoor DC. It was Agreed to consider Paul Gripton’s response, Mervyn Brown, Helen Jowett and the Clerk to consider.
Mrs Jowett stated that the Steart Residents have written to the Environment Agency and should be sending a copy to the Council.

- (ii) EDF. Hinkley C. Members reconsidered Barry Leathwood’s comments emailed to each and his letter of 4th December to EDF. It was Agreed to respond to the EDF November 2009 consultation document making the following points:-
 - Combwich Wharf – no opposition to its improvement and use by larger vessels but want to be consulted on land use and hours of working.
 - Compensatory Benefits – those referred to in our letter 4th December, additionally – cycle route, Hinkley to Cannington, improvement in road safety terms to All junctions onto Hinkley road.
 The Clerk will draft a letter for consideration by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

85/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) Current Balances: Current a/c £ 12.41
 Business a/c £9300.42
 Pension Fund £ 800.00

(b) Accounts for Payment:

Greenslades	£231.33	Grass Cutting
Neil Hairsine	£ 41.44	Bat Survey
Purnells	£186.00	Printing Newsletter

These accounts were APPROVED for payment.

(c) The Account Books to be passed to Mrs. Sidebotham for inspection.

86/09 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(a) Highways – Parking at Church Hill – as previously minuted -

The Chairman raised the problem of vehicles being parked on the access track to Riverside Cottage (as previously) which forces visitors and other residents to drive over the grass and thus damaging it. The Clerk volunteered to visit the prime offender and discuss the problem together with the issue of the owner's damaged wall and to try to discover ownership of the wall.

Mr. Birkenhead asked that the potential safety issues of the junctions from the Combwich and Otterhampton onto the Hinkley road, be raised with County Highways. It was Agreed to send a copy of our letter to EDF to SCC stating that we are concerned with the present situation.

(b) Tree Works – Leyllandi –
As last meeting.

(c) Childrens Playground:
Further work to be considered at the March meeting.

(d) Village Gardening:
Bulbs planted where and when possible, mainly near the Bus Shelter.

(e) Bus Shelter Light:
As last meeting.

(f) River-side Track:
As last meeting.

(g) Benches:
To be considered at the March meeting.

(h) Welcome feature:

The Clerk presented the two quotations received:-

Village & Urban	£2130.00 + optional extra ground sleeve.
Signs of The Times	£2348.00, excluding delivery.
Alpha Signs	Did not respond

It was Agreed to Accept Village & Urban and discuss optional extras following approval from County Highways, who are the land owners, and from Sedgemoor Development Control, both who have now approved in principle. The Clerk to proceed with completion and submission of necessary approvals.

Cllr. John Edney has stated his pleasure with the design and intentions.

87/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

(A) Requiring Council Decision:

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| (i) | 9 th December | Combwich Chat & Chill | Thanks for past help. Request for grant. AGREED to continue support as last year. |
| (ii) | 9 th December | Village & Urban | Quotation for Welcome Sign. See 86/09(h) above. |
| (iii) | 11 th December | Sedgemoor DC | Special Meeting. EDF Hinkley Point, 6 th January 2010. |
| (iv) | 15 th December | Somerset CC | Welcome Sign Permit – Land Ownership. |

(B) To be Noted

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

(C) Outgoing – List with Clerk.

(D) Received after Preparation of Agenda

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| (i) | December | SALC - Cancellation of Area Meetings – next in March. |
| (ii) | 17 December | Somerset CC – Temporary Road Closure, A39 Williton. |
| (iii) | 18 December | Sedgemoor DC – Closure of BT Payphone Boxes. |
| (iv) | 19 December | Helen Jowett – Steart Residents Group meeting Minutes, Potential new Member for Steart Ward. |
| (v) | 23 December | Nether Stowey PC – Hinkley C Questionnaire – Clerk responded. |
| (vi) | 24 December | Sedgemoor DC – BT “Adopt a Kiosk” Scheme, request by Leader of Council for continuation of Payphones. |
| (vii) | 28 December | Barry Leathwood – Apologies and comments re Hinkley C. |
| (viii) | 5 January | Sedgemoor DC – Article on Payphone Boxes. |
| (viii) | 5 January | Dept. for Energy and Climate Change – Hinkley C additional meeting 27 th January, Stogursey. |

88/09 PLANNING MATTERS

Report from Sedgemoor DC on Delegation Scheme – passed to Mervyn Brown.

Application No.

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| 39/09/00044 | - | Greenhouse. 6 Brookside Road. – GRANTED. |
| 39/09/00046 | - | Porch. Juvenis Cottage, Otterhampton. Extension of time granted by SDC. Planning group visited and spoke to Applicant, well pleased. Recommend Support. Agreed by Meeting. |
| 39/09/00047 | - | Single Storey Extension. 56 Estuary Park. All as 00046 above. All Agreed by Meeting. |

89/09 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

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| (a) | <u>Hinkley Liaison:</u> | Nothing to report. |
| (b) | <u>Village Hall:</u> | Nothing to report. |
| (c) | <u>Stear Ward:</u> | The possible New Member for Steart Ward. Mr. Dick Best to be invited to March meeting. |
| (d) | <u>OPRA:</u> | Nothing to report. |
| (e) | <u>School:</u> | Bob Birkenhead reported on the successful concert. The School is currently closed due to the Snow. |

90/09 MATTERS OF REPORT

All to be considered at February Meeting.

91/09 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Parish Emergency Plan – March Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date