OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Mrs E. Sidebotham Mr. R. Birkenhead

Mr. Paul Gripton

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. Mr. David Joslin, Mr. P. M. Shaw (Clerk) 4 parishioners

48/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. J. Best, Mr. J. Marriott, Cllrs. Mr. J. Edney, Mr. K. Dyer.

49/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minute of the Meeting held on 2nd September were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of 30th September were held over to the next Meeting.

50/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

All Members declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 4 (a) Hinkley Point C Development.

51/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Hinkley Point C Development Consultation Response:

This was delivered to the EDF offices on Friday 6th and also sent to other interested parties. Mervyn Brown referred to the informal meeting he The Chairman and Paul Gripton had had with Nigel Cam, the Manager of Hinkley B, mainly on the issue of the large load to the Wharf this week, but also touching on the issues raised in our Response which seemed well received by Mr. Cam. The idea of further joint meetings together with other involved Parishes.

It was reported that Nigel Cam will become Director for Hinkey C.

Paul Gripton reported that there will be a series of meetings with Sedgemoor DC and the Environmental Agency, particularly on the issue of flood risk and the impact of EDF proposals for Combwich, which the Environmental Agency require EDF to address, Sedgemoor District Council may be the final arbiter. The issue of Business Rate income may also impinge.

It was reported that the recent large load to the Wharf caused no problems.

The Chairman invited Steve Chinn, Chairman of the Working Party to speak, he was very pleased to hear of the future meetings, and also in the need to register with the IPA. Paul Gripton referred to, and supported the idea of a Social Evening for all involved.

52/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) Current Balances: Current a/c £ 88.15 Business a/c £10271.73

Pension Fund £ 1100.00

(b) Accounts for Payment:

Fenland Leisure Products	£199.99	Cradle swing seats
G B Sport & Leisure	£111.63	Repair wet pour
Glasdon	£ 55.04	Cover caps to seat bolts
Greenslades	£136.91	Grass cutting, August
Purnells	£ 58.00	Circular re. EDF

Purnells	£ 62.04	Typing, July/August
Moore Stephens	£158.62	Annual Audit
SDC	£ 81.87	Dog Bin emptying
Pains Fireworks	£608.66	Firework – Cheque
		from OPRA

These accounts were AGREED for payment.

(c) Annual Accounts The account books were presented including a half year trial balance and Audit and were taken by Mervyn Brown for inspection.

53/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

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

To be chased.

(b) Childrens Playground:

The temporary repairs to safety surface completed, however more permanent repairs will be needed next year – Budget Item it was reported that the picnic tables are in a dangerous condition, Bob Birkenhead volunteered to remove them.

(c) Village Gardening:

- (i) The e-mail from the Volunteer group, and the presentation at the Open Session by Mr. Robert Palmer, was considered and their offer accepted subject to Insurance issues and an agreed programme of work, both to be dealt with by the Clerk.
- (ii) Mervyn Brown reported on the latest information regarding the removal of the Leylandii trees, he has met with the Cannington College staff, and a firm start date of Monday 1st November given. The College will remove all arisings following work on each Monday during November. Concern was expressed about root removal in case this weakens the bank of the Brook. The use of the road will not be disrupted. Mervyn suggested notifying the nearest neighbours, the Clerk to Action, Clive Neale by reply e-mail (his, 15 September).

(d) Benches:

All three now installed, thanks to all who helped. The Clerk to contact Daphne Ingram re her contribution and the small commemorative event.

(e) Welcome Feature:

The Clerk to chase progress.

54/10 CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Requiring Council Decision:

(i)	6 th September	Ian Liddell-Grainger	-	Hinkley Point C – Noted
(ii)	23 rd September	EDF	-	Stage 2 Consultations – 51/10
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(iii) 20th September Robert Palmer - Volunteer Gardeners/Clean Up - 53/10(c)
 (iv) 27th September Community Council - Parish Plan Survey - Future Meeting

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

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

(C) Received after Preparation of Agenda

(i) (ii) (iii)	13 th Sept 30 th Sept 13 th Sept 17 th Sept	Sedgemoor DC Sedgemoor DC Sedgemoor DC	- - -	Local Development Framework meetings Clerk to attend, Monday 18 th October Dog Bins – joint funding Notification of precept payment by BACS
(iv)	28 th Sept	Sedgemoor DC	-	Submission Core Strategy. Considered by
(v)	28 th Sept	SALC	-	Paul Gripton AGM Notes, Government Proposals – Future Meeting

(D) Outgoing

List available at meeting.

55/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.

39/10/00003 - 3 Dwellings, garages and access, 9 Church Hill – GRANTED 2 Storey side extension, single storey front. 3 Estuary Park - GRANTED

39/10/00008 - Renewal of previous permission – 1 House, Plot 4, 9 Church Hill –

OBJECT on Highway/Safety issues

56/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) <u>Hinkley Liaison</u>: Mervyn Brown reported on last liaison meeting, next meeting 29th October.

(b) <u>Village Hall</u>: Liz Sidebotham reported on last meeting on 15th September. Fire precautions were the main item and a quotation for work accepted. OPRA are supporting

financially.

(c) Steart Ward: Nothing reported.

(d) <u>OPRA:</u> Next event, fireworks Sunday 7th November. Clerk to check on Insurance cover.

(e) <u>School:</u> Bob Birkenhead reported on the Governors meeting when the main issues were:-

Government cuts, Hinkley construction road safety, holiday club – poor take up, After School club is viable. Vandalism, with a meeting between Police and the

offenders and their parents.

The Chairman invited Margaret Layton, Chair of Governors, to speak to her earlier letter, on the issue of road safety. She repeated her request for a 20mph speed limit and a one-way system to the School. These ideas were discussed and the previous problems of trying to implement them were mentioned. It was Agreed to consider these issues more fully at the next meeting and in the meantime to investigate the Highway issues. It was considered that the school

could ask parents to use a voluntary one-way route.

57/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

(i) Parish Cluster Group – Meetings.

The last meeting was here with a presentation by EDF, there were problems of access to the kitchen.

(ii) SALC

A report on the AGM received -54/10(c)(v).

All other Agenda items deferred to future meetings.

58/10	ITEMS	FOR	NEXT	MEETING	

(i) (ii) (iii)	Budget - Precept The Buoy Use of Track by Farmers	
NEXT	MEETING	
Thurs	day 4 th November at 7.30pm.	
Signe	d (Chairman)	Date