

## OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

**PRESENT:** Mr. B. Leathwood (Chairman)                      Mr. M. Brown  
Mrs E. Sidebotham    Mr. J. Marriott  
Mr. J. Best    Mr. R. Birkenhead  
Mr. Paul Gripton

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

26/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

27/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

28/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Chairman invited, Mr. John Best declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 4(a).

29/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Stear Peninsular Project

John Best reported on the Environment Agency presentation, the Bristol Port Scheme is still going ahead, the Environment Agency will have to seek funding from DEFRA during this winter. After this further detailed design would follow, then Planning Application with construction in 2012. Modelling work is still required, Steart Drove will be protected but at this stage not at Wall Common.

(b) EDF. Hinkley C Development.

Next consultation 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of Consultation starts today – first literature received by Mervyn Brown shown at the meeting.

30/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a)	Current Balances:	Current a/c	£ 183.27
		Business a/c	£8735.15
		Pension Fund	£ 800.00

(b) Accounts for Payment:

Greenslades	£267.64	Grass Cutting, May
Purnells	£189.20	Newsletter printing
Prodisplay	£ 30.00	Plaque for Brownies

These accounts were APPROVED for payment.

(c) Annual Accounts and Audit                      The account books were passed to Mr. Birkenhead.  
The Annual Audit Return has been completed and submitted.  
A claim for VAT repayment has been submitted.

## 31/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (a) Highways – Parking at Church Hill  
Still awaiting a reply from the PCC.
- (b) Tree Works  
No work needed at the Elms. The Leylandii to be felled in September/October.
- (c) Childrens Playground:  
John Marriott has removed the old waste bin frame, noted some damage to the safety surface. 10 pales needed to repair the fencing. The Chairman and John Marriott to do the work as soon as possible.
- (d) Village Gardening:  
Greenslades agreed to deal with the brambles at the Riverside corner and repair the trough for £40.00, to be chased.  
Dick Best has found a volunteer to clear the pathway to the coast, a quotation of £50.00 will be sent to the Clerk. Members Agreed to proceed.
- (e) Bus Shelter Light:  
As last meeting (20/10(e))
- (f) River-side Track:  
As last meeting (20/10(f))
- (g) Benches:  
John Marriott presented an illustrated report for replacing three benches, one on the Common with a donation from Mrs. Ingram, one beyond the school and the other on Riverside. The total cost as quoted by Glasdon, our previous supplier is £1322 excluding installation, the figure in the budget is £1000, the donation of £250 leaving a shortfall of £72 plus installation to be taken from the contingency fund. Members APPROVED the expenditure. The Clerk to order as soon as, John Marriott to co-ordinate a working party for installation.
- (h) Welcome Feature:  
The Chairman and Clerk to check and approve the proofs
- (i) Footpath 25/22:  
Reported that new fencing restricts the width to 1 metre close to the River. Chairman to investigate and advise on action.

## 32/10 CORRESPONDANCE

### **(A) Requiring Council Decision:**

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|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| (i)   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  | Sedgemoor DC          | - | Planning re access track to Combwich Ponds                     |
| (ii)  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | Dick Best Steart Ward | - | Parking problem – see 10(vii)                                  |
| (iii) | 17 <sup>th</sup> June | Nether Stowey PC      | - | Meeting re A39, 16 <sup>th</sup> July                          |
| (iv)  | 18 <sup>th</sup> June | Sedgemoor DC          | - | Joint Funding of Local Services – include in next years budget |

### **(B) To be Noted**

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

### **(C) Received after Preparation of Agenda**

- (i) June Somerset Waste Partnership – Members Digest, Noted.

- (ii) 21<sup>st</sup> June Sedgemoor DC – Planning Training, Noted.
- (iii) 23<sup>rd</sup> June Somerset West Energy Bulletin, Noted.
- (iv) 28<sup>th</sup> June Environment Agency – Steart Coastal Management Project, Drop in, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- (v) 28<sup>th</sup> June Rural Services Community Newsletter, Noted.
- (vi) 30<sup>th</sup> June EDF, reply to our letter 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- (vii) June Sedgemoor DC – Minutes of Quantock Cluster meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> June
- (viii) June Sedgemoor DC – “The Hinkley Experience” DVD.
- (ix) June EDF – Hinkley C Exhibition, Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July, Village Hall.

**(D) Outgoing**

List available at meeting.

33/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.

- 39/10/00003 - 3 Dwellings, garages and access 9 Church Hill, Combwich – No Objection.
- 39/10/00004 - Front Porch, 41 Estuary Park. – GRANTED.

34/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison: Mervyn Brown reported that he had been nominated as Vice Chairman of the Hinkley Stakeholder Group in October.
- (b) Village Hall: Nothing to report.
- (c) Steart Ward: Problem of obstructed footpath 25/2. The Chairman to investigate.
- (d) OPRA: The fete made £1500, very successful. Walks continue.
- (e) School: Successful BBQ. The temporary teacher, Mr. McCauley has started. Sports day and school production arranged. It was reported that traffic speed to school is a concern. Bob Birkenhead to prepare a report.

35/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – Meetings.  
Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July. Special A39 issues.
- (ii) SALC  
The Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June and the Chairman reported, the Staffing Committee should be given clear terms of reference properly minuted.
- (iii) Risk Assessment & Audit Matters.  
September meeting.
- (iv) Standing Orders & Financial Regulations.  
September meeting.
- (v) Freedom of Information Act.  
September meeting.
- (vi) Parish Plan.  
Following the presentation by Guy Broga of the Community Council at the Open Session it

was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should meet to draft a short form of Parish Plan.

(vii) Parking Problem – Steart.

Following Dick Bests’ comments it was suggested that a “No Access” sign be considered by the Clerk.

36/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Road Safety – school route.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm  
The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman)      Date .....