

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 27th January 2011.

PRESENT: Mr. B. Leathwood (Chairman) Mr. J. Best
Mr R Birkenhead Mrs E Sidebotham

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. Mr. K. Dyer, 1 Guest Candidate, Mr. P. M. Shaw (Clerk)

103/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr Mervyn Brown, Mr John Marriott, Mr Paul Gripton representing the Parish Council at a meeting of EDF Community Forum.
Cllrs. Mr J Edney, Mr David Joslin.

104/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th January were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

105/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

All Members declared a Personal Interests in Agenda Item 4.

106/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(i) Hinkley Point C Development:

The Chairman reported that the EDF Stage 2A Consultation Meeting on 1st march was well supported and attended by the EDF Director of Planning. Members took the opportunity to discuss future issues and needs of the Village. He confirmed that EDF no longer propose Fabrication Buildings or a Bus Depot and will reduce the "lay-down" site area, but more work is needed in checking the detail. Sedgemoor D.C. are now more supportive of the Parish in their Planning Appraisal The Parish Council will prepare a formal response to the current consultation.

(ii) Stear Peninsular Project:

It was reported that the meeting held at Avonmouth between Members and the Port of Bristol Co was attended by people from Steart and Otterhampton, but none from West Somerset D.C. or Stogursey. It was reported that the main items of concern included public access, footpaths and traffic. It appeared that the proposed flood defences were of a significant standard including possible Wall Common. Concern was expressed about movement of sea-borne materials, sand and mud. It was agreed to set up a Steering Group to include all involved parties and people. The next meeting with PBC in April and the likely date for a Planning Application is July. On the Environment Agency scheme all properties have been served from a floor risk point of view and a Bat survey carried out. Dick Best suggested a joint meeting between the Parish Council and the Environment Agency, possibly on 7th April. It was confirmed that at this stage no press statement will be issued.

(iii) Road Safety Issues/School Traffic:

Nothing to report.

(iv) Parish Plan

The Chairman reported on progress. The public session was well attended, comments made have been collated and reported. Our preliminary response to SDC is likely to be drafted at a group meeting on Wednesday 9th. The broader issues will probably take up to a year.

107/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) Current Balances: Current a/c £ 222.36 Business Call £6289.73
Pension Fund £1100.67
- (b) Accounts for Payment: Otterhampton
Village Hall £ 18.00 Rent for Chat & Chill
Ms M Layton £ 37.29 Refreshments at Parish Plan Day
Lane Hammett £ 36.95 Printer Cartridges
RS & KJ Page £ 12.00 Hedge cutting, Church Path
Otterhampton
Purnells £100.00 Printing Parish Plan leaflet
SALC £ 20.00 Clerks Workshop – 16 February
- (c) Annual Accounts and Audit
The Account Books were presented for inspection. Members confirmed the appointment of Mr Jack Naphine as Internal Auditor. The Clerk reported on the change in Clerk's payment and the requirement to register the Council for Income Tax purposes.

108/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (a) Highways – Parking at Church Hill - *awaiting decision on Planning Application.*
- (b) Children's playground – repairs – *Members considered John Marriott's written report and agreed to debate it in detail at the next meeting with John Marriott. Thanks passed to John.*
Improvement needed at entrance gates, Bob Birkenhead volunteered to lay some turf, he has already repaired the external fence.
- (c) Village Gardening – Volunteers – *The Chairman and Clerk had undertaken an inspection walk with the Volunteers and agreed a schedule of future works.*
- (d) Benches – Tables. *As last meeting.*
- (e) Welcome feature. *The Clerk reported that the second quotation is £468.00 plus VAT from N A Haggett (Builders) Ltd. This being the lowest, Members ACCEPTED this quotation. The Clerk will arrange earliest installation.*

109/10 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision

- (i) 1st Feb Sedgemoor DC - Budget briefing meeting, 24th Feb
- (ii) 1st Feb Zurich - Parish Council Insurance
- (iii) 4th Feb Sedgemoor D - RLT2 Application Forms
- (iv) 10th Feb EDF - Hinkley C Community Forum. 3rd March
- (v) 18th Feb Somerset, Devon & Dorset
Community Land Trust - Project meeting, 9th March
- (vi) Feb SALC - Meeting Otterhampton, 17th March

B. To be Noted: All correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk.

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda.

- (i) 17th Feb Environment Agency – Parish Article No. 3
- (ii) 23rd “ Sedgemoor DC – Notice of Bridgwater Parish Cluster Group Meetings.
- (iii) 24th “ Sedgemoor DC - Notice of Quantock “ “ “ “
- (iv) 24th “ SALC – Parish Precept Survey. Audit Commission Report
- (v) 24th “ Community Council – Subscription – Next Meeting
- (vi) 25th “ Paul Gripton etc – EDF Consultation
- (vii) 26th “ Mervyn Brown – Apologies and Report

- (viii) 27th Feb Helen Jowett – Thanks for work re. EDF proposals.
- (ix) 27th “ Kompan – Playground Funding Service

D. Outgoing. List available

110/10 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Application Nos.

39/10/00012 Provision of Gate and Path to Church – Supported

39/10/00013 Erection of Bungalow and alterations to access Land at Mill House, Church Hill –
GRANTED

111/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (i) Hinkley Liaison – Written report received.
- (ii) Village Hall – It was reported that the new Fire Alarm system has been installed, a drainage problem found – insurance claim. A joint meeting to be arranged re. Funding.
- (iii) Steart Ward – See 106/10(ii)
- (iv) OPRA – Easter activities being arranged, Summer Ball being planned.
- (v) School – “Friends of Somerset” to be reactivated. A radio project planned on 18th March at YMCA.

112/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – next meeting 15th March – Clerk to attend.
- (ii) SALC – The Clerk reported on the very informative training session on the Localism Bill. Next meeting 17th March in the Village Hall.
- (iii) Parish Plan – See 106/10 (iv)

113/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Salt/grit boxes
- (ii) SALC issues/reports
- (iii) Damaged Wall – Wharf Rd./Estuary Park

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 7th April 2011

Signed Date

PM Shaw – Clerk to the Council

- (d) Annual Accounts and Audit The Account Books were presented for inspection. The Draft Budget was reconsidered prior to setting the Precept. A suggestion of more assistance to the Village Hall was set aside pending possible compensation money from EDF. It was AGREED to Accept the Budget and set a Precept of £10,500.00

Cllr. Ken Dyer left the Meeting.

97/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (a) Highways – Parking at Church Hill
Awaiting decision on Planning Application.
- (b) Childrens Playground:
As last meeting.
- (c) Village Gardening - Volunteers:
The Bulbs are being planted by the Volunteers.
- (d) Benches:
As last meeting. Any replacement to depend on Funding.
- (e) Welcome Feature:
The Clerk had received one quotation for fixing in the sum of £550 +VAT, and is awaiting a second quote. Members AGREED to proceed with the lower of the two.

98/10 CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Requiring Council Decision:

- (i) 16th Jan Sedgemoor DC - RLT3 Monies – Playground drainage
- (ii) 19th Jan Sedgemoor DC - Street Parties – Unlikely
- (iii) 19th Jan Stogursey PC - Response re. Hinkley C Preliminary Works
- See 95/10(ii)

(B) To be Noted

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

(C) Received after Preparation of Agenda

- (i) 19th Jan Stogursey PC response re. Hinkley Preliminary Works Application – 3/32/10/037 see 95/10(ii)
- (ii) 19th Jan SALC – Workshop and future dates, Clerk to attend workshop at Somerton on 16th Feb. Cost £20.00 Approved.
- (iii) 2011 Sedgemoor DC – RLT2 Monies – Next meeting, Clerk to send for Application Form.
- (iv) 26th Jan Stuart Hill, Parishioner – Save Our Forest petition.
- (v) 26th Jan Sedgemoor DC – Confirmation of Shared Funding arrangements for Dog Bins.

(D) Outgoing

List available at meeting.

99/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Application Nos.

- 39/10/00012 - Provision of Gate and Path to Church – Awaited.
- 39/10/00013 - Erection of Bungalow and alteration to access, land at Mill House, Church Hill – Awaited.
- 47/10/0009 - Advance works at Steart by Environment Agency - SUPPORTED.

100/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison: Mervyn Brown spoke to his report – on File.

- (b) Village Hall: No Report. It was Agreed to arrange a Joint Meeting.
- (c) Stearr Ward: See 95/10 (iii).
- (d) OPRA: Newsletter out this week. New website set up. AGM on Friday 11th March.
- (e) School: A few staffing changes, new initiatives include – Fencing, forest talks, Birds of Prey demonstration.

101/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – Meetings.
As last meeting 90/10(i).
- (ii) SALC
See 98/10(c)(ii).
- (iii) Parish Plan
The Chairman reported on the successful meeting on 19th January and programme to produce preliminary Plan by end of February.

- (v) Removal of Leylandii's
This work now completed in a most satisfactory manner and Members Agreed to write a letter of thanks with a Donation of £300, AGREED. Also to ask for advice on preventing the trees from re-growing, and on suitable new tree planting.
It was also agreed to write to the Environment Agency concerning the above and bank stability and also some potentially dangerous Willow trees.

102/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Salt/grit boxes for next winter.
- (ii) Employment Issues. SALC Seminar – Clerk to Report.
- (iii) Damaged wall, Wharf Road – Estuary Park.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3rd March 2011.

Signed (Chairman) Date