

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 2nd June 2011.

PRESENT: Mr. B. Leathwood (Chairman) Mr. J. Marriott
 Mr. M. Brown Mr. M. Nicklin
 Mr. P. Gripton Mr. J. Best
 Mrs E Sidebotham

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors Julie Pay, Mike Caswell.
Mr. P.M. Shaw (Clerk)

16/11 APOLOGIES

Councillor Mr John Edney.

17/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 12th May were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

18/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared personal interests in Agenda Item 4 (i) (iii)

19/11 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Hinkley Point C Development

Paul Gripton reported that we have responded to the West Somerset District Council Traffic Report. There is a need for a further meeting with David Eccles of EDF after the working party meeting on the 16th June. Paul recommends an Information Leaflet drop to all parishioners. John Marriott reported on the Traffic Forum where Doug Bamsey of Sedgemoor District Council asked to be involved in future discussions on working hours etc. Paul referred to the Sedgemoor District Council Core Strategy and its adoption following public meetings where EDF had challenged items within it at high level.

(ii) Stear Peninsular Project

Dick Best reported on progress of the advanced works. Some problems with heavy lorries on wrong routes. A meeting on 9th June on site to familiarise people, including Members, with the work. Contact made by the Port of Bristol Company wanting to meet the Steart Residents Group. Paul Gripton referred to a meeting with PBC in July.

(iii) Traffic Matters

John Marriott reported from the Traffic Forum:-

- (a) Cannington – Two-way heavy traffic in High Street will require double yellow lines on one side. Hopefully no heavy lorries passing the old college wall. Change of zebra crossing to a pelican, and a new crossing on Rodway Hill.
- (b) C182 – A temporary “clear-way” may be made permanent. Junctions from Comwich, Otterhampton and Steart etc. to be re-examined. Speed limits to be considered. Clayland Corner original proposals to proceed.
- (c) Comwich Wharf – Still no figures on container deliveries. EDF claim that they could store 952 on site stacked 2 high. They have promised information on AIL’s and other sea-borne loads.
- (d) A39 etc. – Bus route likely to be through Stogursey, one every 15 minutes. Sandford Corner proposed roundabout may proceed. Improvements in Bridgwater to be examined.

20/11 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

The Chairman invited and Councillor Caswell reported on his busy time since elected. New Members have been put on training courses. Both he and Julie Pay had found things hectic. He welcomed the opportunity to report.

21/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances.	Current Account	£1016.79	Business Call	£4440.58
	Pension Fund	£1101.08		
(b) Accounts for Payment	Otterhampton Village Hall	£ 33.75	Rent for Chat/Chill	
	Greenslades	£113.61	Grass cutting. April	
	AON	£830.08	Annual Insurance	
			Premium – Following	
			Examination by	
	Purnells	£47.46	Mervyn Brown	
	K. Preston	£215.29	Printing/Typing	
			Gardening	

These accounts were APPROVED for payment

Otterhampton Parish Plan Steering Group – request for £100 loan agreed “in principle”, Clerk to enquire of SALC as to best arrangement.

Village Hall Request for grant £400 agreed.

- (c) Annual Accounts The account books are available for inspection to be passed to Liz Sidebotham. External Audit form returned. Parish Council, tax changes for employees – Clerk reported on agreement with M.J. Dodden and Co. Accountants.

22/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (i) Highways – Parking at Church Hill.
Planning approval granted but the work is unlikely to proceed quickly, Mervyn Brown will contact the PCC.
- (ii) Children’s Playground - Repairs, RLT2 & 3
Awaiting the ROSPA report. RLT2 Application to be actioned.
- (iii) Village Gardening – Volunteers
Paul Gripton reported on comments made to him about the frequency of grass cutting on the common, the work of the gardener and non-involvement by Members. The meeting considered the comments and felt concerned at the implied criticism. Paul was not happy at clearing work at the metal barrier opposite Nursery Close which leaves the barrier very prominent, some planting would be helpful. The Volunteers have done work beyond those agreed by the Chairman and Clerk and the Chairman will investigate. It was commented that shrub and ground clearance should not be done between April and July to protect wildlife. Re-planting at the Leylandii site being pursued by the Clerk. Mervyn Brown pursuing the condition of the Wharf Road surface.
- (iv) Benches – Tables
This item is being considered with item (ii)

23/11 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision.

- (i) 12th May Community Council - Invitation to continue membership
Subscription £35.00 - Agreed
- (ii) 13th May Sedgemoor District Council - Core Strategy policies – weighting –
noted

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

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda – (i) May - SALC – Chairman and Councillor Training. Agreed that Mat Nicklin and Dick Best attend. £25 per head. Agreed.

D. Outgoing – List available

Councillor Caswell left the meeting.

24/11 PLANNING MATTERS

Application Nos.

39/10/00012 Provision of gate and path to church – GRANTED

25/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison – Mervyn Brown reported on the Agenda for the next Stakeholders Meeting with reduced numbers to attend. Mervyn had met the new manager of the B Station, very pleasant. Mervyn is pursuing the issue of the surface of the Wharf Road.
- (b) Village Hall – Liz Sidebotham tabled her report, the AGM on 18th May was well attended.
- (c) Steart Ward – Dick Best reported that the Steart Residents Group is to be formalised as the Steart Residents Association with a proper constitution with help from the Somerset Community Council, to be put to the next meeting in July. Cooperation with the Parish Council is intended. Traffic movement to the Peninsular Project is being measured.
- (d) OPRA – Final arrangements in hand for the Summer Ball.
- (e) School – No report.
- (f) Parish Community Plan – John Marriott reported that the Village Produce Market is now under the auspices of the Village Hall Committee but will still liaise with the Parish Community Plan. First market on 9th July with 8 of 12 stalls taken.
A constitution to be considered
The idea of a Housing Survey for special needs people was put forward, also should Stockland Bristol be invited to become involved. Agreed to talk to Chairman, Councillor Mike Caswell.

Councillor Julie Pay left the meeting. A parishioner joined the meeting.

26/11 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – Awaiting date of next meeting
- (ii) SALC – Awaiting date of next meeting
- (iii) Damaged Wall – With Clerk to action
- (iv) Informal Meeting. – As previous meeting

- (v) Use of Combwich Common – With Clerk, now not likely to proceed.
The representative of the Boat Club asked for approval for an RNLI Lifeboat event with the in-shore boat and a small gazebo on Friday 10th June at 6.30. Agreed. The Boat Club are meeting EDF at 11.30am on the same day, Otterhampton Parish Council invited.

27/11 ITEMS FOR MEXT MEETING

- (i) RLT2/3 Applications for funding
- (ii) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- (iii) Liaison with Cannington Parish Council
- (iv) Planning Sub-Group
- (v) Chairman's Apologies. Vice Chairman to take the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.30pm

Signed..... Chairman Date.....