

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 6th January 2011.

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

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

81/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Cllrs. Mr. K. Dyer, Mr. J. Edney.

82/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December were Amended at Item 74/10(a). Business a/c to read £10,271.73 and then APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

83/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
All Members declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 4(ii). Mr. J. Best declared a Personal Interest in Item 4(iii). Mr. M. Brown declared a Personal Interest in Item 4(i).

84/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(i) Bridgwater College proposed Development, Cannington - Combwich:

Following on the presentation by the Principal of Bridgwater College, Fiona McMillan, at the Open Session

Mervyn Brown spoke on the connection with, and funding from, EDF. He felt that the College had not looked sufficiently at alternative sites. He considered the proposal to be poor Public Relations, Members supported his views expressing real concern at the proposal. It was reported that Fiona McMillan had volunteered to meet Parish Council representatives at an informal meeting, this to be taken up.

The Clerk advised Members not to pre-judge the proposal by making objections at this stage, prior to any formal Planning Application.

(ii) Hinkley Point C Development:

West Somerset DC have received the Planning Application for preparatory ground works and a temporary Wharf at the Point.

Paul Gripton said that we need a meeting to continue the fight against the Combwich proposals and a Parish Plan is a good way forward. The Chairman referred to the first meeting to establish a Parish Plan on 19th January. Although we cannot produce a complete Plan in time we can prioritise the key issues.

EDF are to hold a further consultation on material changes, this will delay the full Planning Application, probably to June. It is hoped that one material change will be the removal of the fabrication units from Combwich.

The Chairman suggested an informal meeting to discuss the current position. The Clerk asked that it report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

It was reported that Sedgemoor DC are putting forward their proposals and will copy OPC. The National Energy Policy Statement is likely to support EDF/Hinkley. There will be a Local Impact Report by SDC and the Chairman and Paul Gripton will be involved, Members approved.

(iii) Stear Peninsular Project:

Dick Best reported that the Bristol Port Authority project with the Environment Agency is going forward. The Environment Agency have agreed that all Residents will be individually contacted regarding the impact on their property.

BPA is to hold a meeting in the Village Hall on 18th January. It is agreed that a joint meeting with Stockland Bristol Council would be useful.

(iv) Road Safety Issues/School Traffic:

The letter from SCC Highways was accepted. It was agreed to look into the provision of a sign to advertise a voluntary one-way system. Parking at Church Hill awaits the result of the Planning Application for the new gate access.

85/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a)	Current Balances:	Current a/c	£ 222.36	
		Business a/c	£6289.73	
		Pension Fund	£1100.67	
(b)	Accounts for Payment:	Greenslades	£ 267.64	Grass Cutting, November
		Village & Urban	£2502.75	Welcome Feature
		Keith Preston	£ 188.66	Gardening etc. Paid on approval of Chairman
		Purnells	£ 85.19	Type/Print, Sept-Dec

These accounts were AGREED for payment.

- (c) Annual Accounts and Audit As last meeting 74/10(c).

86/10 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:
Bulbs to be passed to the Volunteers for planting as agreed.
- (d) Benches:
As last meeting. The defective tables to be removed.
- (e) Welcome Feature:
This has been delivered to the Clerk who will obtain quotations from the SCC approved contractors that he recommended, being local firms.

87/10 CORRESPONDANCE

(A) Requiring Council Decision:

- (i) 7th Dec Sedgemoor DC - Nuclear National Policy Statement Meeting 12th January 2011.

(B) To be Noted

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

(C) Received after Preparation of Agenda

- (i) 23rd December Sedgemoor DC – *Faster Broadband*.
- (ii) 6th January 2011 Bristol Port Authority – *Meeting 18th January*.

(D) Outgoing

List available at meeting.

88/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.

- 39/10/00013 - Erection of Bungalow and alterations to access, Land at Mill House, Church Hill, No Objection.
- 47/10/0009 - Advance works at Steart by Environment Agency. Dick Best reported on the main issues including relocation of protected species. He recommends Support with comment which he will pass to Clerk – AGREED.

89/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison: A meeting to discuss Low-Level waste is to be held on 13th January. A meeting on 26th January will set an Agenda for a meeting with Hinkley A Manager to discuss locating Industrial/Fabrication Units at Hinkley.
- (b) Village Hall: No recent meeting.
- (c) Stearr Ward: Dick Best spoke on his written report, it was agreed to write to SCC Highways on the issues raised:-
 - Protection of finger post at Otterhampton turn
 - “no through road” sign at Steart car park
- (d) OPRA: Pensioners Party a great success. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks for the party and the Christmas trees.
- (e) School: Recent events reported, a profit of £450 from the Fun Evening. It is hoped to get the “Friends of the School” up and running. The School might get involved in the “Wetlands” Projects, including Steart.

90/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – Meetings.
Meeting 7th December. Chairman and Clerk attended. Awaiting minutes.
- (ii) SALC
Clerk will report at next meeting.
- (iii) Parish Plan
Meeting 19th January to be advertised in Notice Board and at shop.

91/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Salt/grit boxes for next winter.
- (ii) Employment Issues. SALC Seminar.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th January, no meeting in February.

Signed (Chairman) Date