

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Julie Pay

51/11 APOLOGIES

Mr P.M. Shaw (Clerk) Mr. M. Brown took notes as acting Clerk

52/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st September were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

53/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All members declared personal interests in Agenda Item 4(i)
Dick Best declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4(ii)

54/11 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Hinkley Point C Development

Paul Gripton spoke on this subject. EDF have applied for a lease for most of Comwich Harbour to the Crown Estates. This raised issues of restricted access to the Pill. EDF have verbally stated that they only wish to exert control during deliveries to the Wharf. Separate negotiations are taking place between Comwich Boating Club and EDF.

The full application by EDF to the IPC is not now likely before mid October.

Paul confirmed that a meeting with Nigel Cann and David Eccles had taken place.

(ii) Stear Peninsular Project

Dick Best reported on a joint meeting with the Bristol Port Company and the Environment Agency, this was very positive when the Master plan was described. Flood defences within the BPC scheme provide protection for properties at Steart. Marsh Farm will become a visitor centre. Both bodies are submitting their plans for planning approval by the end of November. The BPC scheme does however depend on the level of container traffic and there is the risk that this could cause delay.

On Monday October 24th the EA are to hold another open meeting in the Village Hall. Their scheme is planned for completion by the end of 2014.

Some concerns remain over the breaching of the Severn Estuary side, including affect on littoral long shore drift. The meeting believed that the existing Natural England car park should be retained.

(iii) Road Safety/Traffic Issues

Nothing to report

(iv) Parish Plan

Nothing to report

(v) Damaged Wall Wharf Road

The Clerk to be asked about progress.

55/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances. Current Account £ 276.02 Business Call £1440.99
 Pension Fund £1101.22

(b) Accounts for
 Payment Greenslades £ 113.61 Grass Cutting. August
 P.M. Shaw £1285.60 Clerks Salary etc.
 Purnells £ 158.20 Newsletter.
 Lane Hammett £ 70.33 Ink cartridges
 Pains Fireworks £ 645.60 OPRA to pay £538.00

The above accounts were APPROVED for payment

(c) Annual Accounts Second instalment of Precept £4000.00 due. (less £836.16 for Dog Bins)
 Account Books available for inspection, taken by Dick Best
 VAT Reclaim to be submitted – approx. £1200

56/11 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

No reports submitted.

57/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (i) Children's Playground - Repairs
Items from the ROSPA report plus recent fencing damage to be actioned when funds available. The gardening volunteers have offered support. Inspection rota circulated.
- (ii) Village Gardening/Tree Work
The quotation as previously minuted had been accepted and the works ordered. Encroachment of the hedge towards the Brownies copse to be investigated by the Clerk in conjunction with Mr. Page who had previously maintained the hedge.
- (iii) Newsletter
Distributed, thanks to John Marriott for production.
- (iv) Members Training – SALC
No report.
- (v) Housing Needs Survey
Distributed, responses to go to the Community Council.
- (vi) Gardening Volunteers
A member of the group attended the public session before the meeting. Mervyn Brown and the Chairman described the meeting held with members of the group. Mervyn Brown also described a further meeting he had held with the group, this meeting confirmed that the volunteers can use the Parish Council notice board on the common for notifying the Village of the work programme as approved by the Council for each quarter. Mervyn Brown agreed to draft a letter for the Chairman to send regarding approval and pending works for the next 3 months. The chairman could then meet the group again.
The meeting APPROVED this course of action.

58/11 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision.

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| (i) | 20 th Sept. | Avon and Somerset Constabulary | - | The Police representatives will attend our meeting on 3 rd November |
| (ii) | 27 th Sept. | Sedgemoor District Council | - | Joint local funding of services 2012-13. considered by the Chairman, the CCTV letter not referred to Otterhampton Parish Council |
| (iii) | 28 th Sept. | EDF | - | Red line boundary – issues noted. Will be included in our response to the IPC. |
| (iv) | 29 th Sept. | National Grid | - | Decided not to respond. |

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

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda. - None

D. Outgoing. List – Available.

59/11 PLANNING MATTERS

Application No

39/11/00001 Ground mounted PV solar panel. “Wychwood” Strockland Bristol
GRANTED

PC/3/32/11/038 Variation in time limit on 3/32/10/025 (previously approved).
No comment.

60/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison – Mervyn Brown reported on 2 visits to the A station. More to report following the stakeholder meeting on 27th October at which he will present 2 papers including a motion on the composition of the group.
- (b) Village Hall – Viridor funding needs accessing. A project manager is required for the hall uprating, John Marriott volunteered. It was felt that EDF money could buy us a new hall. The social club still has financial problems.
- (c) Steart Ward – The formation of the Steart Residents Association has been shelved at present due to disagreements over the constitution. Neighbourhood watch is working well. Funding sought for cutting back sea buck thorn, agreed in principle, a quotation to be sought from Francis Darch.
- (d) OPRA – Talks and walks proceeding. A history walk on 15th November.
- (e) School – Nothing reported

61/11 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – Again considered the A39, the EDF report and the EA report on the Steart project. 4 members of the police attended.
- (ii) SALC – AGM. Saturday 24th September, not attended.

62/11 ITEMS FOR MEXT MEETING

- (i) Vandalism – Police attendance
- (ii) Wall at Wharf Road/Estuary Park
- (iii) Grit/Salt

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3rd November 2011 at 7.30pm

Signed..... Chairman

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