

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2011.

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

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

118/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
None

119/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March were amended by the insertion of “improvement to defences of road access” after “possible” on line 5 of 106/10 (ii). The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March were amended by changing IPC to EDF in 116/10. Both sets of minutes were then APPROVED and signed by the chairman.

120/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
All Members declared Personal Interests in Agenda Item 4.

121/10 MATTERS ARISING:

(i) Hinkley Point C Development:

Paul Gripton referred to the Supplementary Planning Document by Somerset DC and West Somerset DC to be submitted by 12th April. Members thanked him for his input.

(ii) Stearth Peninsular Project:

Dick Best reported that so far there had been minimum disturbance. A questionnaire had been sent to all residents and 15 out of 16 had responded with 75% supporting the proposals with just a few concerns. The outcome will be forwarded to our MP. A survey on each property has been done by the Environment Agency and a report on flood protection will follow.

A joint Parish questionnaire was suggested to include Stockland Bristol.

(iii) Road Safety Issues/School Traffic:

It was reported that the voluntary one-way system is not working very well.

(iv) Parish Plan

The Chairman reported that the group is now chaired by Maurice Lloyd Williams and several sub-groups established, such as Cycling and Community Market. Three Members of the group volunteered to assist the Village Hall Committee in developing proposals for the future of the Village Hall. It was reported that the Environment Agency and Bristol Port Company have asked for copies.

122/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) Current Balances.	Current Account £ 715.69	Business Call £1776.98
	Pension Fund £1100.94	
(b) Accounts for Payment	Otterhampton Village Hall	£ 40.50
		Rent for Chat/Chill

Sedgemoor D.C.	£83.62	Emptying Dog Waste Bins
Greenslades	£241.28	Maintenance, Wharf Road
B. Leathwood	£59.99	Printer Cartridges
P. Shaw	£1660.00	Clerks Salary etc
N.A. Haggett	£561.60	Erecting Welcome Sign

- (c) Annual Accounts The Account books are available for inspection and approval. Internal audit completed. External audit return form presented for Completion.
Parish Council, Tax changes for employees – Clerk to report.
Council Insurance – Invitation for renewal

123/10 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- (a) Highways – Parking at Church Hill - *as last meeting.*
- (b) Children’s playground – *John Merriott’s detailed report was considered and with the level of expenditure involved it was agreed to make application for the RLT2 money due and for the major work to ask the new council (Post Election) to formulate a RLT3 application. The unauthorised tree and broken concrete adjacent to the Playground resulted from clearance work by Bob Birkenhead and have now been removed.*
- (c) Village Gardening – Volunteers – *Proceeding well. The proposed replacement planting following removal of the Leylandiis to be discussed with Sedgemoor DC’s Tree Officer and Neil Hairsire the Village Ecologist.*
- (d) *It was reported that the Willow Trees, as reported to the Environment Agency are the responsibility of the council as “Riparian Owners”. The required work will be organised by Mervyn Brown.*
It was reported that the Copse needs strimming.
- (e) Benches – Tables. *Replacement depends on funds.*
- (f) Welcome feature. *Now installed. Members were pleased at the impact of the sign and the Clerk was thanked.*

124/10 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision

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| (i) 1 st March | Sedgemoor CC | - | Reduction in Bus Service Funding |
| (ii) 14 th “ | Sedgemoor DC | - | Memorial Tree |
| (iii) 25 th “ | Nether Stowey PC | - | Quantock Cluster Liaison Meetings |

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

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda.

- (i) 28th March - Environment Agency News Release – “Uranium Allegations Unfounded”. Mervyn Brown and Bob Birkenhead also spoke to support the E.A.
- (ii) 28th March - Rural Services Network “Online” – with Chairman
- (iii) 6th April - Lynn Bunniss, email re. advance work by EDF in nearby field.
- (iv) 7th April - PPS Group, email re. New nuclear reactor designs to consider Japan report.

D. Outgoing. List available

125/10 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Application Nos.

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

126/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (i) Hinkley Liaison – Mervyn Brown reported that the new Chairman of the stakeholder group – Mike Caswell, attended a meeting with Magnox UK in London on the impact of the Japanese Nuclear Plant situation. (see 124/10. c (iv) above).
He also reported on Environment Agency news release (see 124/10. C (i))
- (ii) Village Hall –Awaiting next meeting.
- (iii) Steart Ward – Dick Best spoke to his written report which had been considered at 121/10 (ii)
- (iv) OPRA – Summer Ball on 18th June. Usual Easter events planned
- (v) School – Bob Birkenhead reported on staffing changes/maternity leave. The numeracy evening was well attended. Pupils will celebrate the Royal Wedding.

127/10 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group – The Clerk reported on improving meetings with the problems of the A39 and Northern By-pass high on the agenda. Ainsley Ensor, the Clerk of Nether Stowey is actively fronting these issues.
- (ii) SALC – The Clerk reported that courses for new Chairmen and Members are being arranged. The meeting on 17th March in the village hall was well attended, and the issues raised at the Quantock Cluster Group were raised and taken “on board” by the County Secretary.
- (iii) Parish Council Elections – The Clerk had nomination forms for Members together with appropriate notices.
- (iv) Damaged Wall – It was agreed to ask the volunteers to remove the rubble, and in the long term to consider complete removal of the wall.
- (v) Paul Gripton reported on the special informal meeting to be held on 13th April with EDF to discuss transport/travel issues and the issue of special compensation for the village. It was agreed that Mervyn Brown should be asked to attend.

128/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Declaration forms for members and Chairman.
- (ii) Report from informal meeting.
- (iii) RLT2 application.
- (iv) Use of common by Villager’s events.

NEXT MEETING

Parish Annual Assembly – Thursday 12th May 7.30pm - (Note Changes)
Parish Council Annual Meeting – Thursday 12th May 8.00pm - “

P.M. Shaw. Clerk to the Council..... Date:.....

