OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Mr. M Brown (Chairman for meeting) Mr. J. Marriott

> Mr. M. Nicklin Mr. P. Gripton Mr. J. Best Mrs E Sidebotham

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Julie Pay.

Mr. P.M. Shaw (Clerk)

28/11 APOLOGIES

Mr B. Leathwood, Councillor Mr. M. Caswell

29/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd June were amended at item 19/11 (i) by deleting "Traffic" on line two and replacing with "Pre-work planning application", then APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

30/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (i) Dick Best declared a personal interest in Agenda item 4 (ii)

31/11 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Hinkley Point C Development

Paul Gripton reported on the Transport Forum meeting, not many items for Combwich. EDF are looking at issues for Bridgwater. The support money has gone up from £5m to £15m, mainly due to pressure from Somerset County Council. There are still details missing on loads, transport issues etc at Combwich Wharf and this was put to the IPC representatives who offered to come and hold an open day to explain the processes and how to register.

Paul reported on the meeting with the IPC representatives, also attended by Mervyn Brown together with Steve Chinn from the Working Group. He was pleased that they had already visited Combwich. He believes that the EDF full application will go to the IPC in September who then have one month to consider the basis of the application, then a 3 month period for persons who have registered to make submissions. Possibly a full enquiry will follow before the IPC make their recommendation to the Secretary of State who makes the final decision.

(ii) Steart Peninsular Project

Dick Best reported that the Environment Agency preliminary works are now complete and the main work-force have left. The Port of Bristol Company are going ahead with their application, probably in September, at the same time as the E.A. However their scheme will depend on World Container Markets which may affect the timing of their work.

The E.A. have postponed their Stakeholder meetings until September.

(iii) Traffic Matters

As reported at item (i) above.

32/11 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Pay reported on her attendance at all Parish Council Meetings. She sits on the Finance and Audit Committee at Sedgemoor District Council and is being trained in licensing matters.

33/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances.	Current Account Pension Fund	£213.66 £1101.08	Business Call £3440.99
(b) Accounts for Payment	Greenslades	£299.54	Grass cutting. May.
	SALC	£50.00	Councillor course.

(c) Annual Accounts The account books are available for inspection. External Audit form submitted. Queries from auditor answered..

34/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- Highways Parking at Church Hill. (i) Mervyn Brown had contacted the PCC who don't have the money to proceed with the work at the moment.
- Children's Playground Repairs, RLT2 & 3 (ii) Awaiting the ROSPA report. RLT2 Application to be actioned. (As last meeting)
- (iii) Village Gardening The Gardener is proceeding with normal work in particular the hedges at the front of the village.
- (iv) Benches - Tables To be considered with the Childrens' Playground.
- (v) Gardening Volunteers.

The Chairman reported on the meeting held between representatives of the volunteers, attended by the Clerk and the invited Ecologist, to look at the Brambles on Brookside opposite The Anchor (The Clerk had taken notes). The road-side verge and the area up to the corner was also looked at and the suitable works agreed.

The "self-seeded" Ash trees were looked at which might become a traffic problem. It was agreed to consult our Tree contractor.

Following the above the Chairman agreed to contact Robert Palmer organiser of the volunteers.

The Clerk reported on his meeting with Paul Cobbledick, our Tree contractor, who agreed with the removal of some of the self-seeded Ash trees and some work to the big Ash Tree. Also looked at were the dead Elms, replacing the Leylandiis and work to the problem Willow trees by the Phone Box and quotations will be provided.

Paul Gripton asked that we plant suitable trees in agreed locations to replace those removed

35/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Requiring Council Decision. Α.

Sedgemoor District Council Quantock Parish Cluster Group (i) June

8th June (ii) Sedgemoor District Council RLT2 & 3 Funds **B.** To Be Noted: All other correspondence considered by the Chairman and Clerk.

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda

- (i) June Sedgemoor District Council "Newsupdate"
- (ii) June Sedgemoor District Council Agenda for Quantock Cluster
- (iii) 28th June Rural services network "online"

D. Outgoing – List available

36/11 PLANNING MATTERS

No new items

37/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Hinkley Liaison Routine monthly meetings have been set up with A and B Station Directors. Mervyn Brown will attend the next one on 12th July with A Station Director Brian Hughes. He will also join the SSG Chairman Mike Caswell with Brian on a fact finding visit to Dungeness Magnox site to inspect Intermediate Level radioactive waste treatment. This is on August 16th/17th. Mervyn has also been tasked with reviewing Membership of the Stakeholder Group.
- (b) Village Hall Meeting held 29th June, checking insurance cover of all users, a report on drain problems. Di Davey retiring as key holder etc. Agreed to write thanking her.
- (c) Steart Ward A meeting of the Association next week to adopt the constitution and set up a formal Committee.
- (d) OPRA No report
- (e) School No report.
- (f) Parish Community Plan The first Village Market, Saturday 9th July, well advertised.

38/11 MATTERS OF REPORT

- (i) Parish Cluster Group The Clerk Reported. A special Group meeting to be arranged regarding traffic issues, date awaited.
- (ii) SALC Awaiting date of next meeting. Training sessions booked.
- (iii) Damaged Wall Agreed to obtain price for complete removal.
- (iv) Sleeper Steps at Slipway A safety surfacing is required.
- (v) Wharf Road Mervyn Brown reported that Hinkley B accept that it is their responsibility. Repairs when money available.

39/11 ITEMS FOR MEXT MEETING

- (i) Grit Store for Winter road treatment, Clerk to Action.
- (ii) RLT2/3 Application for funding.
- (iii) Liaison with Cannington Parish Council
- (iv) Planning Sub-Group

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1 st	September 201	1 at 7.30pm
The meeting	closed at 9.07p	m

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Signed	Chairman	Date