OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Mr. B Leathwood (Chairman) Mr Mat Nicklin

Mrs E. Sidebotham Mr. P. Gripton Mr. J. Best Mr. M. Brown

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Ms Julie Pay, Mr Mike Caswell, Mr John Edney, five Parishioners. Mr P. M. Shaw (Clerk)

87/11 APOLOGIES

Mr J. Marriott

88/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th December 2011 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

89/11 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

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

90/11 MATTERS ARISING

(i) <u>Hinkley Point C Development</u>

Paul Gripton referred to our proposed response to the IPC which Sedgemoor District Council have seen and suggested further input. Our Parish Council response was agreed. There is likely to be a meeting by the IPC soon after the close of the registration date for people who have registered to put forward their views. Concerns were raised on traffic issues, in particular the Otterhampton Junction, it was stated that this and other similar junction problems are included in our response.

Paul Gripton proposed, following advice from the IPC, that the following members of the Parish Council be given the Full Authority of the Council to represent the Council individually or as a group at the IPC hearings, meetings or examinations: Mr B Leathwood, Mr Paul Gripton and Mr John Marriott. The proposal was seconded and APPROVED.

The Clerk confirmed that this Resolution was Legal so long as any decisions taken are based on Approved Council Decisions, and are reported to the next Council meeting. The Parisioners present thanked Paul for all his work and advice.

Councillor Mr M Caswell left the meeting.

(ii) Steart Peninsular Project

Dick Best said that both Planning Applications, the Environment Agency and the Bristol Port Company, have been put to residents at Steart and their views will be presented with his report on the Environment Agency Planning Application..

(iii) Road Safety/Traffic Issues

No new issues

(iv) Parish Plan

This is being revised

Three Parishioners left the meeting.

91/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Current Balances. Current Account £ 317.29 Business Call £3054.76

Pension Fund £1101.22

(b) Accounts for Payment

Purnells £ 83.82 Type/print Purnells £192.00 Newsletter

Greenslades £273.33 Grass cutting November

Bridgwater Mowers £104.70 Mower Service Paul Cobbledick £450.00 Tree Work

The above accounts were APPROVED for payment

(c) Annual Accounts The Account books were available for inspection

VAT reclaim received £1231.19

The draft budget as revised at the last meeting was re-presented. No new

items were brought forward and the amended draft budget was

APPROVED.

The precept for the year 2012-13 was AGREED at £15,000.

The Clerks report on Pension/Gratuity was accepted.

The funding of the Clerk's Gratuity will be re-considered at the April

meeting.

92/11 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor John Edney spoke on Somerset County Council matters, they have agreed to a nil increase in Council Tax levy.

He referred to the matter of Land Sale on the Quantocks which he said had been badly handled, but negotiations are ongoing with the Forestry Commission, and any existing public access and rights-of-way will be guaranteed.

Councillor Edney left the meeting

93/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

(i) Children's Playground - Repairs

The condition survey was confirmed.

RLT2 money to be applied for.

(ii) Village Gardening/Tree Work

The agreed work has been carried out by Paul Cobbledick.

Parishioner Mr Page referred to the problem of cutting the hedge alongside the copse, Mervyn Brown will liaise.

The repaired historic sign was mentioned and Mr Bill Johnson was thanked.

(iii) Newsletter

Next issue near Easter

(iv) Queen's Jubilee/Olympics

It was reported that OPRA are keen to set up a special group. Liz Sidebotham agreed to serve. The Parish Plan group is likely to be involved and possibly these events could be combined with a fete.

- (v) Housing Needs Survey Nothing to report
- (vi) Gardening VolunteersA programme of work for the year to be agreed.

94/11 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Requiring Council Decision.

(i) 20 December Sedgemoor District Council - Seminars on planning, February 2012 -

Attending

(ii) 22 December Somerset County Council - Local Choice Events, February 2012 -

Attending

(iii) 23 December Sedgemoor District Council - Faster Broadband – Clerk to action

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

C. Received after Preparation of Agenda.

(i)	21 st Decembe	er - Somerset County Council	-	Sale of woodland –
				Noted
(ii)	6 th January	- Chat & Chill Financial Statement	-	Letter of thanks and

(iii) 10th January - SALC - Changes to Standards Board Regime – Awaiting

training events

support

continued

(iv) 10th Jan - Village Hall Committee - Village Hall Questionnaire (v) 10th January - Environment Agency - Hinkley Point Contact Survey Clerk to complete

(vi) January - Minutes of Quantock Parish

Cluster Group Meeting - 13th December 2011

(vii) January - Somerset County Council - Local choice events – Dates Confirmed

11th January - Combwich Motor Boat and

Sailing Club - Sponsoring.
Children's sailing course - Deferred to April

(ix) 15th January - John Bailey - Traffic Problem – Road at

Crossways Farm – Clerk to contact SCC Highways

(x) 16th January - Sedgemoor District Council - Faster Broadband - Clerk to Action

(xi) 17th January - Ms M Layton - Application 31/11/00007

With Clerk.

D. Outgoing. List – Made available

95/11 PLANNING MATTERS

(viii)

Application No

39/11/00002 & 3 Preliminary work at Steart - Awaited 39/11/00006 Creation of wetland habitat at Ste

Creation of wetland habitat at Steart. Environment Agency. Members considered the report from our Ward Member who recommended support with conditions. The meeting Approved the report.

39/11/00007 3/32/11/043	Retention of container used as toilet, Combwich ponds. The meeting noted that the submission of the Planning Group and the Clerks formal submission of Objection to the Application. Creation of intertidal habitats — Bristol Port Company to West Somerset District Council. Our Ward Member gave a preliminary report. The Clerk to request an Extension of Time for Responding.				
96/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES					
· , ,	Next meeting Wednesday 18 th . Wessex Water will help with drain problem. Nothing further to report. AGM 16 th March				
Liz Sidebotham left the meeting.					
97/11 MATTERS OF REPORT (i) Parish Cluster Group – Next meeting – 28 th February (ii) SALC – Date of next meeting awaited.					
98/11 ITEMS FOR MEXT MEETING					
(ii) Hedge cutting	(ii) Hedge cutting at copse				
NEXT MEETING					
Thursday 2 nd February 2012	Thursday 2 nd February 2012 at 7.30pm				
The Meeting closed at 9.45pm					