

## OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Otterhampton Village Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Ms Julie Pay.  
Mr P. M. Shaw (Clerk)

### 99/11 APOLOGIES

Mr M. Nicklin, Councillor Mr M Caswell.

### 100/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

### 101/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The Chairman suggested changing the order of Agenda items and this was Approved.

### 102/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Accounts for Payment	Otterhampton Village Hall Purnells	£ 27.00 £28.00	Rent for Chat and Chill Printing. Hinkley Point C
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The above accounts were APPROVED for payment

### 103/11 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS/ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

#### (i) Children's Playground – Repairs

John Marriott reported on the site meeting held today with Greenslades to inspect necessary work and repairs to fencing and gates including the provision of a new gate in the rear fence. The Clerk reported that verbal quotation of £355 plus VAT had been received, to be confirmed in writing. This was accepted. John reported that the cost of a new Picnic Table, in the same material as our new benches would be £453 from Glasdons, this was Approved, subject to the receipt of RLT2 monies.

The RLT2 Application to be completed and submitted by the Clerk.

### 104/11 CORRESPONDENCE

#### **A. Requiring Council Decision.**

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| (i)  | 9 <sup>th</sup> January  | - | Sedgemoor District Council | - | Quantock Cluster – retirement of Ainsley Ensor, leaving present - Members agreed to send £25.00 |
| (ii) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> February | - | SALC                       | - | Broadband provision – copied to Dick Best   |

- (iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Natural England - Meeting with Chairman and Clerk and their officers to discuss their proposals for “Improvements to public access along the coast” and the implications for Combwich Common. A full report to the next meeting on receipt of notes from Natural England.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Application No

- 39/11/00006 Creation of wetland habitat at Steart. It was Agreed that once this application has been decided the Application Documents should be kept at Steart by Member Dick Best.
- 39/11/00007 Retention of container used as toilet, Combwich ponds. It was reported that the Case Officer recommends Approval and the case will go to Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> February.  
Mervyn Brown will register to speak in support of our objection and other resident’s objections. All documents relating to this application passed to Mervyn, together with the Planning Certificate limiting the use of the Old Wharf Road, owned by the Parish Council, to vehicles under 3 tonnes in weight.  
It was suggested that we ask for a site visit before any decision is taken by the committee.
- 3/32/11/043 Creation of intertidal habitats – Bristol Port Company. Dick Best tabled his draft observations based on comments from residents, and his own recommendations. Members debated the issues and Agreed to support the application with the observations.

106/11 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Steart Peninsular Project

Covered at Minute 105/11 above.

(ii) Hinkley Point C Development

Paul Gripton referred to our initial comments to the IPC. He said that in the EDF Application there are 2000 pages which refer to Combwich. He believes that the major L.A’s, Somerset County Council, Sedgemoor District Council and West Somerset are, basically, very supportive of our views. Paul recommends that the Sedgemoor District Council response should be made available. Paul believes that the Lay-down area as proposed is an Environmental and Financial disaster, we believe that it is the wrong location. He is concerned that materials arriving by sea at the sea-wharf at Hinkley Point could be brought to Combwich for storage and then taken back to Hinkley when required. He pointed out that, at the moment, there are no limits or controls on the C182.

We accept that AIL’s will come into Combwich Wharf and may need some lay-down temporary storage, but no storage facility will exist for the first year of AIL deliveries.

On the issue of flood risk, Paul stated that zones 3A and 3B differ but that any zone 3 area is a high flood risk.

Paul spoke about the PP525 and the Sequential Test which is a legal requirement before any Planning Approval. If the Sequential Test has not been passed by the appropriate Authority, Sedgemoor District Council, then the IPC will be told that Approval cannot be granted. At the moment we believe that a Sequential Test has not been passed by either Sedgemoor District Council, or the Environment Agency.

Paul believes that the first meeting with the IPC is likely to be late in March, probably a large, 1000 person, meeting. This to be followed by specific meetings, possibly one in Comwich, however it is up to the IPC to decide who to invite.  
The Clerk notified the meeting of the Quantock Parish Cluster Submission supporting the problems of Comwich and the C182.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm

Signed..... Chairman                      Date.....