

# OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

- 1 **Attendance:** Cllrs: Andrew Buckingham, Jo Chilcott, John Chilcott, Kim House, Nick Power, Paul Warren & Parish Clerk Also, Cllr Nick Ireland. Plus 5 members of the public. The Clerk announced that Cllr Cameron-Laxton had tendered her resignation from the Parish Council and that the vacancy for her position would be advertised shortly after the Parish Council meeting.

**Apologies for Absence:** PCSO Alison Donnison

- 2 **Election of Chair:** No councillor accepted the role of permanent Chair, so Cllr Paul Warren was elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

- 3 **Declaration of Interest and Dispensation Requests:** None received.

- 4 **Appointment of Parish Councillors to Committees:** After a short discussion, the following committee allocations were confirmed:

DAPTC Rep	Cllr House	HOP	Cllr Jo Chilcott
Emergency Planning	Cllrs House, Power	Planning	Cllr Warren
Environmental	Cllr Jo Chilcott, Warren	Rights of Way	Cllr Warren
Finance	Cllrs Jo Chilcott, Warren	Rural & Agricultural	Cllr John Chilcott
Flooding	Cllr Buckingham	Winfrith & Solar	Cllr Buckingham
Highways	Cllr Power	Younger People	Cllr Jo Chilcott

- 5 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** There have been 2 previous meetings:

- 5.1 Parish Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Minutes approved.  
[Prop: Cllr Buckingham. Sec: Cllr Jo Chilcott]
- 5.2 Housing and Planning meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Minutes approved.  
[Prop: Cllr House. Sec: Cllr Chilcott]

- 6 **Policing Team Crime Report:** PCSO Donnison was unable to attend, but had submitted the crime report for the area. Within the area bounded by Owermoigne Parish Council, no reports had been received.

- 7 **Public Open Forum** No members of the public opted to raise any issues.

## 8 **Matters Arising**

2405.15.1 In an email from Dorset Council, it was stated that the hardware cost of introducing a new suite of speed limit restriction signs would be prohibitive for the Parish Council. This was challenged since the post infrastructure is already in place for the 50mph signs. ACTION: Clerk to follow up on costs with Dorset Council

2409.8.1 Cllr Buckingham pointed out that the Standing Orders v3 actually allowed the public to speak on **any** matter prior to the meeting (and not just on items on the agenda as has previously been implied). ACTION: Clerk to ensure that each future Agenda makes this clear.

2409.10.1 Speed monitoring. The Parish Council are now expecting Highways to install the two speed monitors in the 30mph zone sometime in November 2024.

2409.12.1 The Parish Council have received concerns about the effects of parking in the "passing space / lay-by" on the C83 / Morton Road with especial emphasis on the safety of parents and very young children getting in and out of cars to attend the "Child in the Wild" experience. The Parish Council cannot be responsible for any incidents on the road caused by such parking. The organisation have been written to and the dangers pointed out with the request for them to encourage use of the on-site parking. The Planning Department have been asked for information about the organisation, and there is an "officer report"

ACTION Cllr Nick Ireland to ask for a copy of the report and for an explanation from the Planning Department.

**9 Dorset Councillor's Report:**

Cllr Ireland listed the current big issues as Housing, Devolution, Local Plans and Local Democracies.

**Housing Targets:** Within Dorset, 10,500 houses have planning permission but have not yet been built. the housing market is very slow, and many builders hold onto the land and planning permission until the financial climate is more advantageous. To encourage them to make progress, there is a proposal to charge Council Tax after 3 years on planned, but un-built houses. Cllr Ireland also listed many of the larger developments planned in the area and how they might affect the current infrastructure.

**Devolution:** A Dorset Council merge with Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole may happen by 2026 and there may also be links with Wiltshire & Somerset to make a "Council of Regions". Funding is promised, but not how much or specifically what for.

**Local Plan:** The Unitary Authority inherited all of the smaller Local Plans and is now developing its own which should be submitted by December 2026.

**Local Democracy:** Dorset Council is looking to develop regional bodies possibly on a model used by Cornwall. There is a pilot scheme being produced for Sherborne.

**Planning Applications** are now operating to a Scheme of Delegation and the approval process has been changed somewhat. Government oversight and the appeals process have meant that some Parish Councils feel overruled. For this reason, it is useful to complete a Housing Needs Survey which can feed into a Neighbourhood Plan which in turn provides a justification for housing.

**10 Housing Needs Survey:**

At a planning meeting in October, the Parish Council received a briefing from Jacqui Cuff about the housing situation within Dorset, with specific focus on Owermoigne. [She is the Rural Housing Enabler for Dorset. See relevant minutes on the "Meetings" link on the website]. One of her recommendations was for the Parish Council to carry out a Housing Needs Survey to establish exactly the demand for, and potential supply of, housing.

The Parish Council unanimously requested that such a survey be carried out.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Jacquie Cuff to start the process.

**11 Planning Applications**

<b>11.1</b>	<b>P/LBC/2024/05299</b>	Maintenance work at 1, Church Lane.	No objection
<b>11.2</b>	<b>P/TRT/2024/05432</b>	Tree works at 8, Church Lane	No objection
<b>11.3</b>	<b>P/HOU/2024/05558</b>	Single story extension at 3, Wareham Road	No objection
<b>11.4</b>	<b>P/FUL/2024/05517</b>	Demolition + installation of Shepherd Huts at "The Orchard", Ringstead	Objection from PC
<b>11.5</b>	<b>P/CLE/2024/06058 .../06124 .../06125</b>	Approval of a Certificate of Lawfulness for Thatched "Hobbit House" + Stage area within general storage barn + barn outbuilding used for general storage.	No objection
<b>11.6</b>		Agreement for the very small part of a road which starts in Osmington PC, but terminates in Owermoigne PC to enjoy the speed limit reduction from 60mph to 30mph as negotiated by Osmington PC	No objection

**12 DAPTC AGM**

The Parish Council unanimously approved the change of management status of DAPTC to that of "Company Limited by Guarantee". This does not affect the functions or costs of DAPTC,

**13 Community Benefit Fund**

**13.1 Village Hall**

The transfer of the funds from the Community Benefit Fund held in the Nat West Bank was successfully (& finally) achieved.

**13.2 Owermoigne Park**

The support is agreed and is waiting for bank account details.

ACTION: Cllr Jo Chilcott.

**14 Risk and Asset Registers.**

The Internal Auditor recommended during her review of the Parish Council governance that the Parish Council should publish both its Risk Register and its Asset Register on the Web-site. The Risk Register was approved and signed, however, the Asset Register needs a little more work on costings.

ACTION: Clerk to complete Asset Register and submit at the next Parish Council meeting.

**15 Support to the PCC**

Although this has not yet been a financially onerous year, it was felt that the best time to make a decision about supporting the PCC for churchyard support would be at the January meeting. ACTION: Clerk to add to the January 2025 agenda.

**16 Finance**

**16.1 Precept Bid.**

The proposal for the Precept Bid was discussed and accepted; the bid would be the same as last year at £14,500. The implication for residents is that there will be no increase in the Parish Council component of the Council Tax.

**16.2 Charges on Lloyds Bank Account**

Lloyds band recently announced that the previously free bank account operated by the Parish Council would now attract a management fee of £4.25pcm This was the cheapest of most of the main high street banks, although Co-op and Barclays are still free. For the moment. Given the recent difficulties accessing and managing the bank account, it was unanimously resolved to stay with Lloyds for the time being and absorb the £51.00 annual charge. [Prop: Cllr House. Sec:Cllr Chilcott]

**16.3 Access to Nat West Account**

Unanimously resolved to minute that the Clerk should have online access to the Nat West Account. [Prop: Cllr Chilcott. Sec: Cllr Jo Chilcott]

**16.4 Access to online HMRC**

Unanimously resolved to minute that the Clerk should have online access to HMRC data. [Prop: Cllr Chilcott. Sec: Cllr Jo Chilcott]

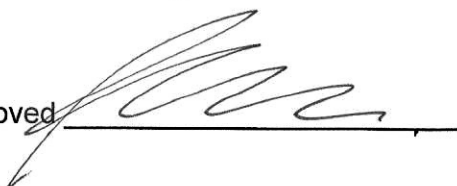
**16.5 Approval of October/November payments.**

These were presented as:

pending	Village Hall Hire	£16.00
pending	Playground Inspection	£180.00
pending	HMRC	£125.00 (to include backpay)
pending	Clerk Salary	£525.73 (to include backpay)
pending	DM Payroll Services	£60.00
pending	WGS HOP maintenance	£139.50
21/10/24	HMRC	£92.20
21/10/24	Clerk Salary	£395.17
07/10/24	WGS HOP maintenance	£129.50
07/10/24	Tree Trimming	£1008.00

Accepted unanimously [Prop: Cllr Buckingham. Sec: Cllr house]

**17 Date of Next Meeting:** Confirmed as 15th January 2025.

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