

## OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 September 2023

At 7pm, The Village Hall, Owermoigne

### MINUTES

Present: Councillors Charles Sandham (Chairman), Councillor Jo Chilcott (Deputy Chairman), John Chilcott, Kim House and Nick Power

Also present: Dorset Councillor N Ireland

#### **2023/034** Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Warren.

#### **2023/035** Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2023/036** Public Participation Time

There were nine members of the public, one of whom spoke in response to a letter they had received from the Chairman regarding farm traffic through the village.

#### **2023/037** Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 July were presented by the Chairman.

**Resolved that** the minutes be approved as an accurate representation of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman, subject to an amendment to Minute 2023/026 to include the full name of Councillor Jo Chilcott.

#### **2023/038** Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 17 July 2023.

#### **2023/039** Dorset Councillor's Report

Councillor Ireland presented his report and noted that Council business was traditionally quiet during the summer months, but the budget process had begun.

#### **2023/040** Moreton Road

The Chairman elaborated on reports and photos that he had received on the traffic through the village.

#### **2023/041** Playing Field Gate

Councillor Jo Chilcott and Councillor Warren had investigated whether the gate to the playing field needed to be replaced or whether it could be repaired. They had concluded that it could be repaired. In addition, the two padlocks were in a poor state of repair and needed to be replaced.

**Resolved that** Councillor Jo Chilcott would obtain quotes for the repair of the fence and Councillor Sandham would purchase a combination lock.

**2023/042 Land Purchase**

Councillors were in receipt of the proposal from the Village Hall to assist with the purchase of land. Councillors agreed that any donation would be in the form of a grant and that no part of the land would become an asset of the Parish Council.

The Village Hall Committee would be required to complete an application for money to be released from the Community Benefit fund.

**2023/043 Hollands Mead**

Residents had been most disappointed in the actions of Dorset Council and felt their communication with them over the years had been ignored, due to the resurfacing of only Chilbury Gardens and not Hollands Mead or Kit Lane.

**Resolved that** Councillor Sandham would follow up with Phil Goodland of Highways.

**2023/044 Owermoigne Park**

Due to the need to barricade the entrance to the Park, it had become impossible for the ground services team to carry out the grass cutting. All attempts to engage with the contractor to commence grass cutting again had failed. It was necessary for overhanging trees to be tended to, areas strimmed and the grass cut as soon as possible.

**Resolved that** the Clerk would contact Dorset Council to ascertain the possibility of arranging a 'one off' cut and be given delegated authority to spend up to £300 for this service. Councillor Jo Chilcott and Councillor Sandham would carry out a survey prior to the starting the tender process. H.O.P (Helping Owermoigne Park) would purchase 'No Dogs' signage.

**2023/046 Recruitment of a Parish Clerk**

The process was ongoing until the end of the month, at which point interested parties would be contacted to attend interview. If necessary, the period of advertising would be extended.

**2023/047 A352 Speed Limit**

Dorset Council had advised that the new village signage paid for by the Parish Council would be completed by 14 October. After completion of the work, it was envisaged that subject of speed could be addressed.

**Resolved that** the matter be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**2023/048 Grass Cutting**

The current grass cutting contract was considered.

**Resolved that** the Council put the grass cutting contract be put out to tender as soon as the survey of requirements was completed.

**2023/045 Finance**

a) The Clerk, as the responsible financial officer, presented the list of payments that were due and enquired as to any clarification that may be required.

Printing	£5.98
Clerks Salary – August	£410.67

HMRC – August	£47.60
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Insurance (BHIB Ltd)	£542.03
Website Maintenance (Chess ICT)	£89.95
Hire of Village Hall	£14.00

**Resolved that** all payments be authorised and duly paid.

b) Bank Signatories

**Resolved that** ex Councillor Tony Wormald and ex Councillor Andrew Buckingham be removed as signatories from all Parish Council Bank Accounts and replaced with Councillor Charles Sandham and Councillor Jo Chilcott.

**2023/049** Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed: ..... *CSandham* ..... Chairman

Date ..... *15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023* .....