

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2024

1 Attendees

Councillors Andrew Buckingham, Jo Chilcott, John Chilcott, Kim House, Nick Power
PCSO Alison Donnison + 7 members of the public.

Apologies for absence

Councillors Sue Cameron-Laxton, Paul Warren
Dorset Council Leader Nick Ireland,

2 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

With two members of the Parish Council away, the meeting resolved to defer election of a permanent Chair until the next meeting. The Chair for the meeting was elected to be Cllr Jo Chilcott.
[prop: Cllr John Chilcott, sec: Cllr Nick Power]

3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

No declarations of interest were made.

4 Appointment of Parish Councillors to Committees

With two members of the Parish Council away, the meeting resolved to confirm committee representation until there was a more full attendance in November.
This means that at the moment, Flooding and DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council) committee posts are unfilled. The clerk will continue to liaise with DAPTC.

5 Minutes of previous meetings.

The Parish Council confirmed that both sets of minutes for the 17th July and 15th May meetings were correct and were signed off by the Chair.
→ Clerk to load the signed versions of the minutes onto the website.

6 Police Report from PCSO Donnison

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report for August:
PCSO Donnison reiterated that the report does not cover scams, or disputes. Owermoigne did not have any significant events recorded, but the general advice for the area was:
Fuel theft (both vehicle and heating) is on the increase in the district
Poaching in Crossways was an issue; as was an incident at the level crossing.
Osmington camp site suffered a tent theft.
An artillery shell was discovered in the river
No problems with travellers in the Piddle Valley this year
Broadmayne suffered from some over-exuberance at the end of term which was quickly dealt with.

Questions:

The Parish Council asked about how the behaviour of motorcyclists on the A352 was being dealt with. Sundays are considered to be the worst, yet the Wednesday of the parish council meeting was also bad. Noise is the biggest distractor.

The clerk pointed out that both noticeboards and the website now have reporting notices for concerned members of the public to report to the Police and Dorset Council. These are in the form of both web-links and QR codes which link the appropriate website. Dorset Council need to know in order to build a case for Traffic Safety management via the Highways department. Dorset Police need to know in order (potentially) to contact the drivers/riders concerned

PCSO Donnison stated that any report with a licence plate WILL result in a letter from the Police.
[for information, these links are:

Dorset Council: <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-non-injury-collision-or-near-miss>

Dorset Police: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/>

7 Public Open Forum

No issues were raised to the council.

→ The clerk was asked to clarify from the newly adopted Standing Orders whether the Public Open Forum only related to matters actually on the agenda.

8 Matters arising

Matters arising, not covered by this agenda, from the minutes of the last meeting:

- 2405.11.1 Meeting with WGS to discuss quality of grass cut
WGS have carried out the September grass cut, and all considerations discussed and reported in the previous meeting have been carried out. Separately, a member of the public had reported lax clearance of the land adjoining the Rectory Wall. The clerk has contacted WGS and they have undertaken to clear this area in accordance with their contract when they next visit.
- 2405.13.1 See agenda item 10
- 2405.15.1 A352 speed limit restrictions.
The clerk reported that Dorset Highways department had been contacted about this and that an assurance had been given that this was under consideration; but with no timescale attached.
→ Clerk requested to contact Nick Ireland to ask that when he submits his local report to the Parish Council, that he be asked to comment on the likely timescales and costs of implementing a reduction from 50mph to 40mph.
- 2405.16.1 Tree Survey Trimming in accordance with the Dorset Council Tree Survey.
The clerk reported that this was now due on 24th and 25th September.
[post meeting note – now complete]
- 2405.16.2 Playground Safety Survey.
The clerk reported that this is now due on 22nd October.
- 2405.18.1 Cricket Club bid for support from the Community Benefit Fund.
As reported in the minutes of the previous meeting, at present, their request for this support is paused while the club is seeking an alternative funding stream.

9 Dorset Councillor's Report

Nick Ireland was unable to attend the meeting, but will be sending a report shortly.

10 Speed Sensor Contract

The parish council resolved to install TWO sensors on the C83/Moreton Road.

Prop: Cllr Kim House, Sec: Cllr John Chilcott.

This will be at a cost of £299 for the first and £200 for the second. The latter of which has been paid for by a donation from a member of the public.

→ Clerk to contact Dorset Council Highways to commission two sets of speed sensors.

11 Planning Applications

11.2 Planning Application P/PABA/2024/04484: Farm Buildings at Hill Dairy, West Chaldon

11.2 Planning Application P/HOU/2024/04632: Rear Extension at No. 9, Kit Lane.

Both applications were approved unanimously.

12 Community Benefit Fund

12.1 Village Hall

12.2 Owermoigne Park

Both applications have been approved by the parish council in previous meetings. On 11th September, the NatWest bank completed their changes to the signature mandate variation, and the clerk reported that he should now be able to generate the required "Liquidity Withdrawal Form" which allows transfer of the donated funds to the two organisations.

13 Standing Orders

As a result of the Internal Auditor's annual inspection, the current Standing Orders were split into two documents ... Standing Orders (v3) and Financial Regulations (v1). Drafts of these were distributed to the Parish Council prior to the meeting, and copies are on the website for members of the public to examine. The Parish Council resolved to adopt these documents which were then approved by the chair.

14 Finance & AGAR

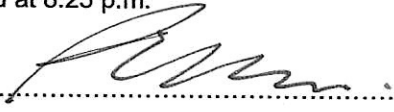
- 14.1 To acknowledge receipt of the Internal Audit report and resolve to implement its recommendations.
The Parish Council has received this report and the clerk has responded to the Internal Audit report, and both it and the statement of compliance to those recommendations have been placed on the website.
- 14.2 To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return
The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the relevant sections were signed by the chair. As a "small Parish Council" (i.e. one with a turn over of less than £25,000, the council is exempt from full audit, and the AGAR Certificate of Exemption was signed to that effect
The Parish Council approved the statement of accounts
The Parish Council signed the declaration of no conflict of interest with BDO, the external auditor.
- 14.3 To set dates for the Exercise of Public Rights.
The Parish Council resolved that the Exercise of Public Rights should take place from 29th September. The declaration to this effect has been posted on the noticeboards and placed on the website.
- 14.4 To approve payments for August/September

Description		Debit	Balance	
Village Hall	INV-593	£16.00	£8303.97	Parish Council meeting
Audit fee		£141.34	£8,319.97	Internal Auditor
Clerk Salary		£394.97	£8,461.31	
HMRC		£92.40	£8,553.71	
WGS	INV12648 Aug	£129.50	£8,948.68	
DAPTC	INV-2025	£40.00	£9,078.18	Councillor Training
WGS	INV12557 Jul	£129.50	£9,118.18	Grass Cutting
Clerk Salary		£395.17	£9,247.68	
HMRC		£92.20	£9,642.85	
Chess ICT		£98.14	£9,735.05	Website
WGS	INV12528VAT	£21.00	£9,833.19	VAT omitted in error
Insurance	LCO03036	£641.31	£9,854.19	
WGS	INV12528 Bus	£105.00	£10,495.50	Bus Shelter tree trim

The Parish Council resolved that these should be paid.
Prop: Cllr Kim House, Sec: Cllr Andrew Buckingham

15 Date of next meeting: 20th November 2024. [at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall]

The meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

Signed  Chair
Date 20.11.24