

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 March 2023

At 7pm, The Village Hall, Owermoigne

MINUTES

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

Also present: There were seven members of public including County Councillor N Ireland and the Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Open Forum

Whilst there had been no formal application to the Council to speak during public participation, the Chairman made an allowance on this occasion. It was noted in future that standing orders of the council would be upheld with it therefore being necessary for questions and comments for the council to be put forward in advance of the meeting to the Parish Clerk, preferably with three clear working days' notice.

There was a query regarding the payment to Alvian Ltd, which the clerk was unable to offer any clarification on as it had been approved before her tenure. The Clerk would confirm with Councillors following the meeting.

There was a query from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with regards to the Coronation and the purchase of memorabilia. It was agreed that it was appropriate for this matter to be discussed further at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council.

A resident raised an on going situation with regards to their boundary, which the Clerk agreed to pick up outside of the meeting.

A resident raised several points regarding any potential development of the playground, which would be passed to the Playground Committee.

It was noted that the bus shelter was in need of urgent repairs as it the roof lining had become detached. Due to health and safety considerations, the Clerk was tasked with appointing personnel to rectify the problem as soon as possible.

Resolved that the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman, be given delegated authority to proceed with the repairs to the bus shelter and report back at the next meeting of the parish council.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 November 2022 and 18 January 2023 were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be approved as an accurate representation of the meeting, subject to confirmation that the invoice for Alvian Ltd was found to be correctly administered.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the meetings held on 16 November 2022 and 18 January 2023.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

Councillor Ireland reported that much of the recent focus of Dorset Council had been geared towards the recent budget announcement.

7. Village Signage

The quote that had been received from the Dorset Council was considered. Whilst the Councillors were in agreement that the work was a significant expense, it was felt that this would be an important first step towards having the speed limit reduced through Owermoigne.

Resolved that the Clerk would instruct Dorset Sign Shop to proceed with work at a cost of £6,882.78. In the event of any increase in price since the quote was first supplied, the Clerk was authorised to spend up to an additional 5% of the original quote of £6,882.78.

8. Playing Fields

Councillor Jo Chilcott spoke on behalf of the Playground Committee, who had proposed a change of name for the playing fields to 'Owermoigne Park'. It was felt that the proposed change in name would suggest a more inclusive area for recreation rather than an area purely for children to play.

Resolved that the change in name to Owermoigne Park be approved

9. Fly Tipping

Fly tipping in the area of Kate's Farm Shop on the main A352 was considered. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the resident that may be responsible and ask that the matter be dealt with.

Resolved that the Chairman would clarify the resident's details and pass them to the Clerk for further action.

10. Surface Water – Moreton Road

Further to several visits by the Highways Officer, Wessex Water and Wessex Water Sewerage, it had been established that the surface water evident on Moreton Road was not due to a leak of any kind. The matter had been passed to the County Council's drainage department for further investigation and the results would be passed to the Clerk as soon as they became available.

11. Annual Parish Meeting

The setting of the date of Annual Parish Meeting was deferred until such a time as Councillors had access to their diaries.

12. Finance

The Chairman presented the list of payments that were due and enquired as to any clarification that may be required.

Finance – Payments (January – March 2023)

Payee	Reason	Amount £
HMRC	Employee tax Dec	92.80
HMRC	Employee tax Jan	86.40
HMRC	Employee tax Feb	47.60
HMRC	Employee tax Mar	47.60
Wessex Ground Services	Grass cutting Nov	110.08
Wessex Ground Services	Grass cutting Dec	110.08
Wessex Ground Services	Grass cutting Jan	110.08
Wessex Ground Services	Grass cutting Feb	110.08
Chess ICT	website	4.60
T Bailey	Salary Dec	371.67
T Bailey	Salary Jan	371.87
T Bailey	Salary Feb	410.67
T Bailey	Salary Mar	410.67
T Bailey	Printing	5.99
DM Payroll Services	Admin of payroll – Oct to Mar 2023	54.00

Resolved that the payments be authorised and duly paid.

13. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Wednesday 17 May 2023 January at 7.30pm.

Signed:Chairman

Date:

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