

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July at 7.30pm in Owermoigne Village Hall

1 Present

Cllrs John Chilcott, Jo Chilcott (vice chair), Derek Bolt and Paul Warren and the clerk. Dorset Councillor Nick Ireland and six members of the public.

2 Open Forum

Mrs Warren asked if the small piece of woodland off the footpath running from Holland Mead had any special ecological designation. Clerk to investigate. **Clerk**

Another member of the public mentioned that there had been a request to put an Article 4 Direction (protection of a characteristic area). She explained that this could be used to revoke existing planning and legal permissions.

Clerk to write to Dorset Council planning team asking for an opinion. **Clerk**

3 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr House.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

5 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022 were approved and signed as a true record

6 Matters Arising (not already on the agenda)

- Finance – the clerk explained that the accounts had needed a review by auditors because a delayed invoice from Dorset Council had pushed expenditure over £25,000 for 2021-22
- Queen's green canopy – it was agreed that the parish council would plant 6 trees to create a community orchard on the playing field. Two apple trees, two pears and two plums. Councillor Warren suggested that the community might help to plant them. Cllr Jo Chilcott suggested benches and wildflowers under the trees. She added that she would be canvassing people's opinions on additional play equipment for the playing field. There was a discussion about accessibility of the playing field, and about a wildlife area in Chilbury Gardens.

7 Membership of the Council

Cllr John Chilcott proposed that Mr Charles Sandham be co-opted to the

council, and this was agreed by all. Cllr Jo Chilcott proposed that Mr Nick Power be co-opted to the council, and this too was agreed by all. They both then joined councillors after signing the appropriate acceptance of office forms.

8 Finance

The following payments were agreed:

Wessex Maintenance (May & June cuts)	£220.16
Wessex Maintenance (grass cuts around village)	£82.80
Alvian Ltd (playground inspection)	£79.20
Village hall rent	£20.00
Clerk's salary (15 Jan – 14 Mar)	£495.61
HMRC	£123.80
	£1,021.57

9 Dorset Councillor's Report

Cllr Nick Ireland spoke about financial and operational issues at Dorset Council. He mentioned that Church Lane and Parsons Lane had been resurfaced. He added that there had been no news on speed restrictions along the A352 but there had been a significant crash near Osmington. Tony Burden had taken over as the Road Safety Officer for Dorset Council.

10 Report from Dorset Police

There was no representation from Dorset Police. The clerk raised that the homeless male was still causing issues at Holworth and Ringstead, and passed on Cllr House's disappointment that the issue had not yet been satisfactorily resolved.

11 Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Warren asked if the foliage in Pollards Lane could be trimmed back slightly. Clerk to contact Mr Cree. He also mentioned that the passing places along Moreton Road were not fit for purpose, particularly if the Sandyholme extension plans are approved. He felt that it would be appropriate if Sandyholme were allowed to extend that they should make some s106 contribution towards improving the state of the road. Cllr John Chilcott agreed that access to Sandyholme is inadequate, as is the drainage. He proposed that the clerk complain about the condition of the road.

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Jo Chilcott had received complaints about dog mess, particularly in the field by Holland Mead. Dorset Cllr Ireland confirmed that Dorset Council no longer empties dog waste bins. It was suggested that signs are erected asking people to pick up after their dogs.

Clerk

12 Planning

Dorset Cllr Ireland informed all that there was currently a moratorium on all

planning applications because of the issues around developments increasing the phosphate load. Cllr Warren ran through the planning applications that had been considered:

- P/CLE/2022/00790 Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for storage Location: The Orchard, Fishers Place (ongoing discussion)
- P/FUL/2022/02429 Proposal: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm & associated landscaping, hydrological & biodiversity enhancements Location: Land at Galton Manor Farm (supportive but comments regarding screening)
- P/CLP/2022/02890 Proposal: Unrestricted holiday or residential occupancy of caravans throughout the year The Creek Caravan Park, Fisher's Place, Ringstead, (ongoing discussion)
- P/LBC/2022/03239 Proposal: Demolish rear flat roof extension, erect rear extension and internal alterations 12 Moreton Road Owermoigne (no objection)
- P/HOU/2022/03097 Proposal: Rear extension and internal alterations Location: 12 Moreton Road Owermoigne (no objection)

He added that the wait for a decision on Sandyholme could go on for some time. He was disappointed that there had been no public consultation event.

13 Maintenance: the clerk asked councillors to consider the following quotes for required maintenance around the village

- **Pump Notice** Remove notice from the wall and clean the glass inside. Rub down the Frame and apply two coats of woodstain. Apply Danish oil to the notice. Reassemble and put back on the wall. £80. Councillors agreed. **Clerk**
- **Hedge** To trim the hedge by the bus stop, to enable access to the litter bin and generally tidy hedge £60. Councillors agreed. **Clerk**
- **Notice Board by Church** To remove end panel from the noticeboard, replace bespoke damaged timber in hardwood to match original. Replace back panel and stain to match. £280. Unable to get additional quotes at present, but inspection of the noticeboard shows further weather damage, so councillors to consider replacing the whole thing. Councillor Sandham offered to find an additional quote. **CS**

14 Playing field: Cllr Jo Chilcott read out the findings of the recent playing field inspection. There were a number of minor items relating to the play equipment. Clerk to get a quote for these. **Clerk**

15 Rights of way

There was a discussion around rights of way around Gallows Hill; this has been reported to Dorset Council.

A resident had mentioned that in the fields coming out from the back of Hollands Mead there has been damage to crops from people walking all

around the edge of the fields instead of keeping to the footpath along one side. Those present explained that often the footpath area was flooded or full of slurry, which necessitated people walking around the edge. It was clarified by councillors that footpaths and rights of way should be well drained and even. Clerk to report back.

Clerk

Mrs Warren asked about a footpath that was difficult to access because of the proximity of two stiles on Mr Morris' farm. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

16 The provision of laptops for councillors

Cllr John Chilcott asked councillors to consider the idea of providing laptops for those on the council, as all correspondence came electronically from the clerk. Councillors to give it some thought. The clerk advised that councillors used separate email accounts for parish council business.

- 17 Request from a member of the public** to consider a request for an automatic traffic survey. The clerk suggested that this could provide data to support road improvements. However, councillors felt that any traffic survey should be undertaken as a result of parish council requirements. The clerk was asked to request a full transport assessment from Dorset Council to support the Sandyholme application.

Clerk

18 Accessible path / pavement along Wareham Road

Cllr Power declared an interest as he had originally approached Dorset Council with a view to facilitating him getting into the village. Cllr Chilcott said that any funds received from taxpayers or developers should be used for the community as a whole, rather than one individual. Clerk to ask Dorset Council for a quote for reinstating the dropped kerb by the bus shelter on the south side of the A352.

Clerk

19 Village signs on the A352

Cllr Jo Chilcott explained that a full quote has been received from Dorset Council for village signs on the A352. The cost for a sign at the western end of the village is £4,930, and the cost at the eastern end is £1,166. Councillors agreed to go forward with the signs, but asked the clerk to circulate the drafts to the new councillors.

Clerk

20 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting dates 2022 – 2023

16 November 2022, 18 January 2023, 15 March 2023