

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Owermoigne village hall on Wednesday 18th May at 8.00pm.

1 Election of Chair

The vice-chair (Cllr Jo Chilcott) took the chair for the election of parish council chairman. She proposed Cllr House, seconded by Cllr Warren.

2 Appointment of Vice-chair

Cllr House took the chair, and proposed that Cllr Jo Chilcott be reappointed vice chair. Seconded by Cllr Warren

3 Appointment to Offices

i) The Chair read out the current offices held:

Cllr Derek Bolt	Planning, emergency planning
Cllr Jo Chilcott	Environment, footpaths, younger people, playing field, Winfrith, Homewatch
Cllr John Chilcott	Rural & Agricultural
Cllr Kim House	Rural & Agriculture, planning, flooding, DAPTC rep, Finance
Cllr Paul Warren	Planning Group, Footpaths, Environmental Enhancements, highways

ii) Community Benefit Fund application: Chair, Vice chair and Clerk

It was agreed that councillors hold the same offices for the next year

4. Report on councillor vacancies

The Chair explained that the council still had two vacancies, and encouraged anyone who was interested to come forward

5. Schedule of meetings

To set the dates for parish council meetings for the next 12 months:

20 July 2022, 21 September 2022, 16 November 2022, 18 January 2023 Clerk
and 15 March 2023

6. Open Forum

Mr Martin Cree proposed a vote of thanks to councillors for all the work that they undertook for the village.

7. Apologies

Cllrs Derek Bolt and John Chilcott, and PCSO Donnison

8. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 March 2022 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly

10. Matters Arising

The clerk went through a number of matters arising:

- a) The boundary fence issue at Fishers Creek, Ringstead was still unresolved, though she had written to Dorset Council as agreed explaining the situation
- b) Planning application P/CLE/2022/00790 Ringstead certificate of lawfulness was still ongoing
- c) South West Ambulance Service are not now able to provide defibrillator training at present due to staff redeployment
- d) Magna will meet with Councillor Jo Chilcott and clerk to discuss planting on the plot on the corner of Kit Lane JoC / Clerk
- e) Overgrown foliage in Kit Lane has been trimmed back, and the clerk thanked the householder. Cllr Warren felt that there was still foliage to be dealt with Clerk
- f) The defibrillator signs have been put up
- g) Accesible path / pavement along Wareham Road: Dorset Council has costed 18 metres of paved path and two dropped kerbs at £10,200, and have agreed to meet half the cost. To be discussed at July's meeting Clerk
- h) 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. To be discussed at July's meeting Clerk

11. Finance

The following payments were agreed:

- i) Payments:

ICO (data protection)	£35.00
Wessex Grounds Maintenance	£212.96
Clerk salary (Apr / May)	£495.61
HMRC	£123.80
BHIB insurance	£454.00
DAPTC annual subscription	£178.95
Contribution to village hall for Jubilee celebrations	£200.00
Village hall rent	£24.00
Total	£1724.32
- ii) Receipts: Dorset Council (precept) £6,290.00
- iii) Accounts:
 - Councillors approved the certificate for exemption from limited assurance review under S9 of the Local Authority (Smaller

Authorities) Regulations 2015

- Councillors considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement
- Councillors considered and approved the Accounting Statements. The clerk gave a quick overview of the accounts for the year, explaining that although the expenditure was significantly in excess of the income, much of the cash spent related to prior year commitments (such as the kerbing by the church). At the end of the year the council's reserves stood at £17,381. The clerk would put the accounts on the website and on the noticeboards
- For information: the 30 day period for exercise of public rights to view the books of account will run from 1 June 2022 – 13 July 2022.

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12. Dorset Councillor Report

Dorset Cllr Nick Ireland spoke about the situation at Dorset Council. He explained that residents in houses banded A – E should receive the £150 contribution from the government toward energy soon. He went on to talk about the budget; Dorset Council had assumed an inflation rate of 3% when setting their budget, and as CPI is around 9 – 10% currently this will lead to further spending cuts as suppliers look to renegotiate their contracts. He added that the council had just bought a new school in Shaftesbury to avoid having to send children with special educational needs out of the county to expensive residential placements.

He confirmed that planning enforcement was still an issue. He also explained that Dorset Council was pulling out of Tricuro (its arms-length social care provider).

13. Parish Councillors' Reports

There were no non-planning councillor reports

14. Report from Dorset Police

PCSO Donnison had provided a short report.

15. Planning

Cllr Warren talked through the following planning applications:

- P/FUL/2022/02429 Proposal: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm & associated landscaping, hydrological & biodiversity enhancements Location: Land at Galton Manor Farm. There had been a presentation by the developer, and a question and answer session earlier in the evening, where concerns had been raised about the visual impact of the large development. Cllr Warren would try to meet with Dorset Council's AONB and

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landscape officers, as well as the planning officer and a representative from Spring, to consider how to reduce the visual impact. There had also been a discussion about the developers contributing towards community enhancements, in line with current practice.

- P/VOC/2022/01938 Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and new vehicular access (Removal of condition no 3 of planning approval WD/D/15/000221) Location: 8 Wareham Road: no objection in principle
- P/CLE/2022/00790 Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for storage Location: The Orchard Fishers Place – this is ongoing
- P/VOC/2022/01069 Proposal: Change of use of land and farm buildings to equestrian use (retrospective) - Variation of conditions 1 & 4 of planning permission WD/D/19/002543 - to improve appearance of access Location: Watercombe Farm. Cllr Warren confirmed that the plan had been changed to improve visibility at the junction
- P/CLP/2022/02890 Proposal: Unrestricted holiday or residential occupancy of caravans throughout the year Location: The Creek Caravan Park, Fisher's Place, Ringstead. Cllr Warren explained that he had received a phone call from one of the owners of the park, who confirmed that they didn't plan to offer year-round residency, however councillors and residents were concerned that without a legally binding agreement, it could become a residential park.

Cllr Warren also spoke about the Sandyholme extension application, expressing concerns that doubling the size of the park would have a significant effect on traffic through the village. He felt that a meeting with the planner would be helpful, and Cllr Jo Chilcott offered to meet to explain the situation.

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16. The Queen's Green Canopy

Councillors agreed the development and planting of a community orchard on the playing field, and encouraged ideas from residents. Cllr Jo Chilcott to review play and other equipment that may be appropriate. A separate group would work on the project.

JoC

17. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20 July 2021