

# OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting dated 20 September 2022

- 1 The clerk informed all present that as the agenda had not been published three clear days prior to this meeting (due to the mourning protocol for HM Queen Elizabeth II), any decisions taken at the meeting could be challenged as unlawful, and therefore no significant decisions should be taken.**

### **Present**

Councillors Jo Chilcott, John Chilcott, House, Power and Warren, Dorset  
Councillor Ireland and eight members of the public

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### **2 Open Forum**

A Ringstead resident gave an update on the planning matter at the Creek Caravan Park Ringstead. She confirmed that the original proposal had been refused as it did not comply with the original conditions on the site; the new certificate of lawfulness application sought to allow 30 caravans on the site to be occupied throughout the year.

A resident of Chilbury Gardens expressed concern that leaving some grass uncut on the central grassed area of Chilbury Gardens could encourage vermin. A discussion then ensued regarding the importance of biodiversity and improved habitats for nature. The clerk explained that cutting the grass in Chilbury Gardens was not the responsibility of the parish council, but as Dorset Council had decided two years ago to reduce their grass cutting service, the parish council had agreed to fund two – three annual cuts around the perimeter of the grassed area at Chilbury Gardens to maintain a tidy appearance. The resident then queried the minutes from the last meeting, where it was stated that a wildlife area in Chilbury Gardens had been discussed. Councillors confirmed that it had been discussed, but there were no plans to implement it, and in fact the land did not belong to the parish council.

A resident of Owermoigne stated that she was very pleased with the works that had been done to Church Lane.

### **3 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bolt and Sandham

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Power declared an interest in a matter arising, the provision of an accessible path along the A352

### **5 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2022 were agreed as a true copy, and signed accordingly

### **6 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported on a number of matters arising:

- a. The woodland off Hollands Mead – according to the Dorset Explorer map, it has no special designation

- b. Application for an Article 4 direction at Ringstead – the matter was still being considered by Dorset Council legal team
- c. Foliage in Pollards Lane – Mr Cree had been contacted. Clerk to pass any further requests to Derek Woodward, chair of the village hall.
- d. The condition of Moreton Road – the clerk had reported this to DC Highways department, and had been told that it had been inspected and camera surveyed in late July, and any areas not meeting current safety levels would be repaired. Cllr Chilcott explained that the road didn't have a proper foundation, and it was noted that it was subject to a lot of heavy traffic. The clerk was asked to complain again, and those present were encouraged to complain directly to Dorset Council. Cllr Jo Chilcott offered to meet with DC staff, and it was suggested that the clerk put something on the notice boards telling people how to explain to Dorset Council. Clerk
- e. Dog fouling on the field off Hollands Mead – the clerk said that she had been contacted by a couple of walkers who were disgusted by the mess. There was a discussion about dog fouling. It was suggested that posters be put up, and that residents 'name and shame' offenders, reporting them to the clerk. Clerk
- f. Rights of way – the clerk had passed all complaints to David Ackerley of Dorset Council. She was asked to follow up on progress. Clerk
- g. Full transport assessment as a result of Sandyholme application – the clerk advised that she had requested this, but one of the planners had replied 'submitted details are sufficient to reach a supportive recommendation without further information'
- h. Quote for dropping the kerb by the bus stop – the clerk informed all that this had previously given rise to flooding, so another solution would need to be found. To be discussed at a future meeting.
- i. Village signs on the A352 – councillors had felt that larger, more prominent signs would be better, so the clerk had asked Dorset Council for a quote, which they were unable to furnish for the moment.

## 7 Membership of the Council

This item was postponed until the November meeting

## 8 Finance

i) Payments:	Wessex Maintenance (July and August)	£220.16
	Mr D Follis (half year retainer payment)	£225.00
	Village hall rent	£20.00
	Clerk's salary (15 Jul – 14 Sept)	£495.41
	HMRC	£124.00
	DM Payroll Services	£54.00
		<b>£1,138.57</b>

The clerk confirmed that all of these payments referred to contractual obligations which had been agreed at earlier meetings

## 9 Dorset Councillor's Report

Dorset Councillor Ireland spoke about Children's and Adults' Services within Dorset Council. He had reported long grass on the Warmwell roundabout, which had been causing a hazard to drivers, and reported issues with road signs. He went on to explain that DC staff were likely to be getting a payrise, close to

what had been asked for. He then went on to say that there had been no councillor business during the week (or planned for the following week) due to the national mourning days. There still had been no decision made about planning applications in the Poole Harbour catchment area. An issue with a sign at Broadmayne had been reported.

## **10 Report from Dorset Police**

There was no representative from Dorset Police present

## **11 Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllrs Chilcott and House both raised the issue of rubbish left on the side of the A352 by an Owermoigne resident. The clerk had already reported it to Dorset Council, but would follow it up.

Clerk

Cllr Warren said that the footpath from Kit Lane to the Cricket Club and village hall was becoming difficult to pass, and it was agreed that individual householders are responsible. Clerk to report this to Dorset Council, and also mention that the surface of the path is poor.

Clerk

Cllr Jo Chilcott said that she had only had one response to her Facebook request for villagers to get involved in improvements to the playing field. She would try advertising more widely.

## **12 Planning**

The chair reported that Parish Council had considered 3 planning matters since the last meeting, and Cllr Warren went into more detail:

- P/PAAC/2021/05335 Change of use of agricultural dwelling at Watercombe Farm. He confirmed that the parish council supported DC's original decision to refuse this, as it was more a rebuild than a conversion. There was some discussion about whether the access to Watercombe Farm had been improved, as this had been a condition of the last planning application made by the owner. This to be investigated by councillors.
- P/HOU/2022/05488 Construct swimming pool Brimstone Cottage Holworth DT2 8NH. The parish council did not support this application as it appeared that the swimming pool would be built outside the curtilage of the dwelling, encroaching into agricultural land.
- P/CLP/2022/02890 Use of land at Creek Caravan Park Ringstead without complying with existing conditions. The parish council did not support this application as it was felt that the residents of Ringstead needed some respite from tourism during the year.

## **13 Recruitment of new clerk**

The chair advised that as the existing clerk had resigned the council had sought a replacement, and there would be an interview the following week.

The clerk thanked councillors past and present for their support and kindness, and also thanked the people of the parish for being so welcoming and friendly.

## **20 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 7.30pm**

### **Meeting dates 2022 – 2023**

18 January 2023, 15 March 2023