

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting dated 18 January 2022

1 Present

Councillors Jo Chilcott, John Chilcott, House and Warren, and 6 members of the public

2 Open Forum

The Chair of the village hall committee asked if the parish council would consider contributing towards the planned celebrations in the village for the Queen's platinum jubilee, and being visible and involved. Councillors were positive about the idea, and it was agreed that an item be placed on the March agenda for decision.

Clerk

3 Apologies

Councillor Bolt had sent his apologies

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

5 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2021 were approved as a true record

6 Matters Arising

The clerk reported that she had not heard anything from South West Ambulance Service regarding the training on the use of the defibrillator. Cllr Chilcott mentioned that he had received no response regarding sourcing bare root trees for tree planting projects.

7 Membership of the Council

- i) Resignation of Cllr Wormald: the vice chair informed all that Cllr Wormald had resigned.
- ii) Update on recruitment process: the clerk thanked Mr Tony Wormald for his work on the council and his support to her during the two years she had been post. She went on to explain the process for filling a councillor vacancy: more than ten members of the parish electorate were required to contact Dorset Council and ask for an election for one to be triggered, or the parish council could co-opt if an election was not requested. The clerk reported that she had been notified by Dorset Council that the parish council could go ahead and co-opt, and informed those present that the closing date for applications was 31 January 2022. She encouraged people to contact her for an application form.

8. Appointment to Offices

- iii) Appointment of Chair: Cllr John Chilcott proposed Cllr House as

- chair, this was seconded by both Cllr Jo Chilcott and Cllr Warren
- iv) Appointment of Vice-Chair: Cllr House proposed Cllr Jo Chilcott as vice chair, this was seconded by Cllr Warren
 - v) Special interest offices vacancies: utilities was taken by Cllr Warren, finance by Cllr House, Winfrith by Cllr Jo Chilcott, highways by Cllr Warren , homework by Cllr Jo Chilcott

9 Finance

The following payments were approved (proposed Cllr Jo Chilcott, seconded by Cllr Warren:

Wessex Maintenance (Nov & Dec)	205.76
Wessex Maintenance – additional verge cut	82.80
Owermoine Village Hall rent	20.00
Mr J Nicklin (epicormic growth around trees)	120.00
Stationery (printer cartridge)	109.54
DM Payroll Services (second half of year)	54.00
Parish noticeboard rubber seal	27.00
Clerk's salary (15 Nov – 14 Jan)	487.39
HMRC	121.80
	1228.29

- i) To agree a new signatory for the Council bank accounts: all agreed that Cllr House should be a signatory to the council's bank accounts **Clerk**

10 Dorset Councillor's Report

Dorset Councillor Ireland reported on Dorset Council matters. He told everyone that the council planned to put the council tax up by just under 3%, the minimum it could without having to call a referendum. He appreciated that this would be difficult for residents, particularly as energy bills are currently very high. He said that the council would try to maintain services at the same level as this year. He added that planning and enforcement teams were still struggling.

11 Report from Dorset Police

No report received from Dorset Police

12 Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Warren said that he had no contact from the tree officer regarding the bund along the edge of the A352. He also said that the footpath leading to the village green was difficult to pass because of overgrown vegetation from a resident's garden: he had tried unsuccessfully to contact the resident, and would try again. **PW**

The clerk gave an update on the highways issues reported by the Chair at the previous meeting:

- Pothole at the bottom of Pollards Lane / Moreton Road: now repaired
- Uneven surface at the bottom of Glebeford Close and Glebe Farm

drive: now repaired by Dorset Council

- Uneven surface Church Lane / Parson's Lane: on Dorset Council resurfacing schedule for next financial year
- Defibrillator sign: she confirmed that she had received a quote from Dorset Council of £222 to provide and fix a road sign for the defibrillator. Councillors felt that the cost was prohibitive, and asked her to get other quotes.

Clerk

The clerk encouraged people to contact her if there were any highways issues to be reported

13 Planning

The Parish Council planning team has received and dealt with 4 planning consultations since the last meeting:

- P/PAEW/2021/05523 Proposal: Excavation and construction of a manure store Location: West Chaldon Farm West Chaldon (no objection)
- P/HOU/2021/05474 Proposal: Convert existing barn into annex accommodation. Location: Holworth Farm House Gallows Hill from Junction A352 Owermoigne Cross South To Holworth (no objection)
- P/LBC/2021/05475 Proposal: Convert existing barn into annex accommodation. Location: Holworth Farm House Gallows Hill from Junction A352 Owermoigne Cross South To Holworth (no objection)
- P/OUT/2021/05657 Proposal: Erect 1No. dwelling and garage (Outline application dealing with Access) Location: Brickyard Cottage Church Lane Owermoigne (approve in principle, with review and clarification requirements) Mr Kane raised that this planning application impacted upon his home and his land. Cllr Warren confirmed that the parish council had asked Dorset Council to review these points.

14 Correspondence from a resident:

The clerk explained that Mr Nick Power, a new resident, had contacted Dorset Council asking that an accessible pathway and / or dropped kerbs to facilitate crossing the road be provided along the A352, as he was unable to access the village in his wheelchair. Dorset Council needed parish council support before they will go ahead and do any work. Councillors were very happy to support the request, and the clerk would contact Dorset Council.

Clerk

15 Bus shelters

- Improving accessibility – the clerk had received a quote from Dorset Council of £4,985 to build a concrete ramp to improve access to the bus shelter. Councillors felt that this was very expensive, and Cllr Warren confirmed that he would discuss accessibility with Mr Power, and try to come up with a cheaper option.
- Moving the bin: the clerk reported that the bin had not yet been moved to the other side of the bus shelter
- Quote for levelling soil and removing overgrowth: the clerk reported

PW

that the handyman had provided a quote of £80 to undertake the work. All were in favour.

Clerk

- 16 Speed limit on the A352:** the clerk had received outline quotes for 'gateway' style road signs of between £1,300 - £1,800 each. Councillors felt that this was a great deal of money, and asked her to get quotes for smaller signs, to include 'please drive slowly through the village'

Clerk

- 17 The Queen's Green Canopy:** the clerk reported that the sites mooted for planting trees to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee had power cables running underneath. Cllr Warren suggested that a community orchard could be planted in the playing field, at the other end to the playground equipment. There was also some discussion about planting trees in the green space in Chilbury Gardens, though it was pointed out that this area was maintained by Dorset Council Highways Department. It was suggested that Magna be contacted to discuss some shallow planting in the grassed area off Kit Lane, and that some bulbs be planted at the top of Kit Lane

**Clerk
JoC**

- 18 Correspondence from a previous resident:**

The clerk told those present that she had been in correspondence with a previous resident of Owermoigne, who had been related to the previous owners of the garage. She explained that she had put some old photographs of Owermoigne on the website, and if anyone was interested in investigating the history of the village they should contact her.

- 19 Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm