

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

ON 16 JULY 2018

### Present:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Carol Cole	Councillor
Richard Ceaser	Councillor

### Apologies:

Christopher Coats	Councillor
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Simon Read	Councillor

### In attendance:

Darren Henry	Wiltshire Councillor for Till and Wylve Valley
John Badgery	Clerk to the Council

### COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

20. Two members of the public were present.

21. The Chairman welcomed all present. Cllr Henry explained that Highways England had initiated a Supplementary Consultation on the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel . Further pamphlets would be distributed from 17 July 2018. There were 3 key areas: a footpath joining Amesbury Byways 11 and 12; the widening of a green bridge at Longbarrow Roundabout and the re-alignment of the main road at Rollestone Crossroads. The most significant part of this Supplementary Consultation is that it demonstrates that Highways England have listened to previous comments.

### COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

22. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 had been circulated. Cllr Wright noted that, at paragraph 10a, Cllr Ceaser had raised the issue of sewerage at the Manor Farm pumping station. The record was amended and signed.

23. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** There was discussion of the litter pick and who would organise it. The Clerk explained that he had received advice (16 July 2018) from Wiltshire Council (Community Engagement Manager) that litter picks in the Salisbury and Amesbury area should be postponed until further notice. The Parish Council should not, therefore, support a litter pick in the near future. The Clerk reported that the Registration of Interests with Wiltshire Council was now up to date.

24. **Declaration of interests.** No councillors declared any interests.

25. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman had nothing to report but wanted to discuss the Clerk's salary, which had been previously circulated. The Clerk and members of the public left the room. Following discussion the Council agreed to uplift the Clerk's salary to £1200 per annum. Cllr Wright felt that it should not be a fixed salary but should be computed according to a record of hours worked.

26. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Coats had attended the Community Forum organised by Highways England to drive the legacy of the Stonehenge Tunnel project. He submitted a written report. In summary:

a. Highways England want to carry across the benefits realised at other major projects (Dartford Crossing and A14).

b. It was suggested that it might be possible to park in the general area surrounding the stones, leave the car and walk to the Visitor Centre – but there is currently no plan for such strategic car parks.

c. Money from Highways England would require match funding and currently there is no obvious leadership from Wiltshire Council.

d. Ideas are published at <http://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a303-stonehenge-2018/>.

27. **Finance.** Three cheques were signed:

- a. £106.08 Clerk's salary
- b. £26.40 Tax on clerk's salary
- c. £125.00 F. Southey grass cutting

The Notification of Exercise of Public Rights was published on 22 May with an Inspection period 4 June to 13 July 2018. No members of the public had asked to see the accounts.

28. **Correspondence.**

a. Wessex Water had replied to the enquiry as to when the sewers would be sealed effectively. Sealing works are yet to be scheduled but they plan to start this year.

b. Briefing Notes 360 (recycling) and 362 (Fire on Salisbury Plain) had been distributed.

c. There was an invitation for centenarians to attend a celebration at Stonehenge Visitors Centre. There are no centenarians in the village.

d. The June 2018 edition of the WALC Newsletter had confirmed that parish councils were exempt from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer, though such an appointment was still considered best practice.

e. Advice had been received to avoid litter picks in the near future. (see paragraph 23)

f. Mr Southey would be standing down from grass cutting at the end of this financial year.

29. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications** Current issues;

(i) The removal of a tree in Stonehenge Touring Park had been approved.

(ii) The PNCOU at the old dairy site had been withdrawn – the architect was critical of Orcheston PC.

(iii) The Tree Preservation Office had approved the removal of a tree with Dutch Elm disease at Auvers

b. **Highways and Byways** A stile on Footpath 12 had been repaired by the landowner.

c. **Village Maintenance** Cllr Wright reported that, on his last visit, the Parish Steward had not made any contact but had done some strimming at the crossroads.

30. **Date of next meeting** 17 September 2018 at 7:30pm.

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S Shepherd Chairman