

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 17 September 2018

Present:

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

In attendance:

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

Apologies:

Christopher Coats	Councillor
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

31. Cllr Henry arrived after Item 5. He reported that:

a. The aim of the Local Government Boundary consultation in Wiltshire is to even out the number of electors in each division. Till and Wylve Valley has 3,600 and the average is 4,200. It is recommended that Wiltshire keeps 98 councillors.

b. The A303 legacy and benefits forum now has an independent chairman. The next meeting is on 4 October in Salisbury. Cllr Henry will attend.

c. There was nothing to report from the CATG. Next meeting is 12 November.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

32. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 16 July 2018.** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

33. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** There were no matters arising.

34. **Declaration of interests.** Cllr Harnett declared that she was related to the applicant for tree surgery at the Stonehenge Touring Park.

35. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman referred to the Local Government Boundary Commission – detail given by Cllr Henry. Cllr Read had resigned. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman recorded his thanks for Mr Read's service as a Parish Councillor. The procedure for replacing Mr Read is laid down in Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities)(England and Wales) Rules 2006 [known as "the 2006 Rules"]

a. Inform Wiltshire Council (Electoral Services); they will advertise the vacancy on Friday 21 September 2018 (all PC vacancies are advertised on the same day).

b. Concurrently the Clerk will place a Notice of Vacancy on the Village Noticeboard.

c. In accordance with rule 5 of the 2006 Rules, if within 14 days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after notice has been given, at least 10 electors give written notice to the proper officer of the principal authority (Wiltshire Council Electoral Services) of a request for an election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election must be held.

d. If no by-election is called, the council must as soon as practicable after the expiry of the 14 day period fill the vacancy by co-option. (The rules for co-option are in NALC Legal Briefing L15-08 re-issued 7 May 2015).

36. **Councillors' Reports.**

Cllr Harnett reported that the Shrewton Recreational Charity was moving forward with an active new committee with John Berry as Chairman.

37. **Finance and Correspondence**

- a. **Finance** Four cheques were signed:
- (i) £267.84 Clerk's salary
 - (ii) £67.20 Tax on clerk's salary
 - (iii) £80.00 Hire of village hall
 - (iv) £5.00 Hire of playground

The Clerk explained that, because we registered as "Exempt" from audit, there was nothing to report from auditors as there had been in previous years.

- b. **Correspondence** had been received:
- (i) Briefing Note 365 – Social Housing Green Paper - distributed
 - (ii) Briefing Note 366 – Local Government Boundary Commission - distributed.
 - (iii) Briefing Note 367 – Revised National Planning Policy Framework - distributed.
 - (iv) A request from a resident to provide 2 additional litter bins specifically for dog faeces. Additional bins would have to be paid for and would be outside the current contract for emptying, thereby attracting additional costs. Cllr Wright would investigate the possibility of moving one of the current bins.
 - (v) A general report on the current state of Erlestoke Prison.

38. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications** – an application for work to trees at Stonehenge Touring Park had been circulated. No objections. Cllr Coats felt that pollarding to hedge height might render trees C and D unviable but that was a decision for the tree officers.

b. **Highways and Byways**

(i) The Chairman of the Shrewton Recreational Charity reported that the bridge at the northern end of Footpath 15 was losing its bricks. The Clerk had reported this to Rights of Way and it would be inspected by the bridge engineer. It may be necessary to prevent vehicle access on this footpath.

(ii) The residents of Waterlake Farmhouse had complained that alterations to the precise route of Footpath Orcheston 7 was causing unnecessary confusion and inconvenience to walkers. There had been no consultation with the parish council or residents. The Clerk was directed to write to Rights of Way.

c. **Village Maintenance** – Cllr Wright had engaged with Wiltshire Council over Parish Steward issues. There would be a tractor in the village on 18 September to trim verges in the village and Elston Lane. (Afternote: the tractor did come on 18 September).

39. **Date of next meeting** 19 November 2018 at 7:30pm.

November 2018

S Shepherd Chairman