

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 19 November 2018

### **Present:**

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

### **In attendance:**

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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### **COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION**

40. One member of the public were present. The member of the public had no points to raise.

### **COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION**

41. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 17 September 2018.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2018 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

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

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

44. **Chairman's Report.**

**Co-option** Although three had registered an interest, only one elector attended with a view to being co-opted. As a result the Chairman proposed Mr Tim O'Keefe, who was elected without opposition. The Clerk was to ensure that he was made aware of the requirements of the Wiltshire Council Register of Interests.

**Playground inspection** Minor improvements had to be made; some digging out of rotten boards and fence repairs. There were questions as to whether the playground was necessary or used regularly. It was accepted that it is used minimally but, because the swings are relatively new and in good repair, we should stick with it at least until the next inspection. Mr Southey would be giving up grass cutting in March so we would advertise for a replacement then.

45. **Councillors' Reports.**

Cllr Coats reported on the Community Forum for maximising the benefits from the A303 upgrading. The plan for Rollestone Crossroads had been accepted and that work could happen early. The Longbarrow junction would be moved slightly. There would be a screen on the Till Valley viaduct (as well as the Countess Roundabout viaduct). Users of the Stonehenge Touring Park often ask if they can walk to Stonehenge but there are no footpaths to Airman's Cross. Cllr Coats would register as an interested person for the Community Forum. He would not be able to attend the next meeting and Cllr Cole agreed to go.

Cllr Harnett reported that there was nothing significant to report from the Shrewton Recreational Charity.

Cllr Cole reported that the commemorative trees had been collected. Nine had been planted in Orcheston and five had been given to Appleford School. With the commemorative aspect of the tree planting

complete, the emphasis now (from the Woodland Trust point of view) was to get the remaining trees planted where they would survive.

46. **Finance and Correspondence**

- a. Three Wiltshire Council Briefing Notes had already been distributed. They were :  
BN 370 Council Tax Single Person Discount  
BN 371 Green Paper on Social Housing and Rough Sleeping  
BN 372 Vision for Special Needs Education
- b. A complaint from a member of the public who had been butted by a sheep in a field.
- c. Instruction for submission of Precept (by 25 January 2019)
- d. Highways had replied to queries about the viability of the bridge at the N end of Footpath 15. It is not a Wiltshire Council maintained bridge. Nevertheless it had been inspected by an engineer and was not seen as a cause for concern. Shrewton Recreational Charity had restricted the number of people who could open the gate (thereby reducing the likelihood of traffic over the bridge).
- e. The Police and Crime Commissioner is looking for volunteers who might be interested in being part of the Restorative Justice system. Wiltshire Police are asking for the views of the public on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- f. The Parish Council is now registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. There is an annual fee of £40, reduced to £35 if we do it by Direct Debit. We have signed up to the Direct Debit method.
- g. Since the last PC meeting the bill (£79.80) for the playground inspection has been paid.
- h. Cheques were signed for:
  - (i) Clerk's salary £160.00
  - (ii) Tax on salary £40.00
  - (iii) Website domain costs £111.21

47. **Standing Agenda Items**

- a. **Planning Applications** – The work to trees at Drax House had been approved.
- b. **Highways and Byways**

A response had been received from Wiltshire Council Rights of Way on the obstruction of Orcheston 7. The Wiltshire Council view is that the interpretation of the route is that the more recently erected gate was either in or closer to the correct position rather than the double gates which had been used as the footpath and were locally perceived as the legal line. It was accepted that the RoW officer could have reacted better when challenged by a local resident. Cllr Wright contended that the correct procedure had not been followed and he would follow up the issue with Wiltshire Council.

The possibility of removing a public litter bin from outside Camirece to the Stonehenge Touring Park bridge was discussed. Because the bin was well used it was decided to leave it until research had been carried out to find out the cost of an additional bin and emptying it. The Clerk will contact Shrewton PC.

- c. **Village Maintenance** – nothing in addition to Highways and Byways.

48. **Date of next meeting** 21 January 2019 at 7:00pm (Precept setting meeting).

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