

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 20 JANUARY 2020 at 7:15pm

Present:

Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman (chairing the meeting)
Carol Cole	Councillor
Christopher Coats	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor

In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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Apologies:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Richard Ceaser	Councillor

BUDGET MEETING

49. A potential Precept had been circulated. Expenditure for 2019-2020 had been as expected and there were no additional spending plans identified.

50. The overall projected spend for this year will leave us with a surplus of £355. This is explained by £200 in Contingency; £125 was allowed for grass cutting but this was done on a voluntary basis at no cost; no payment had been made for postage/stationery (£30). The unpredictable expense is repairs to the playground.

51. Following discussion it was proposed that the 2020 - 2021 Precept should be £2200. This was carried unanimously. The tax base is 107.54 Band D equivalents, therefore the Band D charge would be £20.45.

The Clerk was therefore directed to submit a Precept requirement for £2200 for 2020/2021.

COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

52. No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

53. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2019.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2019 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

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

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

56. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman had not attended any external meetings and had nothing to report..

57. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Coats reported on the A303 Local Community Forum – parallel planning continues to ensure that the local area benefits from the legacy of the development. He would contact

Shrewton to see if anything is being done to progress establishing a footpath/cycle path from the village to Stonehenge.

58. **Finance and Correspondence.**

- a. Two cheques were issued – Clerk’s salary (£160.00), tax on salary (£40.00).
- b. **Briefing Notes** - the following BNs had been distributed:
BN 19/039 Community Joint Strategy Needs Assessment
BN 20/03 Upcoming Engagement/Consultation Events in Salisbury
- c. **Website Accessibility** - Understanding accessibility requirements for public sector bodies – regulations come into effect in September 2020. The Clerk is exploring how to claim an exemption.
- d. **Flooding** The Clerk had reported flooding on Elston Lane on the Wiltshire App. Road signs were in place within 24 hours. He had attended the Operational Flood Working Group on 15 January 2020 and reported:
 - (i) When clearing drains it is normal for debris to be deposited on the side of the road near the drain because Parish Stewards do not have waste transfer licences for contaminated waste; nevertheless they would be instructed to deposit debris downstream from the drain to avoid debris being immediately washed back to where it started from.
 - (ii) When reporting on the Wiltshire App, the response “Completed” will be posted when the complaint has been passed to the relevant department: it does not mean that the job has been completed to the satisfaction of the complainant.
 - (iii) Be aware that a new law on septic tanks came into force on 1 January 2020 (more to follow when the OFWG Minutes are published).
- e. **Website** The “Contact Us” feature on the PC website had been used for the first time by a woman whose father had been evacuated to the village during WW2.
- f. **Wiltshire Councillor** Darren Henry had resigned as Councillor for Till and Wylve Valley following his election as MP for Broxtowe (Notts).
- g. **Mud on road** Mud had been reported in the area of Mayfields. Highways cannot respond to every report on minor roads so the Clerk had spoken to the contractor. The contractors are cooperative but need regular reminders to clean up.

59. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications**

Amendments at Mayfields. (19/11995/FUL) The notification had been circulated. There were no objections.

Camirece Planning was approved in December 2019.(19/06122/FUL)

b. **Highways and Byways** Nothing to report.

c. **Village Maintenance** The Parish Steward had not visited for 2 months.

60. Date of next meeting 16 March 2020.

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