

**ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL**  
**On 16 March 2020 at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Richard Ceaser	Councillor

**In attendance:**

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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**Apologies:**

Carol Cole	Councillor
Christopher Coats	Councillor
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor

**COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION**

61. Three members of the public were present. One member of the public asked about the ownership of the field behind Whatcombe Brow. The Chairman explained that it was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but was part of Rookery Farm. The Chairman of Shrewton Parish Council raised the issue of a coordinated approach to the Covid 19 issue and this is dealt with under the Chairman's Report.

**COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION**

62. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 had been circulated. There were no comments and they were signed as a true record.

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

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

65. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman led a discussion on how the Parish Council should respond to the Covid 19 pandemic. He read out a number of documents received from the Rector and NALC. A major issue is that PCs do not have resources for situations of this sort but there does appear to be a general willingness for people to help where they can. Firstly fit people should be encouraged to keep an eye on their neighbours. The discussion concluded with the undertaking that the Chairman would draft a general letter offering help/asking for volunteers to be delivered with the next issue of Arrowhead. This may require volunteers to forego their rights under GDPR in that their contact details may be passed around to allow those needing help to get in touch with them.

66. **Councillors' Reports.** Nil.

67. **Finance and Correspondence.**

- a. Two cheques were issued – Clerk's salary £160, tax on salary £40.
- b. The following Briefing Notes had been distributed;
  - (i) 20-05 CATG survey
  - (ii) 20-09 Changes to kerbside recycling
  - (iii) 20-10 Summary of better deal for bus users

- (iv) 20-11 Working in partnership with town and parish councils
- (v) 20-04 Wilts Housing Site Allocation Plan – receipt of Inspector’s report
- c. Election material had been received and published on the Noticeboard.
- d. Fire and Rescue public meetings
- e. Wiltshire Survey of open spaces
- f. Direction on how CIL funds may be spent.
- g. Closure of A360 in Tilshead on 30 March 2020

68. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications**

- (i) Felling of dead tree at Orcheston House
- (ii) Improvements at Windermere, The Hollow (in Shrewton)

b. **Highways and Byways** The Parish Steward is due in the village on 23 March. The pothole at the crossroads is the most urgent issue.

c. **Village Maintenance** Nothing to report.

69. Date of next meeting 18 May 2020 at 19:15 for the Annual Parish Meeting.

May 2020

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S Shepherd Chairman