

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 21 September 2020

Present:

Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Carol Cole	Councillor
Christopher Coats	Councillor
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Richard Ceaser	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor

In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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Apologies:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

21. In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by Cllr Wright. There was one member of the public present and he offered to answer any questions on Agenda item 7b(i).

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

22. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 13 July 2020.** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2020 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

23. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr Wright agreed to be Vice Chairman and was elected unopposed.

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

25. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman was unable to be present and there was no report.

26. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Harnett reported that the Shrewton Recreational Charity had received some additional funding. Their pitches were now in a far better state than ever before and there are plans to construct a Memorial Garden in the area close to the playground. There were no other councillors' reports.

27. Finance and Correspondence

- a. **Finance** Four cheques were signed:
- (i) £160.00 Clerk's salary
 - (ii) £40.00 Tax on clerk's salary
 - (iii) £80.00 Hire of village hall
 - (iv) £5.00 Hire of playground

The Clerk explained that before the next meeting we would pay £35 to the Information Commissioner's Office by Direct Debit and we would receive a bill for the annual inspection of the playground. The Clerk would take the relevant cheque to the Chairman and Vice Chairman when the bill arrives.

- b. **Correspondence** had been received and distributed:
- (i) Briefing Note 20-25 Leisure Centre Opening
 - (ii) Briefing Note 20-26 Library Opening.
 - (iii) Briefing Note 20-27 Temporary Pavement Licences.

- (iv) Briefing Note 20-28 Planning Update
- (v) Briefing Note 20-30 Area Board Boundary Review.

28. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications –**

- (i) Land opposite Viste – the Planning Appeals Inspector had dismissed the appeal.
- (ii) Homeleigh – a payment of CIL would be made in the October pay run.

b. **Highways and Byways** Cllr Wright reported that a number of public rights of way needed attention because they were overgrown

- (i) Footpath 3 – from Elston Lane north past the Gallops
- (ii) Bridleway 10 – from Threepenny Bit to Greenlands Camp
- (iii) Footpath 13 - from the Triangle to New Buildings
- (iv) Footpath 22 – from Bridleway 10 (210m north of Threepenny Bit) to Byway 16, 200m north of Rookery farm..
- (v) Restricted Byway 14 – from the Triangle to C291 (top of Gibbs Hill).

Cllr Coats reported that a fence was down on Footpath 5 and that there is a plan to re-instate it.

c. **Wall at the crossroads** - Concerns had been expressed over the condition and safety of the wall at the crossroads. It was explained that the owners had engaged a contractor who had removed all of the render that appeared to be loose. The wall will be covered with a tarpaulin in order to keep rain off and restrict any possibility of tiles falling off. The exposed material of the wall would not decay further just due to rain because chalk dries out relatively quickly. Re-instating the wall to its original condition was programmed for Spring 2021.

d. **20 mph speed limit** - Cllr Coats outlined the case for a 20 mph speed limit throughout the area currently covered by the 30 mph speed limit. The council agreed in principle that the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit should be investigated with the CATG (including potential costs). It was noted that enforcement would remain an issue.

e. **Village Maintenance** – The Parish Steward had been delayed in Tilshead on 21 Sep 20 but would be in Orcheston 22 Sep 20. The Triangle was being maintained far better than ever before and we should record our thanks to Luke Burton, who had done the work. Cllr Harnett reported that there were still dog owners who did not control their dogs properly and failed to clear up after them. A note would be put in the Arrowhead magazine.

29. **Date of next meeting** 16 November 2020 at 7:30pm.

November 2020

S Shepherd Chairman