

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 7 December 2020

Present:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Christopher Coats	Councillor
Carol Cole	Councillor
Richard Ceaser	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor

Apologies:

Maureen Harnett	Councillor
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In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

30. One member of the public was present.

31. The Chairman suggested that masks should be worn but removed when an individual was speaking.

32. Mrs Harwood, a member of the public, explained that the person who had helped to remove loose debris from the wall at the crossroads (Minute 28c) was not the contractor but was her son, who had done so as a helpful neighbour. She had written to the Clerk after the draft minutes of the previous meeting had been published to advise that she had felt the Minutes did not record what had happened. The Clerk, at the behest of the Chairman, had replied to Mrs Harwood's letter to advise that the draft Minutes were a record of business transacted at the meeting. The Chairman noted, on behalf of the Council, Mrs Harwood's clarification of what had happened.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

33. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 21 September 2020.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2020 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

34. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a. See paragraph 32 above.

b. Research into the possibility of asking for a 20 mph speed limit had revealed:

(i) Highways would gather data on average speeds; it is unlikely that any changes would be made unless average speeds were below 24 mph.

(ii) If CATG agree to a survey then Orcheston would have to pay 25% of the £2500 cost ie £625.

(iii) Implementation of any approved changes would also incur a charge of 25% of the overall cost. Similar schemes in Wylve cost £11,000 and Winterbourne Stoke £5,000. We should therefore expect to have to pay at least £1250.

c. The subject would be a main Agenda item at the next meeting and Councillors would have to decide whether it was worth such an expense. The Clerk was directed to find out whether CIL income could be used for this purpose.

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

36. **Chairman's Report.**

Playground inspection The Chairman reported the findings of the inspection which had just arrived. Some fencing rails needed replacement; a piece of rope should be removed from the oak tree; algae should be washed from the basketball stand.

37. **Councillors' Reports.** There were no reports from individual councillors.

38. **Finance and Correspondence**

a. Four Wiltshire Council Briefing Notes had already been distributed. They were :

20-30 Area Board Boundary Review

20-31 Proposals for Reform of Planning System

20-33 Public Space Protection Orders

20-34 Return to streamlined overview and scrutiny

b. Wiltshire Council had issued its instruction on submission of the Precept. This year our tax base is 107.9 Band D equivalents.

c. Other mail had been received:

(i) A CIL payment had been received.

(ii) Wiltshire Rough Sleepers Estimate – nil return.

(iii) Quorum of the Parish Council – because we are within 6 months of local elections there will be no need to replace any councillor who may drop out.

d. Cheques were signed for:

(i) Clerk's salary £160.00

(ii) Tax on salary £40.00

(iii) Website domain costs £110.32

(iv) Playground inspection £82.20

(v) Information Commissioner's Office £35.00 had been paid by Direct Debit

39. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications.** There were no objections to a tree notification for a dead chestnut at Cozens House.

b. **Highways and Byways.**

(i) Patching had been carried out at the crossroads; tarmac had been put into the hole and the workman's van was driven over it.

(ii) There was some discussion of the correct location of the junction of Orcheston footpaths 5 and 6. Councillor Wright asked whether the Clerk had received an email from a member of the public about the route of Footpath 5. The correspondent had been advised by the landowner that he was not following the correct route when running. As the landowner is Councillor Coats, he was able to explain that he had had a discussion with the runner to explain that he was not following the correct route of the

path at the junction of footpaths 5 and 6. Councillor Wright advised that he had invited the Rights of Way Officer to come and inspect the route of these footpaths

(iii) The fence posts holding up the barrier beside the river along Elston Lane are falling over. The Clerk is to report this to Highways.

(iv) Cllr Coats gave a summary of the situation on the A303 Stonehenge tunnel. Detail is available on the Highways England website.

c. **Village Maintenance.** The hedges on Whatcombe Brow had been trimmed.

40. **Date of next meeting** 18 January 2021 at 7:15pm (Precept setting meeting).

January 2021

S Shepherd Chairman