

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

ON 19 July 2021

Present:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor
Jenny Pugh	Councillor
Sally Franklin	Councillor

Apologies:

Christopher Coats	Councillor
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In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

22. No members of the public were present. The Chairman welcomed the two new councillors.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

23. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Co-opted Members.** Jenny Pugh and Sally Franklin signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

24. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2021.** The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2021 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

25. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** In response to an enquiry from the Clerk the new Highways Engineer, Rhiann Surgenor, had offered to visit Orcheston to see if any re-surfacing should be drawn into the 5-year plan.

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

27. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman explained the closure of the A360 between Longbarrow Roundabout and The Avenue (Wilton) roundabout from September to December. Information had been received from Kevin Daley, the Wiltshire Council member for Till and Wylve Valley. The impact on Orcheston was discussed and fears were expressed that there would be rat running on the C291 (Elston Lane) because this occurred on the last occasion of closure of the A360. The Clerk would report this to Wiltshire Council via Kevin Daley.

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

29. **Finance** The Auditors, PKF Littlejohn, had acknowledged receipt of the Certificate of Exemption. The notice of Exercise of Public Rights had been displayed on the Village Noticeboard from 3 June 2021 until 14 July 2021 but nobody had come forward to inspect the accounts (though the accounts remain available on the website). Cheques were issued for:

a. Clerk's salary	£160.00
b. Tax on clerk's salary	£40.00

30. **Correspondence.** Briefing Notes had been distributed:

- 21-07 Update on Leisure Centres transferring to Wiltshire Council
- 21-08 How to suggest improvements to bus services in Wiltshire
- 21-10 Democratic meetings during the pandemic
- 21-11 Wiltshire Council Mowing Policy
- 21-12 Substantive Highways Scheme Fund – Application Process
- 21-13 Management of Council Business and Publicity during the Pre-election period

31. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications**

- (i) PL/2021/05763 1 Church Close -removal of a hornbeam – approved.
- (ii) 21/02117/FUL Appleford school – additional building - awaiting decision.
- (iii) PL/2021/05765 Cherry Tree Cottage – side extensions – awaiting decision – there were no objections but the application should have been for Listed Building Consent.
- (iv) PL/2021/03979/Cozens House – reduction of conifers – approved.

b. **Highways and Byways** – Cllr Harnett noted that the fence at the bridge by the camp site was rotten. Cllr Wright had reported this and would follow up. The stile on Footpath 6 had been repaired by John Davis and was now fit for purpose.

c. **Village Maintenance** – the Parish Steward had been re-tasked (away from Orcheston) this month. Some digging out of grips was necessary.

32. Date of next meeting 20 September 2021 starting at 7:30pm.

September 2021

S Shepherd Chairman