

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 15 November 2021

Present:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Christopher Coats	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor
Jenny Pugh	Councillor
Sally Franklin	Councillor

Apologies:

Maureen Harnett	Councillor
John Badgery	Clerk to the Council

COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

43. Five members of the public were present.

a. One member of the public asked whether the Council would consider applying to reduce the speed limit within the village to 20 mph. The Chairman replied that previously the Council had considered making an application but thought the cost to Council Taxpayers of making an application did not warrant doing so. However, there is a new Council, and therefore it is possible for a Councillor to raise the issue at a future meeting.

b. Two members of the public raised their concern at the number of cyclists coming off Bridleway 10 into the village, following on from the inclusion of the village on the King Alfred's Way cycle route promoted by UK Cycling. They are concerned at the speed of some cyclists past houses without a pavement, and also instances of unsavoury behaviour. Exchanges of correspondence between village residents and UK Cycling had previously been circulated to Council members. The Chairman advised that cyclists have a right under law to ride on bridleways. He also indicated that he had listed Bridleway 10 on the Agenda so that the Council could make any resolution they approved.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

44. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2021.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2021 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

45. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** No matters arising.

46. **Declaration of interests.** The chairman declared an interest in planning application PL/2021/08973. Cllr Franklin advised that planning application PL/2021/04751 had been withdrawn and therefore she did not require to declare an interest.

47. **Chairman's Report.** a. The Chairman reopened the discussion on how our CIL money could be spent. Councillors agreed that funds should be used for a new Parish Council noticeboard. Councillors agreed that funds should not be used to replace the fence around the Play Area as this is rarely used. The Council would continue piecemeal repairs to this fence. Further information to be gathered on costs and range of defibrillators but again Councillors in favour of using CIL funds towards cost.

b. The annual ROSPA inspection report for the Play Area had been received. Similar maintenance suggestions to last year.

c. Bridleway 10 – Following on from matters raised in informal session by Members of the Public, the Council authorised the Chairman to write to UK Cycling to advise of the issues raised and to invite their representative to meet with the Chairman to discuss means to ameliorate the issues in the course of UK Cycling’s review of the route.

48. **Councillors’ Reports.** Cllr Coats asked whether sign pointing to campsite at the crossroads could be replaced as in poor condition.

49. **Finance** Cheques were issued after the meeting for:

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| a. Clerk’s salary | £160.00 |
| b. Tax on clerk’s salary | £40.00 |
| c. Playsafety | £82.20 |
| d. Website costs | £104.59 |

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

- 21-16 Taxi Tariff Charges
- 21-18 Community Governance Review
- 21-21 Planning Policy for Renewable Energy
- 21-22 Covid Update
- 21-23 Democratic meetings

51. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications**

(i) PL/2021/04751 - 1 Church Close - this has been withdrawn.

(ii) PL/2021/08973 - The Rookery - Councillors said they had not seen this application. The Chairman said when they had seen the application, they should forward comments direct to the Clerk.

b. **Highways and Byways** – Cllr Wright reported that issue of railings at campsite bridge had not yet been resolved. He also stated that Bridleway 10 and Footpath 3 had not been cutback. Low branches stretching into Byway 7 also need cutting back.

c. **Village Maintenance**

52. Date of next meeting 17 January 2022 starting at 7:15pm to accommodate budgeting for precept.

January 2022

S Shepherd Chairman