

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 17 JANUARY 2022 at 7:15pm

### Present:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman (withdrew from the meeting at 7:30pm)
Jenny Pugh	Councillor
Christopher Coats	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor

### In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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### Apologies:

Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Sally Franklin	Councillor

### BUDGET MEETING

53. A potential Precept had been circulated. Expenditure for 2021 - 2022 had been as expected but some expenditure on repairs to the playground fencing would be necessary.

54. The overall projected spend for this year will leave us with a surplus of around £230. This is explained by £200 in Contingency; £125 was allowed for grass cutting but this was done on a voluntary basis at no cost; no allowance has been made for grass cutting in the 2022-2023 budget. An additional, unforeseen expense this year has been the introduction of bank charges.

55. Following discussion, it was proposed that the 2022 - 2023 Precept should be £2280. This was carried unanimously. The tax base is 105.61 Band D equivalents; therefore, the Band D charge would be £21.58.

The Clerk was therefore directed to submit a Precept requirement for £2280 for 2022/2023. (Done 18 Jan 2022).

### COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

56. Nine members of the public were present. The focus of their interest was the discussion of cycling on King Alfred's Way (KAW) and the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit. In summary comments from the public were:

#### **KAW cycling**

- KAW is advertised in every cycling magazine
- Speeding cyclists are too close to the cottages whose doors open directly on to the road
- Alternative, wider routes via Elston Hill or Shrewton Farm (both routes are BOATs) had been suggested directly to Cycling UK – this would appear to be a common-sense solution
- There was one event that appeared to encourage participants to race through the village. Other cyclists have admitted to be trying to set a time to complete KAW.
- Event organisers have a duty of care and timed events should be stewarded
- On one weekend 120 riders came through between 0900 and 1000 hrs

- On a bridleway pedestrians and horses have priority over cyclists

#### **20mph speed limit**

- There are no footpaths in the village
- It is common for vehicles, especially delivery vehicles, to exceed the current speed limit
- The whole 30mph area should be reduced to 20mph

### **COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION**

57. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2021.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2021 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

58. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** Following the RoSPA report there was a requirement to repair the fence railings around the playground. The Clerk had identified that 10 rails needed to be replaced and would source them from Mole. The supply of sandbags had been omitted from the Minutes. Sandbag policy is on the website but it is the responsibility of individual householders to furnish themselves with sandbags and Wiltshire Council will supply them only in an emergency (ie after the fact).

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

60. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman had written to Cycling UK and had received a response on 17 January indicating that there was to be a review of the first period of KAW in April 2022. Duncan Dollimore, Head of Campaigns and Advocacy at Cycling UK would meet the Chairman on site in early April.

61. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. **20 mph speed limit.** Cllr Coats led on a proposal to request the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to implement a 20mph speed limit on the area currently subject to the 30mph limit. Information had been circulated with the Agenda. Cllr Coats quoted from a 2017 RoSPA Factsheet stating the likelihood of pedestrian fatality hit at at 20mph was 2.5% whilst it was 30% at 30mph. It was noted that delivery vehicles were always operating against the clock. The Clerk outlined the process:

- Parish Council votes for the proposal
- Forward proposal to CATG
- CATG approves traffic survey (Orcheston PC will have to pay 25% of cost of survey, likely £625)
- Survey will report on viability/likely efficacy of 20mph limit
- Implementation (Orcheston PC will have to pay 25% of cost of implementation, likely £1250 - £1500)
- This will not be a short process and the Clerk referred to a recent note from Highways explaining that Traffic Surveys had been delayed due to the pandemic.

The PC voted in favour of submitting the application to the CATG – Cllr Coats would represent the PC.

b. **Dangerous cycling.** This had been covered already.

c. **CIL expenditure.** It was agreed that, in addition to a new noticeboard the cost of the traffic survey (if agreed by CATG) should be from the CIL money.

d. **Defibrillator.** This would be put off until the next meeting.

e. **Parked lorry.** The Clerk was directed to contact Ashley Wood to report that the vehicle parked on Whatcombe Brow was in breach of the normal vehicle operating licence conditions.

62. **Finance and Correspondence.**

- Two cheques were issued – Clerk's salary (£160.00), tax on salary (£40.00).
- Briefing Notes** - BN 21/26 Christmas Waste Collection had been distributed.
- The WALC Secretary was standing down on 19 January 2022.

- d. The Police and Crime Commissioner was asking for an increase in the PCC Precept with the intention of providing 62 additional police officers. Comments on the planned increase may be placed on the PCC website by 2 Feb 22.
- e. A notice from Age UK Wiltshire would be placed on the Noticeboard.

63. **Standing Agenda Items**

- a. **Planning Applications** There had been no objections to the Draxfield tree application.
- b. **Highways and Byways** Nothing to report.
- c. **Village Maintenance** Nothing to report.

64. Date of next meeting 21 March 2022.

March 2022

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S Shepherd Chairman