

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 16 May 2022

Present:

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

In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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Apologies:

Maureen Harnett	Councillor
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

1. No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

2. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.** Sam Shepherd was elected as Chairman unopposed. Bryan Wright was elected as Vice Chairman unopposed.

3. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** The Chair and Vice Chair signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. **Councillors with Special Responsibilities.** Special responsibilities were confirmed as below:

Planning	the extant system (if necessary an extraordinary meeting of the PC will be called following receipt of an application)
Emergency Planning	Cllr O'Keefe
Highways /Rights of Way/Parish Steward	Cllr Wright
Traffic/A303	Cllr Coats
Shrewton Recreational Charity	Cllr Harnett
MoD liaison	Cllr Coats

5. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022.** The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** See Chairman's Report.

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

8. **Dates and times of meetings for the coming year.** Meetings would normally start at 1930 hrs. Dates were agreed as follows:

Mon 18 Jul 2022

Mon 19 Sep 2022

Mon 21 Nov 2022

Mon 16 Jan 2023 (at 1915 hrs – Precept setting meeting)

Mon 20 Mar 2023

Mon 15 May 2023

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting would be confirmed following consultation.

9. **Chairman's Report.**

a. The Chairman had had a meeting with Duncan Dollimore, CEO of UK Cycling, to talk through the issues raised by residents following cycling events that had caused some discontent in the village. John Spottiswood was also in attendance to represent those residents who have raised concerns. Duncan Dollimore explained that, throughout the 350km of the King Alfred's Way route, Orcheston was the only village that had raised issues with route. He undertook to consider the issues raised and get back to us. Disappointingly he has not made contact. Glorious Gravel had responded to the Chairman and communication is open. Their events are not races and so riders should not be racing through the village. Riders do wear numbers so they are accountable and where any rider is abusive we should report them to the organisers. If future events do use the bridleway and village road the organiser will notify residents of the date and timings of the event. The Chairman hopes to meet with the organiser before any future event comes through the village.

b. The Chairman also recorded his thanks to Sally Franklin who had stood down from being a councillor.

c. The Clerk would advertise the vacant councillor's position for co-option.

10. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Coats had attended a meeting of the CATG (now known as Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group) to advocate for a traffic survey as the first step of the potential introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The response from LHFIG was entirely positive – the survey would be carried out late summer/early autumn. We were optimistic that it could be as simple as replacing the "30" discs with "20" discs. Cllr Pugh suggested that the triangle area could be planted in a manner to make it more attractive. Cllr O'Keefe questioned the efficacy and cost of the playground. Following discussion it was proposed that the views of residents would be sought but that the general view was that the playground was no longer viable.

11. **Finance** The Clerk had distributed a copy of the Income and Expenditure for the whole year. The accounts agreed with the bank statements.

12. The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted.

13. The Chairman read out the questions on the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22. The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement.

14. The Chairman read through the Accounting Statements 2021/22 and the Council approved the Accounting Statements.

15. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council qualified as "Exempt from External Audit" because neither the Annual Income nor the Annual Expenditure exceeded £25,000. The Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption.

16. At the end of the financial year the balance was £5247.98 and we had now received £2280 as the precept for FY 2021/22. Expenditure was approved:

a.	Community First for insurance	£184.42
b.	Wiltshire Assn of Local Councils	£106.39
c.	Clerk's salary	£160.00
d.	Clerk's tax	£40.00

17. The Clerk would announce the Exercise of Public Rights on 31 May 2022. The period for the Exercise of Public Rights would be: Commence Mon 13 June 2022, end Fri 22 July 2022.

18. **Correspondence.**

Briefing Notes had been distributed:

22-09 5 year Housing Land Supply and Housing Delivery Test

22-10 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

22-11 Solar Together Wiltshire

19. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications**

The Auvers tree application had been approved.

b. **Highways and Byways** – Nothing to report.

c. **Village Maintenance** – the railings at the caravan park had been renewed. The light at Hunter's Moon was reported on 12 January but they are awaiting a part. Two of the three manhole covers at the crossroads had been replaced. IdVerde had cut back the embankment from Whatcombe Brow to the triangle.

20. Date of next meeting Mon 18 July 2022 starting at 7:30pm.

July 2022

S Shepherd Chairman