

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 18 July 2022

Present:

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| Sam Shepherd | Chairman |
| Christopher Coats | Councillor |
| Tim O'Keefe | Councillor |
| Maureen Harnett | Councillor |

In attendance:

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| John Badgery | Clerk to the Council |
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Apologies:

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| Bryan Wright | Vice Chairman |
| Jenny Pugh | Councillor |

Co-option of seventh councillor. Three potential councillors were present and so it was decided that the vote for co-option would be the first item on the Agenda. The three candidates offered some remarks. The initial vote by councillors resulted in a tie which was then decided by drawing one of the names from a hat.

Ashley Young was co-opted to the council.

COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

21. Four members of the public were present. The issues raised by cycling events coming through the village were raised again. Communication with Glorious Gravel had resulted in them changing the route of their most recent event to avoid Orcheston, though they would be coming through during the August Bank Holiday. Until now Cycling UK had not responded to the meeting with the Chairman in April. The Chairman would follow up. It was pointed out that organisers of such events have a duty of care and should be covered by public liability insurance. **Afternote:** Since the PC meeting Glorious Gravel have confirmed that they do hold Public Liability Insurance.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

22. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022.** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

23. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a. **20mph speed limit.** The requirement for a survey had been agreed and passed to a contractor for implementation. It was anticipated that it would happen in September.

b. **Highways.** Highways had responded to questions raised at the last meeting.

(i) A request for the campsite sign located at the crossroads to be replaced should be done by completing a Highway Improvement form – Clerk to action.

(ii) Installation of rumble strips should be done by completing a Highway Improvement form – Clerk to action.

(iii) Installation of a convex mirror at the crossroads – Wiltshire Council would not support mirrors on the highway.

c. **Noticeboard.** Details of the proposed Noticeboard had been circulated. The consensus was that the colour should be black provided that did not involve additional expense.

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

25. **Chairman's Report.**

a. The issue of co-option had been dealt with at the start of the meeting.

b. Although the whole village had been circulated, only one person had voiced an opinion on the play area. It was decided to defer any decision on retaining/disposing of the play area until the next meeting when more councillors would be present. We would therefore have to pay for the RoSPA inspection in September.

c. There had been no response at all to the suggestion of holding the Annual Parish Meeting as a separate event. However, it was decided that the APM should be held in April 2023 with local organisations being invited to give a short explanation of what they do.

26. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Harnett reported that the Shrewton Recreational Charity had engaged a tree surgeon to conduct a survey of the trees overhanging Elston Lane and she would bring any findings to a future meeting.

27. **Finance** Cheques were signed for:

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| a. | Greenbarnes (Noticeboard) | £1475.21 |
| b. | Clerk's salary | £160.00 |
| c. | Clerk's tax | £40.00 |

28. **Correspondence.**

Briefing Notes had been distributed:

22-14 Community Governance Review Consultation June 2022

22-15 Delivery of the Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy

22-16 Wiltshire Council's Streetscene Contract

29. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications** - Nothing to report.

b. **Highways and Byways** – Cllr Coats suggested that we request that the roads throughout the village be re-surfaced.

c. **Village Maintenance** – we should ask Wiltshire Council to clear the drains before Autumn. We should discover from Wiltshire Council the cost of adding the fourth waste bin to the bin emptying contract.

30. Date of next meeting Mon 19 Sep 2022 starting at 7:30pm.

September 2022

S Shepherd Chairman