

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 21 November 2022

Present:

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Jenny Pugh	Councillor
Tim O'Keefe	Councillor
Christopher Coates	Councillor
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Ashley Young	Councillor

In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

42 Five members of the public were present.

43. Judith Moore, a volunteer with St John's Ambulance, had been invited to present the advantages of the village having a defibrillator available at the Whatcombe Brow area of the village (there is already one at the Touring Park). Having demonstrated the equipment used by Tilshead she also explained the "200 metre" rule. There is a need for a heated cabinet, therefore a power source, to house the equipment. It is sensible to have a named person responsible for routine monthly maintenance/checking of the equipment. There will be occasional expenses eg replacement pads every 3 or 4 years or when they have been used. Potential costs: defibrillator approx. £1100; heated cabinet £600. Residents would be asked if they were willing to contribute to the purchase/installation.

44. The issue of cycling on King Alfred's Way was raised again but there was no new information and the Chairman was keen not to rehearse old arguments.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

45. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2022.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2022 had been circulated and were signed as a true record subject to amending attendance record to note apologies received from two Councillors after the meeting.

46. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

CIL. The Clerk had asked Wiltshire Council whether we might receive any CIL money in respect of the new house at Camirece. The response was that the owner had applied for exemption on the basis that it was a self-build project. They are waiting for the Part 2 form and evidence when the build is complete.

47. **Declaration of interests.** The Chairman declared that he was also a member of the Village Hall Committee.

48. **Chairman's Report.**

a. **Constituency boundary changes.** Information had been circulated showing the intention of the Boundary Commission to transfer Orcheston from the Salisbury Parliamentary constituency to a new East Wiltshire constituency. The rationale is an attempt to create constituencies of broadly equal sizes (around

70,000 electors). The Clerk was directed to raise the following issues in a response to the Boundaries Commission:

- (i) Salisbury brands itself around Stonehenge which has now been moved out of the constituency.
- (ii) Services for Till Valley come from Salisbury.
- (iii) The only bus service goes from Devizes to Salisbury.
- (iv) Hospital services are centred on Salisbury.

b. **Defibrillator.** It was agreed that we should acquire a defibrillator and there followed discussion on how to pay for it. Cllr Young undertook to research potential funding sources. We anticipate that it should be attached to the wall of the Village Hall subject to the agreement of the Village Hall Committee.

49. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Coats led on the results of the Wiltshire Council 20 mph Speed Restriction Assessment which had been circulated. The data showed that the average speed over the three Metrocount devices varied between 15.9 mph and 18.6 mph. These results were in line with the policy where Wiltshire Council would support a reduction of the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph. Cllr Young read out that the recommendation in the report that said: "Based on the analysis of the speed and collision data for the area and comparing these results with Wiltshire Council Policy on implementing 20 mph speed limits and zones, it is recommended that this location can be considered for a 20mph speed limit. However, as existing vehicle speeds are already significantly below the 24 mph mean speed threshold it is considered unlikely that altering the speed limit will have any further substantial impact on altering driven speeds in the future. Therefore, it is worth considering whether the benefits of introducing a 20mph speed limit outweigh the costs of implementation at this location." Nevertheless some Councillors thought that the locations selected for the Metrocount devices did not reflect truly the perceived speeding problem in the village. There had not been any traffic accidents in the last three years but near misses are never counted. The Parish Council contribution to implementing the 20mph speed limit would be £1750. [The discussion between councillors confirmed that it was clear that a 20 mph speed limit would improve road safety in Orcheston. Affordability was an issue and different ways of funding should be explored. Without alternative funding this would be the equivalent of adding about £17.50 to the Council tax for a Band D house for next year.](#) Voting for the 20 mph speed limit proposal was: For 3; Against 3; Abstained 1. The Chair exercised his casting vote against the proposal.

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

a	20 mph speed limit survey	£625.00 (from CIL fund)
b.	Clerk's salary	£160.00
c.	Clerk's tax	£40.00
d.	Website costs	£154.13
e.	Playground inspection	£84.00

From 31 August 2023 the cost to the Parish Council of hiring the Village Hall for meetings would rise from £80 to £100 per annum.

51. **Correspondence.**

Briefing Notes had been distributed:

- 22-20 Substantive Highways Scheme Fund
- 22-21 Community Governance Review
- 22-22 Avian Flu Update

52. **Standing Agenda Items**

- a. **Planning Applications**

PL/2022/07684 Trees at Drax House – approved with no objections

PL/2022/07869 Trees at Draxfield – approved with no objections

There are no other current planning applications.

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

c. **Village Maintenance** – The Parish Steward had cleared some grips and cut the verges. Some concrete channels would be installed at the bridge. Riparian owners would be reminded of their responsibility to keep river beds clear.

53. **Date of next meeting** Mon 16 January 2023 starting at 7:15pm as it will be the Council Tax precept meeting.

March 2023

S Shepherd Chairman