

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting Orcheston Parish Council held at Orcheston Village Hall on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Sam Shepherd, Christopher Coats, Tim O'Keefe, Maureen Harnett, Jenny Pugh

**In attendance:** Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk) and two members of the public.

### Public Participation 7.30pm

### Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.40pm

**23/21 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved:** Cllr Wright (submitted after the meeting)

**23/22 Minutes.** Cllr Pugh asked for minute number 19 to be changed to 'there was a comment that it would be nice if replacement trees were planted. All were unanimous in favour for the change. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**23/23 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved:** None

**23/24 Matters arising from the minutes. Resolved:** None

### **23/25 Chairmans Report.**

In response to Cllrs queries regarding co-opting a new Councillor, the Cllr Shepherd reported that we have notified the elections department of Wiltshire Council and have been given a notice to go on the notice board for 14 days from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. If 10 parishioners don't request an election, we then have the vacancy given back to us by the elections department and we are then able to advertise the councillor vacancy for co-option.

Cllr Shepherd reported that the Parish Council has received emails regarding the Wiltshire Transport review, as requested I have collated all the comments from my fellow councillors and submitted the survey back on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Shepherd attended the Shrewton Parish Council meeting, along with Cllr O'Keefe regarding the agenda item suggesting a community governance review of the parish boundary. There was no seconder to the motion and Orcheston received support from the majority of the Shrewton Parish Council due to the adverse effect a review of the parish boundary would have on Orcheston.

Cllr Shepherd asked the clerk to add Councillor Reports on the next agenda and invited any reports from Cllrs.

Cllr Pugh reported that she attended an event for the Protection of Rural England which had several interesting talks. Our Winterbourne is apparently one of the most important in the country which is worth bearing in mind in relation to our byways. They have said they would be happy to come and do a presentation here, so it was suggested we invite them to the Annual Parish Meeting. There were also talks on Community Energy Schemes, for which there is finance available, so it is worth keeping in mind for the future.

## **23/26 Accounts for Payment: LGA 1972 s150 (5)**

### **Payments Ratified**

Clerks Salary	£62.04
HMRC	£15.80

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Shepherd, seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/27 Online Banking.** Council was asked to consider applying for online banking.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Shepherd, seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.

## **23/28 Standing Agenda Items**

### **i) Highways and Byways**

Closure of Shrewton High Street for resurfacing at the beginning of August. This will impact Orcheston. Clerk to confirm with Highways where the diversions will be and inform them that Councillors are concerned about the level of traffic which will be diverted through Orcheston. Cllr Coats will send the MOD a reminder that no military vehicles are allowed down this road.

### **ii) Village Maintenance**

- a) Winter Preparations – An email has been circulated to all Cllrs and the Flood Warden regarding Winter Preparations. The Clerk is to request another 100 gel bags. Cllr Pugh reported that the salt bin by the triangle is broken. Clerk to report it. Cllrs O'Keefe and Pugh have volunteered to put together a snow plan for cold weather-related incidents.
- b) Cllrs have requested more information on the Parish Steward. The clerk to email the details to all Cllrs.

## **23/29 Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include: - -**

- a) **Planning application Orcheston Campsite** - Still listed as no decision. Cllr Shepherd has emailed but has not yet received an update.
- b) **20 mph speed limit** – Cllr Coats has no update; the next step is to take a questionnaire around the village to gauge the support. Offer still there from LHFIG subject to us going back and saying that we want it so the Parish Council needs to gauge the support as we would need to increase the precept to contribute our 25% share of the costs.
- c) **Defibrillator** – Cllr Shepherd has done several online applications for part funded defibrillators and has had an offer back from London Hearts for a defibrillator and heated case for a minimum donation of £1195 including VAT, which we would be able to claim back. The Parish Council are able to contribute £700, recent fundraising has contributed another £295 so we need to look at raising another £200. The Parish Council will work to gather local support and donations with the aim of been able to raise the outstanding funds by September.
- d) **Campsite Bin** – Still trying to find out from Iverdi how much it would be for the Council to empty the 4<sup>th</sup> bin by the campsite. Cllr Shepherd will continue emptying the bin until we have a solution. Clerk to chase.

**23/30 Orcheston Parish Council Code of Conduct** Circulated prior to meeting for members perusal and taken as read.

**Resolved: Cllr Shepherd proposed approval and adoption of the code of conduct, seconded Cllr Coats, voting unanimous in favour.**

**23/31 Standing Orders.** Based on NALC model regulations circulated prior to meeting, the documents were taken as read.

**Resolved: Cllr Shepherd proposed approval and adoption of the standing orders, seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.**

**23/32 Correspondence**

**Resolved: None**

**23/33 Partnership Meetings to consider attending: -**

- i) LHFIG – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Cllr Coats will attend
- ii) Resilience Event – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – 9.00 – 16.30 at Tidworth Garrison Theatre, Tidworth, SP9 7EP – Cllrs Pugh and O'Keefe will attend. Clerk to RSVP.
- iii) Stonehenge Area Board – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- iv) 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – A303 Meeting – Cllr O'Keefe will attend.

**Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of The Council will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Orcheston Village Hall

**Meeting closed at 21.26**

The minutes of this meeting will be available to all members of the public from the village website [www.orchestonparishcouncil.com](http://www.orchestonparishcouncil.com) , the Parish Notice board or by contacting the Parish Clerk.