

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Orcheston Parish Council held at Orcheston Village Hall on Monday the 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Sam Shepherd, Tim O'Keefe, Maureen Harnett, Jenny Pugh, Bryan Wright

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

Public Participation 7.30pm

Resident asked for an update on the funding for the defibrillator and mentioned that the National Lottery has grants available. Cllr Shepherd thanked the resident and promised that he will look into it.

Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.35pm

23/34 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Cllr Coats

23/35 Minutes. Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24th of July 2023 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Pugh, Seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.

23/36 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: None

23/37 Councillor vacancies and co-option of new members.

Resolved: Cllr O'Keefe proposed acceptance of application from Mr Harwood to be co-opted to the Parish Council, seconded Cllr Harnett, voting unanimous in favour. Mr Harwood was welcomed to the Council. He signed the declaration of office at the conclusion of the meeting, and thereby is now a member of the Council.

The Parish Council now has a full complement of Councillors with all seven seats filled.

23/38 Matters arising from the minutes. Resolved: Cllr Pugh reported that David Holwood from Wiltshire Fisheries is happy to come and give a talk at the annual meeting. Cllrs asked that any new documents approved at meetings be added to the website. The Clerk is happy to do so does not have access to the website at the moment.

The Chairman moved Item 9 forward.

23/39 Emergency and Resilience Planning. Resolved: Cllrs Pugh and O'Keefe reported back on the Emergency and Resilience event they recently attended. It was a big event with a lot of information much of which was geared up to bigger parishes. Based on the information given they suggested that the Parish Councillors are each responsible for an area of the Parish local to them in the event of anything happening. They also suggest a whatsapp group as a form of communication between councillors and the flood warden.

Standing orders were suspended at 19.44 to allow the flood warden to be a part of the discussion.

Cllrs did want to make it clear that protecting your property is the householder's responsibility, not the Parish Councils. For example, for those properties that flood, householders need to consider what happens if power were to go out and pumps no longer worked. The best approach seems to be to work with the individual houses to advise and help ensure they make choices that don't impact their neighbours. As a Parish Council we need to offer those who are vulnerable with support in the event of an emergency. The flood warden is in touch and working closely with Shrewton's flood warden as well as in contact with the environment agency who have said that they will come out and clear the river. Cllr Pugh also reported that in the event of power outage SSE will offer assistance to vulnerable people (vouchers, hotels etc) but those people need to be on a list prior to the event. Wiltshire Council have asked all Parish Councils to put together an Emergency and Resilience Plan as well as providing three emergency contacts. Cllrs Shepherd, O'Keefe and Pugh were all happy to have their names put on the form as the emergency contacts. Cllr Pugh will continue to work on the Emergency and Resilience Plan and will provide the rest of the Parish Council with a draft to be approved at the next meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed at 20.09

Cllrs mentioned that the salt bin has been damaged. They think that once Wiltshire Council have given a bin it is our responsibility, so we may need to purchase a new one to replace the damaged one. Clerk to see if we can request a new bin from Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Pugh mentioned that SSE are happy to give a presentation and all Cllrs thought that was a good idea and asked her to invite them to give a presentation at November's meeting.

23/40 Chairmans Report. Resolved: Cllr Shepherd has nothing to report that is not already on the agenda.

23/41 Councillors Reports. Resolved: Cllr O'Keefe reported that there has recently been work done on Footpath Orcheston 8 down the side of the caravan site. Cllr Wright reported this to Wiltshire Council 12-15 months ago.

23/42 Accounts for Payment: LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Payments Ratified

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| Clerks Salary | £119.82 |
| HMRC | £21.40 |
| WALC Membership | £107.11 |

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

23/43 Consultations on Planning Applications

(Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as a consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding body)

Application Ref PL/2023/07427 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Address: COZENS HOUSE, ORCHESTON, SALISBURY, SP3 4RW

Proposal: 1 x Acer pseudoplatanus to be felled to ground. The mature Sycamore is growing out over horse paddocks and we would like to fell it to prevent the toxic leaves and seeds falling into the paddock. Furthermore there is a significant fissure running down the trunk below the main

union. The canopy is very large and extends right over the public footpath and Neighbouring Orcheston house drive and garage.

Application Link: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001C2qgv>

Resolved: No objection. Proposed Cllr Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Pugh, voting unanimous in favour.

23/44 Standing Agenda Items

i) Highways and Byways

Cllr Wright reported Wiltshire Council have been out recently with the tractor and hedge cutter. Parts of the village still need attention from the Parish Steward, and he will mention this to them. Footpath Orcheston 8 has been upgraded from the gate to the first kissing gate. This work was organised by Wiltshire Council using volunteers from South Wiltshire Ramblers.

ii) Village Maintenance

The footpaths around the village are all very overgrown and it is up to the landowners to make sure any footpaths crossing their land are well maintained.

23/45 Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include: - -

a) **Planning application Orcheston Campsite** – Cllr Shepherd reported that he has been told it is still under consideration due to the complexity of the application.

b) **20 mph speed limit** – Cllr Coats was not at the meeting so no update.

c) **Defibrillator** – Cllr Shepherd reported that we have raised £295 which has been paid into the Parish Bank Account. Cllr Pugh has volunteered to go door to door and ask for contributions. Cllr Shepherd will investigate the National Lottery grants available.

d) **Campsite Bin** – The Clerk has emailed all Iverde contacts she could find with no success. The contract is set by Wiltshire Council so Clerk to email Wiltshire Council to try and get a resolution.

Cllr Harnett left the meeting at 20.37

23/46 North Wessex Landscape Trust. Resolved: Cllrs have reviewed the application parameters and don't feel that we sit within the area that the grant applies to so have decided not to apply.

23/47 Correspondence. Resolved: None.

23/48 Partnership Meetings to consider attending: -

i) LHFIG – 15th November

Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of The Council will be Monday 20th November 2023 at Orcheston Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.45

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

Signed

Date