

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting Orcheston Parish Council held at Orcheston Village Hall on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Sam Shepherd, Chris Coats, Tony Harwood, Tim O'Keefe, Jenny Pugh, Bryan Wright

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

### Public Participation 7.30pm

Representative from SSEN attended and spoke of the Priority Service Register. Although they are encouraging communities to be self-resilient and look after each other, they will hold a Priority Service Register which anyone classed as vulnerable (over 65's, families with children under 5 etc) or temporarily vulnerable (e.g. someone recovering from an operation) can be registered on. Cllr Pugh will be distributing leaflets around the village.

Resident raised issue of overhanging branches on Bridleway 10 where it approaches the junction with the Bustard to Westdown Road. She was also concerned as to length of grass on this bridleway. The Parish Council noted that overhanging branches are the responsibility of the adjoining landowner, Wiltshire Council are responsible for the surface. For footpaths adjoining MOD land the MOD would be responsible. Cllr Coats will touch base with the MOD to see if they can do any maintenance.

### Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.54pm

**23/49 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved:** Cllr Harnett

**23/50 Minutes. Resolved:** The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Wright, Seconded Cllr Pugh, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/51 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved:** None

**23/52 Matters arising from the minutes. Resolved:** None

**23/53 Chairmans Report. Resolved:** The Chairman reported on the planning decisions recently received regarding the campsite.

**Standing orders were suspended at 8pm to allow residents to partake in the discussion.**

Cllrs and residents discussed the LPA decisions for the CLUED applications and the fact that the applicant has now appealed the revised CLUEDs issued for the campsite. New comments are welcome, and residents were advised they must be received by Wiltshire Council by the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Any previously made comments on the applications will be passed onto the inspector, so will still be taken into account. Anyone who submitted photographic evidence may want to resubmit it and ensure that it is correctly mapped and

date stamped as some of the photos previously submitted were not taken into account due to not being mapped or date stamped. There are also infringements of the current CLUED, are Wiltshire Council going to be enforcing the planning as it stands?

### **Standing Orders were resumed at 8.18pm**

Cllr Shepherd proposed that he contacts Julie Mitchell at Wiltshire Council in the first instance raising the residents and Parish Councils concerns and questions. Proposed Cllr Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Pugh, voting unanimous in favour.

If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the response, it is proposed that Cllr Shepherd then takes steps to apply for Rule 6 Status. Proposed Cllr O'Keefe, Seconded Cllr Coats, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/54 Councillors Reports. Resolved:** Cllr O'Keefe reported that he has been in touch with Wiltshire Council, and they will be replacing the damaged salt bin.

### **23/55 Accounts for Payment: LGA 1972 s150 (5)**

#### **Payments Ratified**

Clerks Salary & HMRC PAYE	£122.80
Orcheston Village Hall Hire	£100
S Shepherd (Reimbursement for PC Domain and Website Fees)	£142.48

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Pugh, seconded Cllr Coats, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/56 Bank Mandate Signatories. Resolved:** Cllrs unanimously agreed to sign a new mandate to approve Cllrs Coats, O'Keefe, Shepherd and the Clerk Rebecca Hathaway-White as electronic signatories on the Parish Councils bank account. Proposed Cllr Pugh, Seconded, Cllr Harwood, voting unanimous in favour.

Cllrs Shepherd and Wright (the current signatories) signed the new mandate.

**23/57 Supplementary Minutes. Resolved:** Circulated prior to meeting for members perusal and taken as read. Cllrs approved a supplementary minute for the Parish Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, naming Rebecca Hathaway-White as the new clerk. This has been requested by the bank. Proposed Cllr Pugh, Seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/58 Emergency Plan. Resolved:** Circulated prior to meeting for members perusal and taken as read. Cllr Shepherd proposed approval and adoption of the Emergency Plan, seconded Cllr Wright, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/59 GDPR Form. Resolved:** Circulated prior to meeting for members perusal and taken as read. Cllr Pugh has volunteered to take on the role of Emergency planning co-ordinator for a year's term. Cllr Shepherd proposed approval and adoption of the GDPR form. Seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.

**23/60 Whatsapp Group. Resolved:** Council resolved to set up a WhatsApp Group as a method of communication between Cllrs in the case of emergency. Proposed Cllr Harwood, Seconded Cllr Coats, voting unanimous in favour.

### **23/61 Planning Decisions by Wiltshire Council**

### 23/62 Standing Agenda Items

- i) **Highways and Byways. Resolved:** Cllr Wright reported that the Parish Steward has not been recently, and he doesn't think he will be attending the area until after Christmas. Cllrs mentioned the village road from the crossroads up towards the Church, how do we request to have it resurfaced. Clerk will email the Highways Department at Wiltshire Council. Cllrs also wanted to know if the Highways Engineers could look at the road over the bridge which floods every time there is heavy rain. Proposed Cllr Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Coats, voting unanimous in favour.
- ii) **Village Maintenance. Resolved:** None.

### 23/63 Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include: - -

- a) **20 mph speed limit** – Cllr Coats reported that the view at the LHFIG meeting was that Orcheston need to look at raising the Precept to help towards covering the cost of the work. LHFIG are still offering the funding towards changing the village speed limit, but Orcheston must cover their proportion of the work. Clerk to consider when doing the budgets.
- c) **Defibrillator** – Cllr Harwood mentioned that you can lease defibrillator's, Cllr Shepherd asked Cllr Harwood to investigate the costs, to compare with the cost of buying a machine, and bring them back to the next meeting.
- d) **Campsite Bin** – The Clerk has emailed all Iverde contacts and all contacts within Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council have responded to say that Iverde have cancelled many of their current contracts, so they weren't surprised that no response had been received. They have chased up Iverde on the Parish Councils behalf and the clerk did receive an email asking what we wanted quoted but since replying has had no response. Clerk to investigate costs through Hurdcott Landscapes who currently empty the bins in Shrewton.

### 23/64 Correspondence. Resolved: None.

### 23/65 Partnership Meetings to consider attending: -

- i) Stonehenge Area Board – 13<sup>th</sup> December
- ii) Flood Meeting – Shrewton – 30<sup>th</sup> November (All welcome)
- iii) Operational Flood Working Group – 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of The Council will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Orcheston Village Hall. Please note this meeting will start at the earlier time of 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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.

Signed .....

Date .....