

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Orcheston Parish Council held at Orcheston Village Hall on Monday the 15th January 2024 at 7.15pm

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

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

Public Participation 7.15 pm

Residents came to express their opinion that the reduction of the speed limit (Agenda Item 9) is vital as drivers continue to get faster and faster. However, there is a concern that unless there is someone to enforce it, a reduced speed limit will make little difference.

Resident mentioned their concerns that water is being pumped out of the campsite and into the Winterborne. Cllr Pugh explained that Orcheston doesn't have a sealed sewage system so all groundwater enters the system. It is then cheaper for Wessex Water to issue a licence to discharge and pump it into the Till then it is to have the tankers come to empty it. It was suggested that we invite Wessex Water to a meeting to come and explain how it works.

Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.31pm

23/66 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Cllr Harnett, Cllr Wright

23/67 Minutes. Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th of November 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Pugh, Seconded Cllr O'Keefe, voting unanimous in favour.

23/68 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: None

23/69 Matters arising from the minutes. Resolved: Cllr Shepherd mentioned the campsite appeal. He has been in touch with Wiltshire Council and based on their response it is sufficient for Orcheston Parish Council (OPC) to be an interested party rather than using Rule 6. Cllr Shepherd has recorded OPC as an interested party with the planning inspectorate. All the statements that had been submitted for the appeal are now available on the Wiltshire Council website. The planning appeal should be heard at the beginning of March. As an interested party we can make a statement should we wish to.

23/70 Chairmans Report. Resolved: The Chairman reported that he recently attending the meeting on flooding at Shrewton. Representatives from the Environment Agency, Wessex Water and Wiltshire Council spoke about the causes of flood water and how they try to mitigate the situation.

23/71 Councillors Reports. Resolved: Cllr Pugh, with help from other Councillors has leafleted the majority of households within the village with the SSE leaflets.

23/72 Accounts for Payment: LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Payments Ratified

Clerks Salary	£105.22
HMRC Paye	£17.60

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

Agenda Item 9 was moved ahead of Item 8 as the decision will affect the budget discussions.

23/73 20 MPH Speed Limit. Resolved: Cllr Coats proposed reducing the speed limit in Orcheston for which the council contribution would be approximately £1750. Cllrs went door to door with a survey to consider the villagers opinions and of all those they managed to speak to the result was that 89.3% were in favour of reducing the speed limit. Proposed Cllr Coats, seconded Cllr Pugh, 3 in favour, 1 against, motion passed. Cllr Coats and Clerk to email LHFIG to let them know we have approved the contribution towards changing the speed limit.

23/74 Budget and Precept Proposals 2024/25

The Clerk had previously forwarded a forecast of Earmarked Reserves (EMR), the bank balance as of 31st March 2024, and estimate of expenditure for 2024/2025

Resolved: After discussion Cllrs proposed acceptance and approval of the budget and reserves and for the precept request for 2024/25 to be £3459 (an increase of £1244 from 2023/24). This equates to an increase of 50.24% from £20.76 to £31.19 per annum per band D property. Proposed Cllr Shepherd, seconded Cllr Pugh, voting unanimous in favour.

23/75 Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate. A meeting of the parish electors to take place between 1st March and 1st June. Electors can contribute to the agenda and in practice often celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community. Cllr Pugh is happy to organise. Suggested the date of the 20th April 2024.

23/76 Standing Agenda Items.

- i) Highways and Byways
Clerk gave an update from Rhianne regarding the flooding of the bridge. She has asked for more information to be able to try and refer us to the right department. Cllr Pugh will forward photos and information to the clerk to forward on.
Cllr Coats brought up the exit to the A360. The trees on the Gibbet block the view to the right. Cllrs believe this is in Shrewton's remit but Cllr Shepherd suggested that if Cllr Coats would like to see to discuss it to suggest it as an agenda item to be discussed in a future meeting. Cllr Coats said he would also raise the issue at LHFIG.
- ii) Village Maintenance
Cllrs mentioned that the drain at the crossroads seems to have been tarmacked over which means rainwater is now flowing down the road rather than being diverted into the drain.

23/77 Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include: - -

- a) **Campsite Planning Appeal** – Discussed earlier
- b) **Defibrillator** – Cllr Harwood has found out you can get government funding; you have to match what they put in. The British Heart Foundation also do grants. However, a more immediate option is renting a defibrillator. It costs approximately £1.20 per day and can be financed through the precept. It was suggested that Cllrs research the reviews for these companies and to speak to a

villager who has recently implemented defibrillators throughout their businesses. Cllrs will then make a decision at the next meeting.

d) **Campsite Bin** – The Clerk has heard back from Iverde who will empty the bin at a cost of £22.50 to empty one wastebin per week. Cllrs have asked the clerk to get quotes from other companies who offer the service.

23/64 Correspondence. Resolved: None.

23/65 Partnership Meetings to consider attending: -

- i) LHFIG – 7th February 2024
- ii) Stonehenge Area Board – 29th February 2024

Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of The Council will be Monday 18th March 2024 at Orcheston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

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