

Otterford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 at 1930 hrs in Otterford Parish Hall

Present: OPC Councillors Mike Canham (Chairman), Charlie Field (Vice Chairman), Lucy Montgomery, Simon MacLeod and the Clerk.

Item	Detail	Action
	<u>Community Time</u>	
	Nothing was raised under Community Time.	
	<u>Reports from other organisations</u>	
	The monthly report had been received from Somerset Council.	
1.	<u>Apologies</u> Cllr Marsden (unwell).	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllrs Montgomery and Canham are OPC-nominated (Nominative) Trustees of the Otterford Charity. Cllr Canham is Chairman of Otterford Parish Hall Committee. He is Chairman of the BHPN and is a member of the Steering Group, and a member of the Blackdown Hills Natural Landscapes (formerly AONB) Management Group.	
3.	<u>Meeting of March 2024</u>	
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.	
3.2	<u>Matters arising</u> OPF Brazier pole still in situ – still too wet to remove with a digger/tractor. OPF benches – Clerk had discovered a local supplier which produced good benches at a reasonable price. To discuss with SC whether this would qualify for S106 funds. OPF Councillors' inspection still outstanding due to wet weather. Water run-off after heavy rains – Highways superintendent to be chased again. Daffodils – no one was available to check gaps. Deferred until next spring. Clerk to remind Cllr Henley about SC briefing councils about cuts.	 Clerk Clerk Clerk LM/JM Clerk Clerk
4.	<u>Planning</u>	

- 4.1 No new, granted, or refused applications. However, there was an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed change of use of land for siting 25 caravans for permanent residential use at Holly Bush Park. Clerk to discuss with Lisa Turner at the AONB. **Clerk**
- 5. Other matters**
- 5.1 Projects/activities/events – update.
An updated list was circulated and noted. **Clerk**
- 5.2 Climate & The Environment Project- Update on Project Action Plan
Report noted.
Clerk to ask new parish residents about compost bins.
Clerk to obtain thermal images from Daniel Lazar for Councillors. **Clerk
Clerk**
- 5.3 Local Community Network (Chard and Blackdown)
The next meeting is on 1 May. No Councillors able to attend.
No minutes of the 13 March meeting had yet been published.
- 5.4 The White Hart, Corfe
Cllr Canham proposed that support be given to Corfe PC to support their objection to this pub being granted change of use so it could be sold for housing. This was rejected by a vote of 3:1, with Cllr Canham dissenting.
- 6. Correspondence**
None.
- 7. Financial matters**
- 7.1 Monthly Financial summary – March.
Noted.
- 8. Other business.**
There was a blocked drain opposite HigherWoodhayne and one opposite the Old Post Office. Clerk to report. **Clerk**
It was agreed that the meeting in June would be one week earlier - 4 June.
It was agreed not to hold any events to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D Day.
- 9. The next meeting of the Council will take place at 8.30pm on Tuesday 14 May 2024, following the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings, in the main hall, Otterford Parish Hall.**

Penny Hart, Clerk, April 2024