

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 7 September 2015 in the Pavilion on Nunton Recreation Field.

Present: Gavin Simmonite (Chairman), Rod Poynting (Vice-Chairman), Stephen Stapley, Nigel Start, Sally Nelson, David Williamson-Jones, Richard Parsons (Clerk) and two members of the public.

Apologies: Colin Berry and Wiltshire Cllr Julian Johnson.

37/15 Open Public Forum: A Shepherds Close resident expressed concern that large delivery lorries were regularly causing inconvenience and incidental damage in Shepherds Close when making deliveries.

38/15 Declaration of Interest: None.

39/15 Minutes of the Ordinary OPC meeting held on 2 July were approved and signed by the Chairman.

40/15 Nunton Recreation Field:

- a) **Play Area:** The soundness of the wooden uprights and plastic fittings, which the recent RoSPA inspection had identified as requiring careful monitoring, had been inspected by Cllr Poynting on 20 May 2015 and found to be structurally robust. The remainder of the equipment was found to be in good order and condition.
- b) **Pavilion:** Funding for full replacement of the pavilion was discussed because the fabric of the building is visibly deteriorating. Some window frames may soon require their removal because repair might prove to be impractical.

41/15 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Radnor Hall Committee:** The refurbishment plan includes redecoration, new lights and radiators, etc.
- b) **Parish/Community Planning:** Cllr Nelson reported on the valuable feedback obtained from the ONB Fete which will form the basis of a questionnaire designed to engage with parishioners. OPC will not be taking an active role with the plan's formation and will only provide requested input and hold funds on behalf of the steering committee.
- c) **Social Interaction:** The Chairman has created a Facebook page to more effectively engage with parishioners. OPC's statutory mandate is to lobby other tiers of government on behalf of the people they represent.

42/15 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **Wiltshire Council Highways:** Wiltshire Cllr Johnson's top priority is the resurfacing of the C12 from the A338 to the Odstock Crossroads. Whilst this is top of the Highways maintenance list, a start date has yet to be agreed.
- b) **Wessex Water:** From 21 September, Water Main improvements will likely disrupt traffic on the C328 north of Odstock village. Cllr Start agreed to liaise with Wessex Water to minimise the inconvenience to road users.
- c) **Community Area Transport Group:** The next CATG meeting is on Tuesday, 22 September. Cllr Berry will attend.

43/15 Planning: 1) 15/07603/FUL: Single storey rear and 2 storey side extensions at Comptons Cottage, Odstock - Cllr Williamson-Jones agreed to forward to the planners, OPC's concerns regarding the roadside boundary hedge.

2) 15/07894/FUL: Proposed 2 storey administration building at New Hall Hospital, Bodenham - No Objections.

44/15 Reports and Correspondence: The next Area Board meeting is in Downton School at 7pm on Thursday, 1 October.

45/15 Finance:

- a) **Bank Account Signatories:** The two signature rule (LGA72 s150) was repealed to enable the use of Internet banking. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Stapley and Cllr Start would have full access to the online bank accounts.
- b) **Receipts:** The following were acknowledged:

Parishioner Donation towards Parish/Community Plan costs	£200
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- c) **Payments:** The following were approved:

Community First – Parish Planning Advice	548	£59.40p
Earl of Radnor 1989 Settlement – Rent	549	£10.50p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	550	£403.13p
Grant Thornton UK LLP – Audit Fee 2014-2015	551	£240.00p
R C Poynting – Nunton Field supplies	552	£158.74p
R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account	553	£878.00p
Wessex Water – Nunton Field Water Supply	DD	£22.73p
Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity	DD	£46.66p

46/15 Any Other Business (for information only): Cllr Start queried the ownership of land off of the Avenue, Odstock. He also agreed to submit a proposal for a project tracker for use by OPC members. There followed a discussion about OPC's relationship with the Longford Estate and how future developments within the parish might evolve.

47/15 The next Ordinary OPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 7 December.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm