

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 4 July 2016 in the Pavilion, Nunton Recreation Field.

Present: Rod Poynting (Vice-Chairman), Stephen Stapley, Nigel Start, Richard Parsons (Clerk) and a member of the public.
Apologies: Gavin Simmonite (Chairman), Colin Berry, Sally Nelson, David Williamson-Jones, Wilts Cllr Julian Johnson.

26/16 Open Public Forum: There was a brief discussion about the Longford Estate planning proposals.

27/16 Declaration of Interest: None.

28/16 Minutes of the Annual OPC meeting held on 9 May were approved and signed by Cllr Poynting.

29/16 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Radnor Hall Committee:** Some car boot sales have been abandoned because of rain and this will limit the fund raising activities which help to fund the running of the Radnor Hall.
- b) **Longford Estate Proposals:** Cllr Simmonite composed a written response following the presentation at the Annual OPC meeting in May and it was noted that no further information about developments has thus far been presented.
- c) **Parish/Community Planning:** A formal application to designate Odstock Parish as a Neighbourhood Area has been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Cllr Poynting is concerned that the results of the parish questionnaire do not place enough emphasis on the business community in the parish.
- d) **Yew Tree Public House:** Cllr Start reported the new tenant publican is transforming the standard of service and this is encouraging an increase in trade. Cllr Poynting recommended the CAMRA website for guidance on the 'Asset of Community Value' designation. Cllr Start agreed to research this subject.
- e) **Village Noticeboards:** Cllr Poynting agreed to survey and recommend the viability of refurbishment compared to the cost of full replacement with purpose built noticeboards. The cost of replacement will be evaluated at a future meeting.
- f) **Community Website:** Funding is available to provide a resource to comply with legislation.

30/16 Nunton Recreation Field:

- a) **Play Area:** The Grass cutting contract includes three applications of weed-killer on the Play Area Safety surface.
- b) **Pavilion:** Cllr Poynting has applied to the ONB Fete Committee for funding to support a Landfill grant application.
- c) **Use by Football Teams:** OPC members are reluctant to grant permission to allow Football clubs to use the facilities.

31/16 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **Wiltshire Council Highways:** The new Parish Lengthsman scheme is expected to be available in September/October.
- b) **Community Area Transport Group:** There were no new projects for discussion at the CATG meeting on 22 June.
- c) **Resurfacing and Traffic Calming along the C12:** Still no clear indication of when this is scheduled to commence.
- d) **Fly Tipping:** Cllr Poynting is liaising with the Longford Estate Manager in an attempt at controlling fly tipping.
- e) **A338/C12 Junction:** A report and mitigation measures scheduled for this year has been prepared by Wiltshire Council.
- f) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Start has arranged training for the volunteers on 16 July and 13 October.
- g) **Speed Indicator Displays:** OPC has committed £240 to deploying the SID on three separate occasions during 2016.
- h) **Odstock Church Carpark:** Cllr Start reported the new car-parking arrangements are working well.

32/16 Planning: There were no planning applications for consideration.

33/16 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **Wiltshire Council:** The next Area Board meeting is at the Whiteparish Memorial Centre on 28 July.
- b) **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:** Invitation to apply for a Transparency Fund Grant.

34/16 Finance:

- a) **Workplace Pensions Legislation:** As an Employer, OPC is required to set-up a pension scheme before October 2017.
- b) **Receipts:** Salisbury and District Bee Health Day – Donation £20.00p
- c) **Payments:** The following were approved:

News and Notes – Parish Plan printing and collating	571	£66.48p
S Nelson – Parish Plan envelopes	572	£10.00p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	573	£403.13p

35/16 Any Other Business (for information only): There was a discussion about Rights of Way in the Parish. Cllr Start agreed to contact the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Warden for clarification.

36/16 The next Ordinary OPC meeting is scheduled for 12 September.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm