

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 25 November 2019 in the Barker Room, near Nunton Church.

Present: Sally Nelson (Chairman), Nigel Start (Vice-Chairman), Colin Berry, Rod Poynting, Stephen Stapley, Richard Parsons (Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Clewer and no members of the public.

Apologies Accepted: Thomas Newman and Barry Norris.

55/19 Open Public Forum: None.

56/19 Declaration of Interest: None.

57/19 Minutes of the Extraordinary OPC meeting held on 30 September were approved and signed by the Chairman.

58/19 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Carboot Sales Days:** Cllr Poynting advised that the schedule of dates will be confirmed in the Spring.
- b) **Picnic Benches:** OPC will arrange the purchase and installation of the new benches in the Spring.
- c) **Britford Parish Council:** The Chairman has scheduled a meeting with BPC members to explore the possibility of merging with Odstock PC. Whilst most OPC members have reservations, the Chairman agreed to report back.

59/19 Nunton Recreation Field:

- a) **Football:** The Clerk reported that Downton FC have yet to make a payment towards the October Invoice for £300.
- b) **Play Equipment:** Cllr Berry agreed to arrange a meeting with his playground contact at Salisbury City Council.
- c) **Play Area Fence:** It was agreed to delay the installation of the fence until the play equipment issues are resolved.

60/19 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **Wiltshire Council Highways:** The next Parish Steward's visit is imminent. The visits appear to be effective.
- b) **Highways Act 1980:** Sections 79 & 154 are specific about the obligations of landowners adjacent to public highways.
- c) **Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Start reported that although deployments are less frequent, they are effective.
- d) **Speed Indicator Display (SID):** Further research on costs and practicality is needed before making a decision.

61/19 Planning: No new Planning Application to consider.

62/19 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **NALC & WALC:** Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.
- b) **Wiltshire Southern Area Board:** The next meeting is in Alderbury Village Hall on 28 November, followed by the next meeting in Whiteparish Memorial Hall on 30 January 2020.

63/19 Finance:

- a) **Internal Audit:** The current internal auditor has agreed to his appointment for the eighth consecutive year.
- b) **OPC's Community Grants:** It was resolved to award a £600 grant to ONB PCC for Churchyard grass cutting.
- c) **Precept Resolution for 2020-21:** £15,075 will equate to £58.95p for a Band D Council Tax payer.
- d) **Payments:** The following were approved:

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	BACS	£424.87p
Nunton Farm – Annual Rent	BACS	£400.00p
Nunton Farm – Hedge Cutting	BACS	£168.00p
HAC Joynt – Ground Maintenance	BACS	£120.00p
S Nelson – Locks from In-Excess	BACS	£8.80p
t signs ltd – Signs for Jubilee Gardens	BACS	£72.00p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	BACS	£424.87p
R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account	BACS	£728.00p
Odstock with N&B PCC – Grass Cutting Grant	BACS	£600.00p
Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity	DD	£42.19p

64/19 Any Other Business (for information only): Wiltshire Cllr Clewer alerted OPC to the threat of water logging and potential flooding. The Environment Agency's website provides a flood warning system.

65/19 The Next Ordinary OPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 10 February 2020.

The meeting closed at 9:06pm