

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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unAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

A meeting of Orwell Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on 16th January 2019 at 7.30pm (19.30hrs)

Present: Cllr N Szembel – Chairman (**NS**), Cllr J Chiusseu (**JC**), Cllr J Healy (**JH**), Cllr C Ingrey (**CI**), Cllr A McKenna (**AM**) and Cllr T Tyndall (**TT**)

In Attendance: Mrs J Damant – Clerk, District Councillor A Van de Weyer,

- 269/01/19** **Apologies for Absence:** (*LGA 1972 sch12 para 40 – Quorate is one third but no less than 3 members LGA 1972 sch12, para 45*)
 Apologies have been received by Cllrs Bunnett, Morris-Lowe and Howie (personal reasons). These were all accepted and agreed by the Council.
- 270/01/19** **Councillors to disclose any Pecuniary Interests** (*disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) include interests held by a member's spouse, civil partner or similar*) listed on the Agenda:
 There were no interests declared.
- 271/01/19** **Public participation: for up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council.**
 There was one member of the public in attendance. Concern was raised regarding the gardens at Lordship Close, at the moment a resident is looking after the gardens but is now finding it difficult to keep this going, is there anything that the Parish Council can do in order to keep the gardens going? Clerk stated that the land in question belongs to SCDC and is not Parish Council land. It was asked if WOW would be able to take this on and for them to put in an application to the Community Benefit fund. Clerk again stated that this is not Parish Council land and the first question should be to SCDC to see if they were in agreement to this happening. Clerk to enquire. Questions were raised regarding the S106 for the land at Hurdleditch Road, 'there is a danger that there will be two recreation grounds with the development in between, can this not be changed so the S106 land was adjacent to the current recreation land, or some other solution be found that was less suboptimal?' Cllr Szembel responded that the Parish Council had argued this, and had tried to find other options which address the concerns that had been raised, but it was now too late to change the current arrangements concerning the S106 land – in some way the situation was analogous to a "bird in the hand". However, there were still options that the Parish Council were considering and it was hoped that a satisfactory solution to the village's recreation needs could still be found.
- 272/01/19** **Minutes of the last meeting 20th December 2018**
 The minutes were proposed by Cllr Ingrey, seconded by Cllr Chiusseu and agreed by all. The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record.
- 273/01/19** **CCC Report: circulated**
 There were no questions raised.
- 274/01/19** **SCDC Report: verbal report**
 Cllr Van de Weyer reported that the budget has now been published. SCDC are looking at 11,000 new developments. Solar panels are now on 40% of SCDC housing stock and that the rest will be done, technology is changing all the time which it is hoped will bring the cost of installing down. The council tax will raise by £5 (3%). Following a decline in funding, SCDC will be looking at their investments and how these can be improved in order to meet the shortfall.
 The East West Rail consultation will end on 11th March 2019.
 It has been reported that again some residents have not received the SCDC Magazine, Cllr Van de Weyer will investigate why this has happened again.
- 275/01/19** **Planning: NS, GB, TT, JC, LH, JH and TML** (*Town and Country Planning Act 1990 schedule 1, paragraph 8*)
Full planning minutes are available on the website or from the Clerk.

- 276/01/19 Development Proposal on Hurdleditch Road (next to the primary school)**
Cllr Szembel reported that there could be two recreational areas which will not be connected, it is hoped that there may be a solution to the concerns being raised.
- 277/06/19 Oatlands:**
Anglian Water are looking into the matter of the sewage concerns and the possibility of connecting Oatlands to the mains sewage. Cllr Chiusseu state that lorries were pumping sewage from Meadowcroft pumping station on a regular basis and were even there on New Year's Day. Cllr Chiusseu will keep a log of when sewage lorries are in situ. Concern was raised that if the pumping station is at capacity at the moment it may not be able to cope with any further dwellings. The Parish Council had asked for this to be looked into with the possibility of Oatlands being connected to the new development along Hurdleditch Road.
- 278/01/19 Recreational Ground Working Group:**
All equipment appears to be in good working order.
- 279/01/19 Recreation Ground & Pavilion:**
Play equipment weekly inspection.
Pavilion Survey - Clerk or organise a survey of the pavilion. **Action: Clerk**
- 280/01/19 CCTV:**
Cllr Tindall will deliver the letters as some have not received them. Once the letters have been received and a time period has taken place, Clerk will contact North Herts Partnership to organise the cameras installation. **Action: TT/Clerk**
- 281/01/19 Chapel Orchard:**
Cllr Morris-Lowe reported that there is nothing to report at the moment.
- 282/01/19 Clunch Pit Management Trust (CPMT):**
There is nothing new to report at the moment.
- 283/01/19 Village Hall:**
There is nothing new to report at the moment.
- 284/01/19 Glebe Paddock Agreement:**
Cllr Szembel signed the Agreement which was witnessed by the Clerk. Clerk will now send this off to Carter Jonas.
- 285/01/19 Financial Matters:**
1. Financial Statements for January
2. Payments and Additional payments for January (Additional payments are shaded, these costs have already been agreed but may not have appeared on the agenda.
Local Government Act (LGA); Public Health Act (PHA); Open Space Act (OSA)
Payments awaiting authorisation

Payee	Amount £	Vat £	Description	Power
Salaries, HMRC, Pension	1721.26	0	Employees payments	LGA 1972 s112
Parish Notice Board Company	£540.00	£90.00	notice board for Hillside	LGA 1972 s133
G Bunnett	9.60	1.60	Expenses for OS map	LGA 1972 s133
D C Window Cleaning	24.00	0	Bus shelter cleaning	OSA 1906 s9/10
Eon	89.88	6.44	Electric pavilion paid by DD	LGA 1972 s133
Balfour Beatty	206.02	Awaiting vat invoice	Repair of street light in Brookside owned by the parish council	LGA 1972
Majestic Garden Services	120	20	Extra cut for the recreation area	OSA 1906 s9/10

Payments Received:

Allotment payments: £30.00

All payments were proposed by Cllr Tindall, seconded by Cllr Healy and agreed by all.

286/01/19

Budget setting: (*Local Government Finance Act 1992 s41*)

All Councillors had seen the proposed budget for 2019/20 by the financial working group. Cllr Szembel gave his appreciation to the working group for carrying out this work. It was proposed by Cllr Tindall, seconded by Cllr Ingrey and all in favour to request a precept of £43,918.74.

This equates to a Band D equivalent for 2019/20 of £91.73. This is an increase of £0.05 or 0.05% above the Band D equivalent charge in 2018/19. The precept requested for the village as a whole is £14.31 higher for 2019/20 than the previous year.

287/01/19

Notice Boards:

Notice board for Hill Side has been received so a full payment to be made and not the original 50%. It was proposed by Cllr Ingrey that the clerk can spend up to £2000 for a wooden notice board to be placed ad Meadowcroft Way, this was seconded by Cllr Chiusseu and agreed by all.
Clerk to arrange.

Action: Clerk

288/01/19

Community Benefit:

An application has been sent to Orwell Brownies.

289/01/19

Proposal to host an event for all Orwell volunteer organisations:

Cllr Healy is in the process of contacting all the organisations to invite them to the village meeting which will take place on 22nd May. It is hoped that this event will be a chance for all organisations to show residents what they do and for the Parish Council to thank them for all the work they do.

290/01/19

Defibrillator/Red Telephone Box: (*PHA 1936 s234*)

Planning application has been sent to SCDC, however they now want a Heritage Statemen. It was proposed by Cllr Chiusseu that the defibrillator be placed at the village hall, this was seconded by Cllr McKenna. This means there will be two defibrillators (AEDs) one to be placed at the pavilion and one to be placed at the Village Hall. It was proposed by NS that CHT undertake the maintenance cost which is charged on an annual basis, this was seconded by Cllr Tindall and agreed by all.

291/01/19

Correspondence and Clerk's Report:

Gritting machines and equipment are ready to be picked up and one will be kept at the Methodist Chapel. Cllr Healy is organising the gritting.

Action: JH

Nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Party, Clerk has sent information of nominee to CAPALC.

292/01/19

Cambridge City Council and SCDC Housing Strategy Consultation:

They are seeking views of both local people and parish councils on their three main objectives:

1. Building the right homes that people need and can afford to live in
2. Enabling people to live settled lives
3. Building strong partnerships

Deadline is 25th January 2019. Parish Councillors can do the survey as individuals but if they want to respond as a parish council then they need to agree a response. It was agreed that Parish Councillors complete as individuals.

293/01/19

Councillors' Reports and Areas of Responsibility:

Allotments: Cllr Chiusseu to meet the Clerk regarding the allotments.

Action: JC/Clerk

Warden Scheme: Cllr Chiusseu and Cllr McKenna are to be the Trustees, clerk will inform the Warden Scheme.

Action: Clerk

294/01/19

Agenda items for the next meeting:

These items have been deferred until the February meeting:
Financial Regulations, Safeguarding Policy, Clerk's Appraisal

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm. Next scheduled meeting will take place in the Back Room of the Village Hall on February 20th 2019.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

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