

Odstock Parish Council

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 11 February 2019 in the Barker Room, next to Nunton Church.

Present: Sally Nelson (Chairman), Nigel Start (Vice-Chairman), Rod Poynting, Stephen Stapley, Barry Norris, Richard Parsons (Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Clewer and ten members of the public.

Apologies Accepted: Colin Berry and Thomas Newman.

1/19 Open Public Forum: 1. A number of parishioners from Nunton Drove had expressed their concerns to the Longford Estate regarding proposals outlined at the December OPC meeting. The Chairman offered to arrange a meeting between the Estate and the Nunton Drove residents. The estate believes that more preparation is needed before any plan can be progressed.

2. A parishioner reported the ongoing problem of dog fouling around the parish. The Chairman agreed to publicise this in N&N.

2/19 Declaration of Interest: None.

3/19 Minutes of the Ordinary OPC meeting held on 12 December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4/19 Community Initiatives:

a) Radnor Hall Committee: A report refers to 220 hirings serving about 2000 people in the last 10 months. However, running costs exceed income by about £2,500 per year. New projects are planned and grants will be applied for.

b) Jubilee Gardens: Cllr Poynting reported that he is planning a maintenance schedule.

c) Communications: The Chairman will arrange meetings with the new Longford Estate Manager, as required.

d) Boundary Commission: In an attempt to equalise numbers of electors, there is a proposal to switch Odstock Parish from the Southern Area Board to the South Western Area Board. With no strong opinions either way, it was agreed to wait for the outcome of the boundary review.

5/19 Nunton Recreation Field: A recommendation for the Play Area fence is to replace posts, as and when required.

6/19 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

a) Wiltshire Council Highways: The pavement along the A338 towards Britford continues to be a cause for concern and visibility at the Nunton junction has been reported as less than satisfactory. Wiltshire Highways will be notified.

b) Highways Act 1980: A selection of template letters to enforce Sections 79 & 154 was considered somewhat aggressive unless a specific landowner were to ignore friendly advice and OPC believed there to be no other option.

c) Community Speed Watch: Cllr Start believes the new CSW team organiser will soon recommence regular activity.

d) Speed Indicator Display (SID): Some parishes are investing in their own equipment making SID availability easier.

7/19 Planning: No new planning applications to consider. All applications and their outcomes at <https://SP5.org/planning/>

8/19 Reports and Correspondence:

a) Rotary Club: A letter is awaited regarding the use of the Nunton Recreation field for an event.

b) Wiltshire Southern Area Board: The Chairman agreed to attend on 12 February at Trafalgar School, Downton.

9/19 Finance:

a) Budget for 2019-2020: The first priority is the play equipment and play area fence in the Nunton Recreation Field. Other projects include the footpath around the tree opposite Odstock Church, the replacement of picnic tables, necessary Bus shelter and Noticeboard refurbishment and Jubilee Gardens maintenance.

b) GDPR and OPC's Website: A successful outcome to OPC's Transparency Fund application will help with the ongoing cost of website maintenance, hosting and GDPR Compliance through the publication of OPC's Policies and Documents.

c) Payments: The following were approved:

Odstock with N&B PCC – Grass Cutting Grant BACS £600.00p

Society of Local Council Clerks – Subscription BACS £75.00p

Association of Local Council Clerks – Subscription BACS £40.00p

Information Commissioner – Registration Fee DD £35.00p

R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account BACS £765.00p

Firstalpha Ltd – Website Development BACS £300.00p

Wessex Water – Nunton Field Water DD £24.20p

Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity DD £46.57p

10/19 Any Other Business (for information only): The Chairman requested that a better way for the presentation of OPC's financial position would be helpful. Cllr Stapley agreed to prepare a more understandable financial reporting format.

11/19 The Annual OPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 20 May 2019.

The meeting closed at 9:14pm

Signed without amendment by the Chairman, Cllr Sally Nelson, as a true record on 20 May 2019.

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