

Odstock Parish Council

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 26 October 2020, online, using [ZOOM](#) app.

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

Apologies Accepted: Barry Norris.

34/20 Open Public Forum: None.

35/20 Declaration of Interest: None.

36/20 Minutes of the Annual OPC meeting held on 18 May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

37/20 Community Initiatives:

a) **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) epidemic:** The Chairman reported that national regulations were being observed.

b) **Jubilee Gardens:** Cllr Start was thanked for sourcing and installing a Picnic table costing £237.50 +VAT.

38/20 Nunton Recreation Field:

a) **Play Area:** The Chairman reported that volunteers had levelled and sown grass seed in September and Proludic is preparing to install the new play equipment, possibly as soon as November, once the grass has become established.

b) **Football:** The Chairman reported that Downton FC were using the Football pitch several times each week.

39/20 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

a) **Wiltshire Council Highways:** Cllr Berry reported on the state of the roads in Shepherds Close and Whitsbury Road which he had reported on the Wiltshire App. Wiltshire Cllr Clewer apologised for the haphazard way in which issues were appearing to be handled. Cllrs Newman and Berry reported problems with trees at this location causing damage to overhead electricity cables. This is being resolved by the electricity supplier and possibly the Longford Estate.

b) **Overgrown Hedge:** The Chairman agreed to discuss remedial maintenance with the owner of Slate Cottage.

c) **Whitsbury Road, Odstock:** Cllr Berry reported that there is local concern for speeding vehicles not observing the 30mph speed limit when approaching the village from the south. The CATG will be asked about traffic calming.

d) **Community Speed Watch:** The recent road closure on the A338 caused a marked reduction in speeding vehicles.

40/20 Planning: No new Planning Application to consider.

41/20 Reports and Correspondence:

a) **Wiltshire Council:** Wiltshire Cllr Clewer reported that the virtual Area Board meeting on 1 October was successfully concluded and delivered some positive outcomes. The next meeting is scheduled for 28 January 2021.

42/20 Finance:

a) **Clerk's Salary & Expenses:** Salary: £1488, Office: £137.70, Telephone: £47.94, Travel: £112.50 – Approved.

b) **Receipts:** The following were acknowledged:

Wiltshire Council – Community Area Grant – Play Area £5,645.00

Wiltshire Council – Second instalment of the precept £7,537.50

c) **Payments:** The following were approved:

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting BACS £439.20p

Nunton Farm – Annual Rent BACS £400.00p

Nunton Farm – Hedge Cutting BACS £168.00p

Sustainable-Furniture (UK) Ltd – Picnic Table BACS £285.00p

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting BACS £439.20p

HAC Joynt – Grounds Maintenance BACS £285.00p

R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account BACS £858.00p

David Bright Ltd – Grass Seed BACS £42.00p

Playsafety Ltd – Odstock Play Safety Inspection BACS £103.20p

Earl of Radnor 1989 Settlement – Rent DD £10.50p

Wessex Water – Nunton Field Water Supply DD £14.75p

Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity DD £43.27p

43/20 Any Other Business (for information only): The Chairman will prepare a report for News & Notes.

44/20 The Next Ordinary OPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 7 December 2020, online through the ZOOM app.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed without amendment by the Chairman, Cllr Sally Nelson, as a true record on 7 December 2020.

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