

## Odstock Parish Council

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 7 December 2020, online through the ZOOM app.

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

**Apologies Accepted:** Stephen Stapley, Thomas Newman and Barry Norris.

**45/20 Open Public Forum:** None.

**46/20 Declaration of Interest:** None.

**47/20 Minutes** of the Ordinary OPC meeting held on 26 October were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**48/20 Nunton Recreation Field:**

**a) Play Area:** The Chairman reported the play equipment appeared to be very soundly installed and the safety surface will be effective. The invoice for £18,237.66 inc VAT has been received and will be settled by the due date.

**b) Play Area Inspection:** Since the equipment has a 2 year guarantee and the installation appeared to be sturdy, it was agreed that an inspection costing up to £500 was considered to be unnecessary.

**c) Play Area Fencing:** The Chairman recalled the response last year from parishioners who believed fencing around the play-area to be a useful feature. Metal bowtop fencing will cost £5,989 plus £722 to supply and lay Grass-lok mats under the original remaining items of play equipment, the Pony see-saw, the Elephant sit in springer and the Playdale spinner. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the quotation, as presented.

**d) Picnic Tables:** Cllr Start advised that he was ready to order two more picnic tables from the same supplier as the one at Jubilee Gardens. He anticipated delivery and installation would best be arranged during February.

**49/20 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:**

**a) Wiltshire Council Highways:** Cllr Berry is progressing the Shepherds Close issues and the Parish Steward is reporting issues which he is unable to deal with and responding to issues reported on the Wiltshire App.

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

**c) Whitsbury Road, Odstock:** Cllr Berry is escalating the issue concerning speeding vehicles at this location.

**d) Community Speed Watch:** The CSW Team leader has agreed to research the options for a Speed Indicator Device.

**e) CATG:** Consultation has revealed the need for a concrete section in the plans for with Nunton Footway Project.

**50/20 Planning:** No new Planning Applications to consider.

**51/20 Reports and Correspondence:**

**a) Wiltshire Council:** Wiltshire Cllr Clewer reported the consultation on the Local Plan Review which will run from January to March 2021. Odstock PC will formally respond to this consultation.

**b) Next Area Board Meeting:** This is likely to be held virtually and is scheduled for 28 January 2021.

**52/20 Finance:**

**a) Internal Audit:** The current internal auditor has agreed to his appointment for the ninth consecutive year.

**b) Precept Resolution for 2021-22:** £16,200 will equate to £64.85p for a Band D Council Tax payer.

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

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting BACS £439.20p

Proludic Ltd – Play Equipment & Installation BACS £18,237.66p

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R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account BACS £744.00p

S J Alpin Playgrounds – Extra Grass-lok surfacing BACS £866.40p

Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity DD £40.15p

**53/20 Any Other Business (for information only):** Cllr Berry is concerned about the standard of workmanship by British Telecom when carrying out road works in the parish. He will do what he can to complain. He also agreed to trim the hedge by the Play Area. The Longford Estate has trimmed the footpath hedge from Odstock Church towards Nunton.

**54/20 The Next Ordinary OPC meeting** is scheduled for Monday, 8 February 2021, online through the ZOOM app.

The meeting closed at 8:33pm

Signed without amendment by the Chairman, Cllr Sally Nelson, as a true record on 8 February 2021.

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