

Odstock Parish Council

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 8 February 2021, online through the ZOOM app.

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

Apologies Accepted: Thomas Newman

1/21 Open Public Forum: None.

2/21 Declaration of Interest: None.

3/21 Minutes of the Ordinary OPC meeting held on 7 December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4/21 Nunton Recreation Field:

a) Play Area Fencing: The Chairman advised this will be completed by the end of February.

b) Picnic Tables: Cllr Start advised delivery and installation would probably be arranged during March.

5/21 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

a) Wiltshire Council Highways: Cllr Berry has resolved pothole issues at Shepherds Close and the Parish Steward is scheduled to visit Odstock parish in March and April. Removal of roadside debris will be the main activity.

b) Overgrown Hedge: Following a conversation with the owner of Slate Cottage, the Clerk will obtain information about land ownership and remind him of his responsibility to ensure that his hedge does not obstruct the highway.

c) Community Speed Watch: The CSW Team leader delivered a presentation supported by four documents circulated prior to the meeting. Advice from Wiltshire Council is that to be effective, a Speed Indicator Device (SID) needs to be moved to a different location after two weeks. Outside the Odstock nursery and the road through Nunton are two high risk locations where speeding needs to be discouraged. Four locations have been identified where a removable post can be erected to which the SID would be attached. Odstock Cllrs are concerned about the likely costs and want to know whether it will be possible to share the equipment with another local parish council.

d) CATG: Cllr Berry will attend the 17-Feb online meeting to discuss the plans for the Nunton Footway Project.

6/21 Planning: 21/00369/FUL - Demolition of existing bungalow and garage. The construction of 2 new dwellings at Bramleys, Nunton Drove. SP5 4HZ. Following a presentation from the applicant, who had concluded that two 3 bed houses with internal garages would make best use of the site, OPC resolved to canvas the site neighbours for their opinions and formulate a Parish Council response. Odstock Cllrs were divided over the desirability of the development.

7/21 Reports and Correspondence:

a) Wiltshire Council: Wiltshire Cllr Clewer encouraged individual responses to the Local Plan Review consultation before the 9 March deadline.

b) Wiltshire Council Election: 6 May is the date for the election of Wiltshire Unitary Councillors and Parish & Town Councillors.

c) Next Area Board Meeting: The meeting will be held virtually and is scheduled for 7pm on 11 March 2021.

8/21 Finance:

a) Payments: The following were approved:

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

R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account BACS £934.21p

Society of Local Council Clerks – Subscription BACS £80.00p

Sustainable-Furniture (UK) Ltd – Two Picnic Tables BACS £732.00p

S J Alpin Playgrounds – Install Bow Top Fencing BACS £7,528.80p

Wessex Water – Nunton Field Water DD £15.78p

Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity DD £47.72p

9/21 Any Other Business (for information only): Cllr Berry advised that the Bus Shelter at Odstock Crossroads will need significant refurbishment soon.

10/21 The Annual OPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 17 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:47pm

Signed without amendment by the Chairman, Cllr Sally Nelson, as a true record on 19 April 2021.

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