

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 26 October 2020, online through the 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