

# OFFWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY ORDINARY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs. J. Tristram, P. Hopkins, T. Pepper

**In Attendance:** A Jenkins (Clerk)

**Members of Public:** 0

Cllr. Tristram, chaired the meeting

He welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and outlined / reminded everyone of the Covid-19 measures which had been adopted for Council meetings.

### OPEN SESSION

No matters raised

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons given (LGA 1972 S.85 (1))**  
Cllrs. C. Whithear, P. Sauvage and Cllr. Norfolk had tendered their apologies. The personal reasons given by them all were accepted and approved by Council.
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest relating to items outlined in this agenda (this does not preclude the duty to declare further interests as applicable)**  
None
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
Deferred to next meeting
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes**  
Deferred to next meeting
- 5. Reports:**
  - a) Police**  
The Clerk advised that a newsletter had been received which only gave Honiton Town and Honiton Rural crime stats for October 2022. The newsletter otherwise focused on Livestock and Fuel Theft.
  - b) District and County Councillors**  
The Clerk advised that no reports had been received from the County & District Councillors.
  - c) Clerk**  
None

**d) Offwell Neighbourhood Support Group**

None

**e) Highways Matters**

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**1) Village Traffic awareness**

The Clerk advised that DCC had only just announced that a budget of £150,000 had been approved for further 20mph speed limit schemes for 2023.

He understood that this funding amount may be sufficient to fund up to 6 schemes but that applications had to be submitted by the end of January 2023. No further details or application forms were available at present. He would agenda the matter for the January meeting but in the meantime would further investigate the new funding scheme, the application approval assessment criteria which will be used by DCC and the various matters the Parish Council need to consider. He said that the Parish Council's application had to be strong as it is likely that there will be in excess of 100 towns/parishes across the whole Devon applying to be considered for approval.

**2) Additional safety signage on entering the village, e.g. Please slow down children and animals**

The Clerk advised that he was liaising with other parishes on signage options. He was due to discuss the matter with Kilminster PC at their next meeting and would advise further at the next meeting.

**3) Speedwatch scheme**

Deferred to next meeting.

**4) A35 submission to National Highways**

Deferred to next meeting

**5) Other Highways matters**

Cllr. Pepper advised that there had recently been a classic car rally event which had gone through the lane past his property and other neighbouring properties in the early hours of the morning at 2am/3am. The cars which were approx. 2 minutes apart had been travelling at high speed on the lanes and one had even entered at speed into his property's driveway almost causing an accident. He was concerned that this event was totally unsuitable for the lanes through the parish and was a danger to any residents or other users who may be using the lanes at that time. He had reported the matter to both the Police and the event organisers and would continue to follow up on it as he understood that there may be another event next year.

Cllr. Tristram advised that he had spoken to a number of people about the concerns that emergency vehicles may not be able to get past parked vehicles by the Church centre of the village. He said that they appreciated the concerns and that hopefully the issue will not reoccur.

**f) Footpaths Report**

The Clerk advised that he had received the P3 survey forms and would liaise with Cllr. Sauvage and Cllr. Tristram.

**g) Any Other Reports**

None

**6. Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated.

## **7. Finance**

### **a) Current Financial Position**

The Clerk reported that there is £3732.17 in the current account..  
The CIL account balance remains unchanged at £12.09

### **b) Expenditure to be ratified**

None

### **c) Expenditure to be approved for which bills have been received**

1) Payment of £416.80 for the Clerk's salary for the month of December 2022

Payment proposed by Cllr. Pepper, seconded by Cllr. Hopkins. All in favour.

### **d) National salary Award 2022/23 (backdated to April 2022)**

The Clerk circulated copies of the national payscales award. Cllr. Hopkins proposed that the pay award be implemented and that a backdated payment of £312.00 for the period from April to date be made to the Clerk .Seconded by Cllr.Pepper, all in favour.

### **e) Position against budget**

Deferred to next meeting

## **8. Planning Applications**

### **a) Ref. No. 22/2122/FUL – Weetwood, Offwell EX14 9SB**

The Clerk advised that this planning application had now been approved.

## **9. Warm Welcome Campaign**

Nothing to report

## **13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Update of standing orders

Communication with the community, especially to comments on social media

## **14. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed *J. Tristram*

Date *18 /01/2023*