

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 7th December in The Radnor Hall at Bodenham.

Present: Rod Poynting (Chairman), Cliff Whitley (Vice-Chairman), Sherwood Elcock, Colin Berry, Simon Martin, Richard Parsons (Clerk), Salisbury District Cllr Bryan Rycroft and four members of the public.

Apologies: WC Cllr Julian Johnson, Brian Clake and Sue Martin.

57/05 Open Public Forum:

1. Concern was expressed that cars parking on the Nunton Recreation Field in wet weather would lead to surface damage. Football teams will be alerted to this potential problem.
2. The tractor standing area had been fenced off and it is understood that a Beech hedge will be planted.
3. There have been several car accidents on the A338. Some Villagers were of the opinion that excessive speed may have been a contributory factor.
4. No improvement to the problem of roadside parking near the entrance to Salisbury District Hospital.

58/05 Declaration of Interest: Cllr Martin declared a Personal Interest in matters relating to the Nunton Recreation Field.

59/05 Minutes of the Ordinary PC meeting held on 14th September were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

60/05 Matters Arising:

- a) **New Gates at Odstock Recreation Field** had been satisfactorily installed and paid for.
- b) **New Gates at Nunton Recreation Field** had been satisfactorily installed and paid for.

61/05 Nunton Recreation Field: Cllr Whitley reported that his consultation with Villagers had not generated any adverse comments. Six firms had been invited to tender for the provision of play equipment and he proposed that a committee of Villagers should be formed to evaluate the tenders before applying to SDC for the go-ahead. So far only one company had provided a tender for the construction of the proposed store.

62/05 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Community Skips:** Six large skips had been filled and removed during October. Members noted the letter from WCC indicating that, as the Waste Disposal Authority and because of potential operational problems, they would no longer be able to accept skips at the WDA's Thorny Down waste transfer station. A letter from RV Maidment Ltd indicated that a 12 cu yd could be provided at a cost of £180, subject to review in April and that any hazardous items found would incur additional costs of disposal.
- b) **Wiltshire Strategic Board:** Members were able to confirm that they already participate in the majority of activities identified by the 'Leading by Example' initiative but were unable to understand what benefit would accrue to the Parish Council by signing up to the initiative as suggested by WALC.

63/05 Finance:

- a) **Precept for 2006/07:** The prepared budget was reviewed. Cllr Elcock proposed the issue on Salisbury District Council of a precept in the sum of £10,000. Cllr Berry seconded and agreement was unanimous.
- b) **Annual Grants:** Members approved the grass-cutting grant of £500 to the Odstock & Nunton PCC and the grant of £40 towards the cost of producing the monthly 'News and Notes' publication.
- c) **SWAG:** Members noted the application by 'Shine' for funding to enable the purchase of a vehicle to provide learning opportunities to the three official 'traveller' sites in Salisbury District. They were unable to form an objective opinion regarding the usefulness of the project. OPC is unable to offer support.
- d) **Annual Return for 2004/05:** Mazars, the PC's External Auditor had signed the audit without qualification and submitted a fee invoice which members approved unanimously.
- e) **Payments:** The following were approved:

James Hill – Odstock Field Gates	182	£376.00p
James Hill – Nunton Field Gates	183	£423.00p
R V Maidment Ltd – Skip hire	184	£423.00p
Mazars – Audit Fee for 2004/05	185	£152.75p
Radnor Hall – Hire for meetings	186	£88.00p
PCC – Grass Cutting Grant	187	£500.00p
News & Notes – Expenses Grant	188	£40.00p
R Parsons – Clerk's fee on account	189	£424.00p
Society of Local Council Clerks - Subscription	190	£64.00p

64/05 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **WCC Parish Lengthsmen:** The scheduled lengthsmen's visit on 30th November and 1st December had cleaned the paths throughout the villages, cleared the grips, letts and ditches and washed signs. The repairs to the bridge on the road to the Hospital are 'in hand'.
- b) **Roadside Hedgerows:** Cllr Martin advised that he would do all he could to ensure that all hedgerows throughout the parish received appropriate attention before the Spring.
- c) **Traffic Survey:** The Primary School is believed to have completed the traffic survey but the PC is not in receipt of the findings as yet.
- d) **Speed Limit on the A338:** In light of recent accidents, members resolved to formally request a review of traffic speed at the Salisbury end of the dual carriageway.
- e) **Parking at the Hospital:** Members were disappointed that no extension to the double yellow 'no parking' lines had been forthcoming.
- f) **Bridleway from Shelf lane to the A338:** Cllr Martin advised that clearance work was in hand.
- g) **Shaftesbury Drive:** There was no news on the state of this Right of Way and it was suggested that the matter of abandoned cars should be brought to the attention of Netherhampton PC.

65/05 Planning:

- a) **S/2005/2450** - FULL APPLICATION - DEMOLISH EXISTING BUNGALOW AND GARAGE AND REPLACE WITH NEW DWELLING WITH INTERNAL GARAGES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS at WESSEX NUNTON DROVE NUNTON SP5 4HZ – The PC resolved to support this application.
- b) **S/2005/2444** - FULL APPLICATION - PROPOSED NEW 16 BED WARD EXTENSION TO MAIN HOSPITAL BUILDING at NEW HALL HOSPITAL BODENHAM SP5 4EY – The PC resolved to support this application.
- c) **S/2005/2142** - FULL APPLICATION - EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING TO FORM AN ADDITIONAL BEDROOM, BATHROOM AND PLAYROOM at CHALK PIT COTTAGE WHITSBURY ROAD Odstock SP5 4JE – The Clerk reported that this application was likely to be approved shortly under delegated powers. Members had raised no objections.

66/05 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **Wiltshire Police Authority:** Members noted the central government proposals for the amalgamation of police forces in the southwest and concluded that the change would be unlikely to reduce the effectiveness of policing locally.
- b) **Salisbury District Council:** The Chairman and the Clerk had attended the P&TC Liaison meeting on 5th October and the Clerk had attended the meeting on 28th November where comments were invited about SDC's Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- c) **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:** The Clerk reported that he was no longer eligible to represent the Southern Area Parish Councils on the Executive Committee of WALC. In due course WALC would no doubt be seeking another representative from PCs in the area.
- d) **WCC – Waste Management Strategy:** Members were unable to provide objective comment.
- e) **Cranbourne Chase AONB:** The Chairman agreed to review the terms of the Parish Archive Project.

67/05 Any Other Business: Cllr Berry drew attention to the parking problems at Shepherds Close in Odstock. He suggested that the ideal solution would be to extend the carpark to the full width of the playing field. It was agreed that enquiries should be made regarding a suitable resolution to the parking problem.

68/05 The next Ordinary PC meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18th January 2006.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm