

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 18th January in The Radnor Hall at Bodenham.

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

Apologies: WC Cllr Julian Johnson, Sherwood Elcock and Simon Martin.

1/06 Open Public Forum: There were no comments from members of the public.

2/06 Declaration of Interest: None.

3/06 Minutes of the Ordinary PC meeting held on 7th December were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4/06 Matters Arising:

- a) **Nunton Recreation Field:** Cllr Whitley had prepared a report [appended] and resubmitted a planning application for the proposed playground and store. Five costed playground schemes had been considered by the committee of villagers and following a debate, PC members resolved to adopt a scheme using a bark/woodchip base, timber play equipment and wooden fencing on four sides. On this basis, Cllr Whitley will negotiate terms for the playground's installation. A maintenance schedule will be considered later.
- b) **Parish Archive Project:** The Cranbourne Chase and West Wiltshire AONB had proposed this for creating a lasting record of people's memories about the local way of life including the identification of significant features and their geographical locations. The Chairman agreed to liaise and report to a future PC meeting.

5/06 Car Parking at Shepherds Close: Cllr Berry reported ongoing difficulty in determining responsibility for the whole of Shepherds Close. Some residents have several cars and this causes congestion in the areas set aside for parking. The Chairman was concerned that the PC's grass cutting contractors might again experience difficulty in accessing the recreation field. It is unlikely that more land could be made available for car parking therefore the PC will need to monitor the situation and react as required to maintain unobstructed access to the recreation field.

6/06 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Parish Initiatives:** There were no projects to consider. Litter picking may be organised as required.
- b) **Wiltshire Strategic Board:** Members noted the 'Making a Difference Together' conference at Sarum College on 8th February but were unable to make a commitment to attend. SD Cllr Rycroft will report back to the PC.

7/06 Finance: The following payments were approved:

Sodexo Land Tech Ltd – Grass cutting	191	£462.74p
HAC Joynt – Grass cutting	192	£199.50p
R Parsons – Clerk's fee invoice no.590	193	£182.22p
Society of Local Council Clerks - Training	194	£25.00p

8/06 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **WCC Parish Lengthsmen:** A revised schedule is likely to be available by the end of March.
- b) **Bridge along Odstock Road:** WCC will be closing the road for essential maintenance lasting four weeks.
- c) **Odstock Primary School Traffic Survey:** There are between 1800 and 1900 traffic movements per day.
- d) **A338 Road Safety:** WCC is planning to resurface the dual carriageway and introduce new road markings and features to improve road safety. The PC will request a consultation visit about the proposed improvements.

9/06 Planning: There were no new applications to consider.

10/06 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **Salisbury District Council:** Members would be unable to attend SDC training on 27th January.
- b) **Wiltshire and Swindon Training Partnership:** It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the clerks forum / training day organised by the Society of Local Council Clerks on 10th February in Devizes Town Hall.

11/06 Any Other Business: The Chairman advised that the PCC may ask for financial support with hedge cutting. Cllr Clake reported that the Football Clubs are not clearing up adequately after their games. They will be warned.

12/06 The next Ordinary PC meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd March 2006.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm