

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 7 September 2011 in The Barker Room at Nunton.

Present: Rod Poynting (Chairman), Ray Martin (Vice-Chairman), Colin Berry, Stephen Stapley, Nigel Start, Gavin Simmonite, Richard Parsons (Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Julian Johnson and six members of the public.

Apologies: David Williamson-Jones.

34/11 Open Public Forum:

A Parish Elector drew attention to the requirement to register all Septic Tanks with the Environment Agency.

35/11 Declaration of Interest: None.

36/11 Minutes of the Annual PC meeting held on 11 May were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

37/11 Nunton Recreation Field:

- a) **Football Practice:** OPC will require a formal proposal from any group wishing to use the football pitch.
- b) **Signage:** Cllr Berry agreed to arrange for the supply of signage at the Nunton Recreation Field.
- c) **Play Area:** Weed Removal from the safety surface is easy when the ground is moist after a period of rain. The Clerk reported that he had spent about 50 minutes recently clearing weeds when the safety surface was wet.

38/11 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Children's Play Area at Odstock Recreation Field:** Cllr Simmonite presented plans for the installation six items of Play Equipment at a cost of about £20,000. Odstock Parish has about £2,500 of R2 money and Cllr Simmonite agreed to explore the practicalities in greater depth and report to the December OPC meeting.
- b) **Jubilee Gardens:** The Chairman reported that he had now completed the refurbishment of the seat and he intends to seek advice about stabilizing the riverbanks which are becoming seriously eroded.

39/11 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **WC Parish Steward Report:** Hedgerows have been trimmed and gullies cleaned. A Ragwort report was published in July.
- b) **Footpath at Jubilee Gardens:** The Community Area Transport Group had recommended the footpath project to be implemented by Wiltshire Council. It was agreed that OPC would contribute £2,500 towards the cost.
- c) **Double Yellow Lines on Odstock Road:** Wiltshire Council has approved parking controls in the vicinity of Salisbury District Hospital.
- d) **Avon Valley Footpath:** Cllr Berry agreed to liaise with the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer in connection with the installation of kissing gates. To consider 5 gates at £150 each. OPC will commit up to £500 and seek additional funding from the Parish Improvement Grant Scheme (PIGS).

40/11 Planning: There were no planning applications to consider.

41/11 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **Cranbourne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB:** The Annual Woodfair is on 8-9 October.
- b) **South Wiltshire Area Board:** The next local monthly meeting is at Pitton Village Hall on 6 October.

42/11 Finance:

- a) **Precept requirement for 2012-2013:** Carried forward to the next PC meeting in December.
- b) **Payments:** The following were approved:

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	361	£384.60p
HAC Joynt – Ground Maintenance	362	£135.00p
R Poynting – Cash Receipt for Materials	363	£59.72p
R Parsons – Clerk's fee and expenses, on account	364	£840.00p
Mazars – Audit Fee 2010-2011	365	£162.00p
HMRC – PAYE	366	£132.00p
Nunton Farm – Annual Rent	367	£400.00p
Nunton Farm – Hedge Cutting	367	£100.80p
Earl of Radnor 1989 Settlement - Rent	368	£10.50p
Wessex Water – Nunton Field Water Supply	DD	£23.77p
Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity	DD	£30.21p

43/11 Any Other Business (for information only): None

44/11 The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 7 December 2011.

The meeting closed at 9:08pm