

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 9 February 2012 in The Radnor Hall at Bodenham.

Present: Rod Poynting (Chairman), Ray Martin (Vice-Chairman), Colin Berry, Nigel Start, David Williamson-Jones, Stephen Stapley, Richard Parsons (Clerk) and two members of the public.

Apologies: Gavin Simmonite and Wiltshire Cllr Julian Johnson.

01/12 Open Public Forum: A Parish Elector commented on the condition of the Notice Boards in the three villages.

02/12 Declaration of Interest: None.

03/12 Minutes of the Ordinary OPC meeting held on 7 December were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

04/12 Nunton Recreation Field:

- a) **Grass Cutting:** It was resolved to renew the existing grass-cutting contract. **Action:** The Clerk.
- b) **Signage:** Cllr Berry confirmed that the new signs had been affixed to the Nunton Recreation Field Gates.

05/12 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Radnor Hall Committee:** The Chairman confirmed that he would be representing OPC at the February meeting.
- b) **Children's Play Area at Odstock Recreation Field:** Cllr Simmonite provided an update on project progress.
- c) **Odstock Telephone Kiosk:** Still no information from British Telecom about OPC's offer to buy the kiosk for £1.
- d) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** It was agreed to allocate up to £250 as a grant towards celebrating this event. This would be publicised in News and Notes. Applications would be invited from parishioners and grants awarded.
- e) **Planting of Oak Trees:** The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that OPC would plant Oak Trees in both the Nunton Recreation Field and the Odstock Recreation Field to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- f) **Jubilee Gardens:** The Chairman is continuing to liaise with the Environment Agency and Longford Estate.
- g) **Village Notice Boards:** Cllr Martin agreed to refurbish the Nunton Notice Board.

06/12 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **WC Parish Steward Report:** The Yellow 'No-Parking' Lines have now been installed on Odstock Hill.
- b) **Pavement at Jubilee Gardens:** Wiltshire Highways Dept has carried out maintenance at this location.
- c) **Traffic Speed Survey:** Wiltshire Council will soon deploy speed measurement equipment in Nunton.
- d) **Avon Valley Footpath:** Cllr Berry is continuing to liaise with the Wiltshire Rights of Way Officer regarding the replacement of stiles and kissing gates and potential funding options.

07/12 Planning:

- a) **S/2012/0082** - Demolition of existing pair of semi-detached cottages, and erection of single dwelling at Yew Farm Cottages, Great Yews, Odstock, SP5 4JG – **OPC agreed to support this application**
- b) **S/2012/0100+0101** - Alterations to roof of existing gardeners store and erection of extension to provide conservatory and pergola structure at Longford Castle Gardens, SP5 4EG – **OPC agreed to support this application**

08/12 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **South Wiltshire Area Board:** The Clerk reported that he had attended the February meeting in Winterslow Village Hall on 2-Feb where plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee were discussed.

09/12 Finance:

- a) **Parish Clerk's Contract of Employment:** Resolved to adopt the revised 2011 NALC/SLCC Model Contract.
- b) **Internal Audit:** It was agreed to retain the services of the current internal auditor.
- c) **Payments:** The following were approved:

t signs Ltd – Signs for the Nunton Recreation Field	379	£114.00p
Pest Control (UK) Ltd – Pigeon-proof Spikes	380	£50.03p
Radnor Hall – Hire of Hall for OPC meeting	381	£15.00p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	382	£384.60p
R Parsons – Clerk's fee and expenses, on account	383	£464.00p
Southern Electric – Recreation Field Electric Supply	DD	£31.19p
Wessex Water – Recreation Field Water Supply	DD	£8.60p
Society of Local Council Clerks – Subscription	384	£72.00p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	385	£384.60p

10/12 The next scheduled OPC meeting will be held after the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 10 May 2012

The meeting closed at 9:02pm