

ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 7 February 2013 in Radnor Hall at Bodenham.

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

Apologies: David Williamson-Jones.

1/13 Open Public Forum: A parishioner was concerned about the apparent lack of road dressing in Odstock.

2/13 Declaration of Interest: None.

3/13 Minutes of the Ordinary PC meeting held on 6 December were not available.

4/13 Nunton Recreation Field:

- a) **Grass Cutting:** It was resolved to renew the existing grass-cutting contract. **Action:** The Clerk.
- b) **Safety Inspection:** Cllr Simmonite has inspected the play equipment and whilst there is some deterioration, he considered the potential for injury was minimal. A qualified inspection will follow later in the year.
- c) **Tree Planting:** The Chairman has planted an Oak Tree and another in the corner of the Odstock Playing Field.

5/13 Community Initiatives:

- a) **Radnor Hall Committee:** The Chairman reported that the grant towards the lease is appreciated.
- b) **Odstock Recreation Field:** Cllr Simmonite reported that he had applied for grants from the Lottery Fund and the Tesco Community Fund. He has also had a discussion with the Longford Estate about re-drafting the lease on the playing field to satisfy the requirements of the grant awarding organisations.
- c) **Odstock Telephone Kiosk:** Cllr Berry is currently negotiating with British Telecom about refurbishment.
- d) **Neighbourhood Planning:** Cllr Martin reported that the Localism Act 2011 empowers Parish Councils to be more proactive in how land and property within the parish is to be developed in the future.

6/13 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

- a) **Parish Highways Maintenance:** Gullies emptied and potholes repaired (6 separate issues resolved). The Wiltshire Council's 'Clarence' Service (**0800 23 23 23**) is the best way for reporting Highways issues. On 2 January, a parishioner submitted a detailed report to Clarence about the appalling state of the road south of Bodenham, close to the river Avon, leading to the A338. This has yet to be resolved.
- b) **Footpath between Odstock Church and Nunton:** Cllr Berry reported that he would obtain a costed solution.
- c) **Odstock Hill:** Cllr Simmonite drew attention to the increase in pedestrian and cycle traffic towards the hospital.
- d) **Community Speed Watch:** There are no plans to implement Community Speed Watch at present.
- e) **Avon Valley Footpath:** Cllr Berry reported that there was one more kissing gate to be installed.

7/13 Planning:

- a) **S/2013/0043** - Erection of a single dwelling at Meadow View, Park Lane, Britford, SP5 4EA – No Objections.
- b) **S/2013/0058** - Trees Cons Area - Tree works at Amber Cottage, Bodenham, SP5 4EN – No Objections.

8/13 Reports and Correspondence:

- a) **South Wiltshire Area Board:** The last meeting in Winterslow Village Hall on 31 Jan, attended by the Clerk.
- b) **Police Neighbourhood Bulletin:** No reported crime.

9/13 Finance:

- a) **Risk Assessment:** It was agreed that OPC's Risk Assessment Policy is adequate.
- b) **Payments:** The following were approved:

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	414	£392.30p
Society of Local Council Clerks – Subscription	415	£75.00p
R Parsons - Clerk's salary and expenses, on account	416	£464.00p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	417	£392.30p
Wessex Water – Recreation Field Water Supply	DD	£11.10p
Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity	DD	£7.85p

10/13 Any Other Business (for information only): None

11/13 The next scheduled OPC meeting will be held after the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 9 May 2013.

The meeting closed at 8:38pm