

## ODSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Odstock Parish Council was held on 6 February 2014 in the Barker Room at Nunton.

**Present:** Rod Poynting (Chairman), Stephen Stapley (Vice-Chairman), Colin Berry, Gavin Simmonite, David Williamson-Jones, Nigel Start, Richard Parsons (Clerk) and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Wiltshire Cllr Julian Johnson.

**1/14 Open Public Forum:** General comments made about hedgerow maintenance, drainage and mud on road.

**2/14 Candidates for Co-option to the Office of Parish Councillor:** Parishioner Sally Nelson had responded and was in attendance. She has lived in the parish for over 10 years. It was resolved to co-opt her; she signed a declaration of acceptance of office and will complete the register of members' interests.

**3/14 Declaration of Interest:** None.

**4/14 Minutes** of the Ordinary OPC meeting held on 5 December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **5/14 Nunton Recreation Field:**

- a) **Pavilion:** The Chairman advised on the need for a first aid kit to be available and that electrical appliances need to be tested regularly. He agreed to make the necessary arrangements.
- b) **Play Area Safety:** Cllr Simmonite agreed to discuss the implications of the RoSPA safety report as part of his negotiations in connection with the proposed new Play Area in Odstock Playing Field.

### **6/14 Community Initiatives:**

- a) **Radnor Hall Committee:** The Chairman reported that there was a vacancy for a Hall caretaker.
- b) **Odstock Recreation Field:** Cllr Simmonite reported that installation of the play equipment was imminent. The Chairman advised to delay tree planting until after the play equipment has been installed.
- c) **Jubilee Gardens:** It was agreed that OPC's insurance provider would be consulted about public liability coverage at Jubilee Gardens and appropriate signage as suggested in the RoSPA report. Cllr Berry agreed to obtain information about the availability of suitable signage.
- d) **Parish Power Cables:** Cllr Start confirmed that he was negotiating with Scottish and Southern Energy and the Landscape and Planning Adviser to the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB about the possibility of proposing a scheme for the undergrounding of some overhead power cables in Odstock Parish.

### **7/14 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:**

- a) **Parish Highways and Streetscene Maintenance:** The 'Clarence' (0800 23 23 23) Service is now complemented by a comprehensive menu driven online reporting facility at [www.Odstock.info/highways](http://www.Odstock.info/highways).
- b) **Community Area Transport Group:** Cllr Berry is in discussions with Council Officers about 1) New footway at C12, Jubilee Gardens to new footway opposite Odstock Church; and 2) Improvements to the path behind the hedgerow, off the C12 between Odstock and Nunton.

**8/14 Planning:** 13/06843/FUL - arrived after the meeting agenda had been published. **Ref: Min No.11/14 AOB**

**9/14 Reports and Correspondence:** Next Area Board meeting: Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall on 27-Mar.

### **10/14 Finance:**

- a) **Receipts:** The following were acknowledged:

Diabetes UK – Donation towards maintenance	£62.00p
Wiltshire Council – Community Grant	£5000.00p
- b) **Payments:** The following were approved:

Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	501	£396.50p
Society of Local Council Clerks - Subscription	502	£76.00p
R Parsons – Clerk's salary and expenses, on account	503	£472.00p
Bawden Contracting Services Ltd – Grass Cutting	504	£396.50p
Southern Electric – Nunton Field Electricity	DD	£18.58p

**11/14 Any Other Business (for information only):** Planning Application 13/06843/FUL - Demolition of existing brick buildings, new pitch boundary treatment, hardstanding, site expansion into an adjacent field and transit site. 44 residential pitches with 23 single storey amenity buildings a community building and 1 manager's office at 1 Odstock Road, Salisbury. SP2 8BX. Cllr Berry observed that if approved, Wiltshire Council would be empowered to develop the Traveller transit site element of the Oaktree Field Caravan Site in Britford Parish.

**12/14 The next scheduled OPC meeting** is the Annual meeting on Thursday, 8 May 2014.

The meeting closed at 9:02pm