

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting in Poyntington Village Hall, Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 7.30 pm.

The following were present: Councillors Mason, Buckland, Kellaway, Perryman, Simnett, DC Cllr Legg and the Clerk

23.54 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Dimond and Hunt.

23.55 There were no **declarations of interest.**

23.56 **The minutes of the meeting held 7th of September 2023** were confirmed and signed.

23.57 Adjournment Session

Cllr Legg spoke about the concerns raised in the summer by Mr Mike Firth and Mr Philip Congdon regarding the roads, pavement, verges and hedges in Poyntington which were brought up again at the village meeting in October. Cllr Legg raised these matters with Dorset Highways prior to the annual village inspection in August, following which potholes were filled and no further issues flagged. This was reported to Mr Congdon. Since the village meeting and subsequent letter to Dorset Council the village verges have been cut again by Dorset Council. Cllr Legg has spoken to the new Community Highways Officer, Mr Ian Styring who is still settling in to the job. It was agreed that the parish council should request a meeting with Mr Styring to discuss areas of concern in Poyntington and Osborne including the pavement along the A30.

A resident told the council about a recent accident on the B3145 junction with Clatcombe Lane outside her property. This is latest of many accidents over the 20 years she has lived there, which are increasing in severity and frequency. Cllr Legg had obtained the (circulated) preliminary police report. A site inspection by the Dorset Council Traffic Collision Officer is due to take place in the next couple of weeks and it was agreed to request that representatives from the parish council and residents should be allowed to attend.

23.58 **The financial report for the year 2023-24** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £309.62; HMRC (PAYE): £77.40; Poyntington Village Hall: £15. M. Carvell £100, Osborne PCC £800, Poyntington PCCC £800, Goathill PCC £350, Milborne Port Computers £30. Paid since the last meeting and approved: Normtec (Wood) £110. Direct debit set up to Hugo Fox for £11.99 per month for website as agreed at the last meeting.

23.59 Planning Matters

Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting or at this meeting:

23.59.1 **Tithe Barn, Poyntington** P/HOU/2023/02632 Extensive alterations to house and garage barn, No objection.

Applications determined by Dorset Council or awaiting decision:

23.59.2 **The Grange at Osborne**, P/FUL/2023/04007 External & internal alterations to facilitate conversion of existing function room to 3 No. hotel suites, No objection.

23.59.3 **Mushroom Farm Cow Lane Poyntington**, P/FUL/2022/02416 Erect 2 No. dwellings (Class C3), new vehicular accesses and associated works. Demolish existing agricultural buildings and polytunnels, Objection

23.59.4 **Land At, Blackford Road, Charlton Horethorne**, SSDC application 23/02275/HYBRID Hybrid mixed-use planning application on land comprising: 1) FULL APPLICATION for 28 dwellings, 665m2 of commercial use Class E(g), public open space, allotments, drainage, landscape and ancillary works, The council is not a consultee to this application but feels the proposed development would have negative implications for Yeohead and decided to submit an objection.

23.60 Rights of Way: DMMO Applications:

Dorset Council has agreed to treat Pinford Lane as a priority application.

23.61 **Sheeplands Lane** Cllr Legg has had a meeting with two Dorset Planning Officers. There seems little will to work towards a solution for riders with either Persimmon or Sherborne Castle Estates who own the land either side of the one way stretch of road.

23.62 **Osborne Play Area** Following the annual inspection, the Play Area Committee has cordoned off some of the equipment which was found to have issues classed as high risk due to rotten wood. This equipment is due to be repaired or replaced.

- 23.63 **Fingerpost repairs** As agreed at the last meeting, two 11 inch wide boards from the Dorset Fingerpost Project have been purchased for repairs to Poyntington signs. Cllr Perryman offered some oak floor boarding to make narrower fingers to complete the repairs being done by a volunteer.
- 23.64 **Highways issues** See open forum.
- 23.65 **Verge maintenance in Osborne and Poyntington** See open forum.
- 23.66 **Parish Council laptop** The council agreed to accept a quote from Milborne Port Computers for a reconditioned laptop and file/program transfer and set up at a cost of £330 plus VAT. Alternative options from PC World were more expensive and would not come with local support.
- 23.52 **Items for the next Agenda**
- 23.53 **Dates of future meetings:**
- 11 January, Osborne
 - 7 March, Poyntington
 - 9 May, Poyntington
 - 4 July, Osborne

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.