

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting in Poyntington Village Hall, Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm

The following were present: Councillors Mason, Buckland, Hunt, Kellaway, Perryman and Simnett and the Clerk

23.84 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Dimond and Dorset Cllr Legg

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

23.86 **The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of January 2024** were confirmed and signed.

23.87 **Adjournment Session**

After many years of service, the Chairman, John Mason has decided to step down from the council at the elections in May. This being his last meeting, John spoke about his time on the council and how much he had enjoyed it. Everyone agreed that he has been an excellent chairman and will be much missed. Jim and Natividad Hart, who recently stepped down from long service as rights of way liaison officers, came especially to wish him well and present John with a beautiful plant. He was also given a book on Dorset which everyone signed. Also stepping down in May are Vice Chairman Peter Hunt and Councillors Ruth Dimond and Greg Kellaway, all of whom have served the council very well for many years and will be missed.

23.88 **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. Paid since the last meeting and approved: Direct debit to Hugo Fox for £11.99 per month.

23.89 **Planning Matters**

Items in bold: Comments were decided or approved at this meeting.

Name	Details /Reference	Status
Higher Farm Higher Street Lillington Sherborne	PP/FUL/2023/06764 Erect silage barn	Adjoining parish Castleton No objection
The Grange at Osborne	P/FUL/2023/06937 External & internal alterations to facilitate conversion of existing function room 2no. treatment rooms & a meeting room, including replacement of conservatory roof & amendments to external walls of conservator	No objection Granted 12.01.24
Tithe Barn, Poyntington	P/HOU/2023/02632 Extensive alterations to house and garage barn.	No objection Granted 16.01.24
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 Phosphate assessments submitted Jan- Feb 2024

- 23.90 **Rights of Way:** DMMO Applications:
No issues.
- 23.91 **Oborne Playground Equipment:** The damaged piece of equipment has now been renovated and reinstated.
- 23.92 **Fingerpost Repairs:** All the damaged posts have been repaired and the post in the centre of Poyntington has been repainted.
- 23.93 **Poyntington book exchange, kiosk maintenance** The wooden door of the kiosk is in a poor state and the council agreed to pay the costs of paint and filler. It will be painted by a volunteer
- 23.94 **Highways Issues:**
- a) B3145 junction with Clatcombe Lane: The traffic collision officer has said that a larger mirror and collision warning signs will be installed quite shortly. Councillors were pleased to hear this but noted that the signs should be installed at the correct height.
 - b) A30 junction and pavement at Osborne: Councillors were pleased that the vegetation along the wall and on the footpath has been cut well back, giving a lot more space for pedestrians.
 - c) Sheeplands Lane, provision for horse riders: Cllr Dimond who was unable to be at the meeting had written to suggest that the council asks Dorset Highways to install extra road signs at either end of the one way system. The council agreed to do so.
 - d) Road and verge maintenance in Poyntington: The Community Highways Officer has offered to meet Mr Congdon to discuss the drains on Queen Street.
- 23.95 **Drains in Goathill:** Cllr Buckland reported that Dorset Council has done some work to clear the drains. However, they are not planning to enlarge the drain on the north side of the bridge and have left a pile of road planings which are gradually being washed down the drain. The clerk had written to Canon Court Farm about the issue and received a phone call from Mrs Tizzard. They do not think that any of the gravel blocking the drains in Goathill is coming from Canon Court. However, they will make sure that the road is brushed whenever necessary after their contractors have used it.
- 23.96 **To consider and adopt updated standing orders** The council agreed to adopt the previously circulated standing orders based on the latest NALC model version.
- 23.97 **To decide parish council S137 donations for 2023-24** The council agreed to donate £100 each to the Air Ambulance and Sherborne Voluntary Ambulance.
- 23.98 **Parish Council Elections 2024** Nomination forms were given to the clerk who will deliver them to Dorchester. So far nobody has shown an interest in standing for Castleton.
- 23.99 **King's portrait for village halls** The clerk reported that free portraits of the King are available for parish councils. The council agreed that she should apply for one each for Osborne and Poyntington halls.
- 23.991 **Items for the next Agenda:** Water on the road at Crackmore
- 23.992 **Dates of future meetings:**
16 May, Poyntington
4 July, Osborne
5 September, Poyntington
7 November, Osborne

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.