

**Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held at Osborne Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm.**

The following were present: Councillors Mason, Buckland, Dimond, Perryman, and Simnett, the Clerk, DCC Cllr Penfold and a good number of Poyntington residents

- 17.89     **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Kellaway and WDDC Cllr Gould
- 17.90     Declarations of interest: Cllrs Mason and Simnett noted that they live close to the land in Washingpool referred to in item 17.99 and the adjournment session. The Clerk advised that if a planning application is made for the land or Council decisions are required, Cllrs Mason and Simnett would not take part. But at this meeting the matter was for information only.
- 17.91     **The minutes of the meeting held on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2018** were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
- 17.92     **Matters arising:** None
- 17.93     **Adjournment session**
- Several residents of Poyntington addressed the meeting to express concerns about future plans for a piece of land at Washingpool, which has recently changed hands. It was generally believed that the new owners are intending to make a planning application for housing development on the land. Those residents attending the meeting believed the land to be unsuitable for housing for the following reasons: Poor drainage and riverside location which gives rise to flooding; Insufficient access due to the narrow one track village roads; Infrastructure and amenities in the village are insufficient for the development of more houses. Furthermore it was said that construction lorries would be forced to back down the hill due to the bend on the road at the entrance to the land.
- DCC Cllr Penfold spoke about the local government reorganisation which will bring in the two new unitary councils by April 2019. Cllr Mason gave her information about areas of road in Washingpool that still require repair.
- 17.94     **The financial report for the year 2017-18** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £260.30; HMRC (PAYE): £65.20; Hire of Osborne Village Hall £15.00, BT Payphones £1
- 17.95     **Planning Matters**
- Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting or at this meeting:***
- 17.95.1    **Land North of Pound Road, Thornford, Castleton adjoining application**  
WD/D/18/000116 Outline application for development of 35 dwellings; No comment.
- 17.95.2    **Townsend Cottage, Poyntington** WD/D/1/000186 Add natural stone facing and replace windows; Support
- 17.95.3    **Castle Gardens, Castleton** WD/D/17/002543/2545 Erect extension to increase dining area / listed building internal and external works; Support
- Applications determined by WDDC or awaiting decision.***
- 17.95.4    **Farm Close Cottage, Poyntington** WD/D/17/003015 amendment to planning permission WD/D/16/001944, Approved 18.01.18
- 17.95.5    **Lynwood, Castleton** WD/D/17/002708 Use as dwelling house – certificate of lawfulness, No objection, Approved
- 17.95.6    **The Dairy Farm, Osborne** WD/D/17/002625 Erect agricultural building; No objection, Approved 04.01.18
- 17.96     **Meetings attended:** None
- 17.97     **Update on repairs to the Poyntington B3145 signpost** Cllr Simnett had been liaising with Highways. It is now predicted that the repairs will be completed by the end of April.
- 17.98     **Poyntington Electricity Supply** SSE had reported to the Clerk that the inspection of

the overhead cables had been completed without finding an explanation for the supply interruptions. SSE will now conduct more tests and report back. The Council decided to wait for the results of these tests before taking any further action.

17.99 **Land at Washingpool** Recent removal of part of the boundary hedgerow and resurfacing of the adjacent verge had been reported to the Clerk. The Clerk will write to inform Magna Housing, which is believed to be the owner of the verge.

17.100 **Adoption of Poyntington phone kiosk** The Clerk had received a contract for the purchase of the kiosk from BT. The Council agreed to the contract and the payment of £1. Ideas for the future use of the kiosk including the possibility of a book exchange will be discussed at the village meeting in April.

17.101 **Correspondence:**

- Thank you letter received from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
- Notice of MG Club trial through Osborne
- Consultation from WDDC about the devolution of services and assets to Town and Parish Councils. The Council discussed the latter and asked the Clerk to complete the survey.

17.102 **Items for the next Agenda:** None

17.103 **Dates of future meetings:**

3 May Osborne (AGM)  
5 July Poyntington  
6 September Osborne  
1 November Poyntington

The meeting finished at 8.30pm