

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council Meeting 11th July 2024 at 7.30 pm

The following were present: Councillors Buckland, Perryman, Simnett and Stubbs, Dorset Cllr Legg and the Clerk

24.27 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Lacey

24.28 **Declarations of interest:** None declared

24.29 **Co-option:** There are still two vacancies for Castleton. Nobody came forward at this meeting.

24.30 **The minutes of the meeting held 23rd of May 2024** were confirmed and signed.

24.31 **Matters arising:** None

24.32 **Adjournment Session**

Cllr Legg reported that, as a result of the elections in May, there is now a majority of Liberal Democrat Councillors on Dorset Council and Sherborne Town Council. Jon Andrews is the member for Sherborne East and has been made Cabinet Member for Place which includes planning. Richard Crabb, Sherborne West, is the Chair of Area North Planning. At the Audit Committee Meeting on July 8th, the constitution was changed to make it easier for parishes to get contentious planning applications to committee for decision. The Somerset model has been adopted meaning that for developments of over 10 houses or 1 hectare of land, an application will go to committee if the area member objects. For smaller developments, an objection from the member will send the application to the head of committee, who will then decide if it should be a delegated decision or sent to committee. Previously this decision was made by the head of planning.

Another idea from other local authorities, which may be copied in Dorset, is area boards or network committees. Under this scheme, councillors meet three or four times a year with community groups and parishes. Sherborne could be a pilot for the scheme.

Dancing Hill: Road users are invited to send their views on the new road layout to Dorset Council via Robin. It was noted that there is better visibility at the junction.

24.33 **The financial report for the year 2024-25** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £309.60; HMRC (PAYE): £77.40; Osborne Hall £20; Milborne Port Computers £36, Clerk reimbursement for materials to renovate the telephone box – book exchange £110.09 –figure includes VAT which will be reclaimed.

24.34 **Banking arrangements:** The clerk had made an application to open a new Treasurer's Account at Lloyds Bank as agreed at the last meeting. Cllrs Perryman and Simnett who will be signatories, in addition to the clerk, had visited the Lloyds branch in Sherborne for identity checks. All three signatories signed the application mandate at the meeting. Former councillor Ruth Dimond is continuing to sign cheques until the new account is in operation.

24.35 **Planning Matters**

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

Name	Details /Reference	Status
The Stone House, Osborne	P/HOU/2024/02656 Replace failed joists supporting the mezzanine floor in the garage with new timber to strengthen the floor and reintroduce its structural integrity. Existing joists that have not failed will be retained, existing old floorboarding will be retained and any damaged flooring to be replaced..	No comments – structural repairs
The Stone House,	P/HOU/2024/02655 Replace damaged joists supporting the	Application withdrawn

Oborne	mezzanine floor in garage and replace any existing damaged floorboarding.	
Higher Farm Higher Street Lillington Sherborne	PP/FUL/2023/06764 Erect silage barn	Adjoining parish Castleton No objection Granted 25.06,24
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 To be decided by committee 16.07.24

- 24.35.2 **Mushroom Farm, Poyntington, P/FUL/2022/02416:** Following multiple objections from Cllr Legg, the parish council and residents, the application will be decided by the Dorset Council Planning Committee on July 16th. Neither of the Poyntington Councillors will be able to attend the committee, but Cllr Simnett reported that a few people from the village intend to go and one of them will speak on behalf of the residents. Cllr Legg will attend and will also speak against the application.
- 24.36 **Rights of Way:** Cllr Legg reported that he intends to speak to Cllr Jon Andrews, the new Cabinet Member for Place, about moving the Pinford Lane DMMO up the committee's list, on grounds of the significant public benefit if successful. At present it is likely that the application will not be considered for about 4 years
- 24.37 **Poyntington Book Exchange:** Further to the decision taken at the last meeting to paint the kiosk, the clerk has purchased the materials needed. The council agreed to reimburse the costs as agreed. Cllr Stubbs offered to ask for a volunteer to do the work on the new village WhatsApp group.
- 24.38 **Highways Issues:**
- Sheeplands Lane: The clerk has chased Dorset Highways who are obtaining prices for improving the signage re horse riders. Cllr Legg said that Highways had given him the impression that the one way stretch of road is now owned by the developers Persimmon who are therefore responsible for signage. The clerk will contact Highways to verify the situation.
- 24.39 **Items for the next Agenda:** None
- 24.40 **Dates of future meetings:**
5 September, Poyntington
7 November, Oborne
9 January 2025, Poyntington

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

