

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
8th January 2024  
COMMENCING AT 7:00 IN THE OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

**Present:** Parish Councillor Astrea Hurlock (in the Chair).  
Parish Councillors Mark Egerton, John Foster, Simon Grinstead, Yassir Mahmood, and Will Martin

**In Attendance:** Juanita Madgwick (Clerk), District Councillor Jerry Pett and Neil Bolton

**Also in Attendance:** Members of the public were present.

**106/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr John Chapman.

**107/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**108/23 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 11 DECEMBER 2023**

Councillors noted their acceptance of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11 December 2023, and the Council **Resolved**, unanimously, that they were a true record.

**109/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**Planning:**

**Willow Farm:**

Representatives from a planning consultant spoke on behalf of the two nearest properties to Willow Farm on their objections to this planning application, which included highways, ecological, flooding, and heritage impacts and the size and scale of the properties in the application.

**Morestead Grange:**

The applicant explained that they wanted to renovate the stables and outbuilding and put a new roof on them. They advised that this would be an ancillary building to the current property. A Cllr asked if they had taken into consideration the dark skys at night SDNP policy.

**Stoneycroft:**

The applicant explained what the application was for as a Cllr had asked as the information on the planning portal was not clear.

**Other Agenda Items:**

A resident asked if the parish council could send out an OIS regarding where all the dog fouling bins are in the village.

**110/23 PLANNING**

**a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

23/02644/FUL	Willow Farm Hensting Lane Fishers Pond Hampshire
Proposal	The removal of an existing barn building and in its place, the creation of two tourist accommodation units with designated parking area, a new access route and a new passing place (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)
Parish Council Comment	<p>Owslebury Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application.</p> <p>The Council draws the Planning Authority's attention to the objection already lodged by Mr Nick Cobbold of Bell Cornwell (Chartered Town Planners) which succinctly lays out why, under existing planning law and practice, this application should be refused.</p> <p>Owslebury Parish Council fully agrees with, and supports, Mr Cobbold's arguments and highlights the following grounds for refusal:</p> <p><b>Access</b></p> <p>The unsuitability of the track leading to the site itself has already been well explored. Its junction with Hensting Lane, a single-track road for its entire length, poses considerable risks as the junction is situated on a dangerous bend in the narrowest part of Hensting Lane which the existing traffic of horse riders, walkers, cyclists and motor vehicles already negotiate at their peril. The heavy use of Hensting Lane as a rat run at peak hours causes frequent chaos at this junction.</p> <p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>In wet weather Hensting Lane floods in many places along its 2.5 mile length and one of the most severe is the junction where the track to the proposed development meets the Lane.</p> <p>The nature of the proposed development with its hard-standing and paved areas will add significantly to this and will also have a degrading effect on the track leading to the development site.</p> <p><b>Ecology/Landscape</b></p> <p>The large scale nature of the proposal is not only completely out of keeping with the rural situation of the site, but this part of Hensting Lane borders the South Downs National Park and the proposed development is clearly visible from the Park.</p> <p>The proposed major earthworks involved in providing new access to the site completely ignore the Planning Authority's pre-app advice which made clear that the boundary hedge/trees should be retained to prevent harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area and that any new planting should be of native trees/shrubs. The current application does not retain the boundary hedges/trees and is in direct conflict with the</p>

	<p>pre- app advice. It removes the current screen provided by the trees and hedges and on its plans shows “numerous leylandii cypress trees”.</p> <p><b>Wildlife</b></p> <p>Another problem with the increased traffic along Hensting Lane is that the road is migratory route for common toads, as well as frogs and smooth/palmate newts.</p> <p>Each spring, from late January until the end of March, the Hensting Lane Toad Patrol group conducts dusk patrols from the Lane’s junction with Main Road (the B3354) to the entrance to Elm Farm and has helped save the lives of thousands of amphibians over the years.</p> <p>Despite these considerable efforts, however, in just the past 4 years, the group records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence that over 1,100 amphibians have been killed by vehicles traversing Hensting Lane.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Common toads have seen their numbers decline by approximately 68% in the past 30 years.</li> </ul> <p>Any increase in traffic will further exacerbate this dire ecological situation.</p> <p><b>Nitrate/phosphate mitigation</b></p> <p>There is no provision for nitrate and phosphate mitigation in the application.</p>
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SDNP/23/05272/HOUS	Morestead Grange Morestead Hill Morestead Hampshire SO21 1LZ
Proposal	Extension to annex
Parish Council Comment	<p>The Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.</p> <p>However, the Council would like to see a condition placed on this application should it be approved. The Council would like the annex to be kept as an ancillary accommodation to the existing property and not to be used as a separate property.</p>

SDNP/23/05330/HOUS	Stoneycroft Hensting Lane Owslebury Hampshire SO21 1LE
Proposal	Proposed alterations and conversion to existing garage to form annex and work zone to first floor, Proposed Out building to form garage garden room and machine store with first floor. Proposed spiral stair case and balcony to rear with porch roof
Parish Council Comment	<p>The Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.</p> <p>However, the Council would like to see a condition placed on this application should it be approved. The Council would like the annex,</p>

	garden room and garage to be kept as an ancillary accommodation to the existing property and not to be used as a separate property.
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#### **b) PLANNING DECISIONS**

SDNP/23/01519/HOUS	Victoria Park Baybridge Lane Owslebury Hampshire SO21 1JN
Proposal	(Amended Description) Proposed minor external alterations to existing building including lowering of existing flat roof to the west elevation.
Decision	Approved

The Council received and noted the planning decisions.

#### **111/23 RECEIVE THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated the District Cllrs Report to all prior to the meeting, which were received and noted (Appendix 1).

The District Cllrs gave an update on the Go Greener Faster grant application. The also encouraged the Council and residents to read and comment on the new Hospital proposal for Winchester and Basingstoke.

The District Cllrs advised that a public consultation on proposals for future services in Hampshire had come out today and was running until 31 March. This consultation talks about the reduction in money to be spent on passenger transport by withdrawing funding for subsidies for bus routes that are not commercially viable such as the 63 and 67 bus routes. They also advised that there was a passenger transport forum in January.

The District Cllrs advised that the Hampshire Policy on 20mph goes to the select committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> January to be approved. They advised that in the policy it states that any parish wishing to have a 20mph speed limit would be charged back to the parish. They advised that there was nothing in the policy about reducing other speed limits and the police will not set aside more time on speeding.

#### **112/23 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM GROWS**

Cllr Hurlock gave a verbal report on the recent GrOws meeting. Cllr Hurlock advised that GrOws had applied for a grant for £2,500.00 to fund the repair café, purchase a heat sensor camera and an apple press for the village.

#### **113/23 REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Clerk had circulated the Parish Councils Action Plan survey questionnaire to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 2).

The Council asked the Clerk to change questions 3, 4 and 5 to include 'live and work'.

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to agree to the changed and approve the Action Plan Survey and send it out on all media platforms for a month.

Action:	By Whom:
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### 114/23 HIGHWAYS

#### a) RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE BEECH GROVE PATHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk had circulated a report on the Beech Grove pathway improvements to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 3).

The Clerk advised that she had asked for an update from Hampshire County Council but had not received one in time for the meeting.

### 115/23 OPEN SPACES, RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS

#### a) AGREEMENT TO WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL CARRYING OUT THE ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

The Clerk had circulated the email received from Winchester City Council regarding the cost of the annual playground inspection to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 4).

The Clerk advised the Council to carry out the play area inspection without any of the extras as these were carried out last year.

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to carry out the play area inspection without any extras.

### 116/23 RIGHTS OF WAY

#### a) GENERAL MATTERS

A Cllr asked how to report a problem with a right of way. The Clerk advised to report it using the Hampshire County Council website plus let the Clerk know and she can ask one of the path wardens to check it and help if necessary if not report it to our community engagement ranger.

### 117/23 FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND STATUTORY MATTERS

#### a) TO NOTE PAYMENTS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND NOTE RECEIPTS AND TO APPROVE PROPOSED PAYMENTS

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to approve the following payments and authorised Councillor Chapman and Councillor Martin to finish the payment process.

#### Payments:

#### December:

PAYMENTS	Amount (£)	Payee	Payment Type
115	32.00	Winchester Villages Trust Grant	

116	7.00	3 Phone	DD
117	3.60	IONOS Web Hosting Wordpress	DD
118	2.40	IONOS Hosting Start Basic Fee	DD
119	22.31	OPHMC (Dec)	
120	504.00	Clerks Salary Dec	
121	126.00	HMRC	
122	59.25	Clerks Expenses Dec	
123	1,001.65	Swanmore ASCO Dec 23	

**Receipts:**

**December:**

RECEIPTS			
11	100.94	CCLA - Investment Interest	
12	7.18	CCLA - Investment Interest	
13	2,048.54	VAT Return	

**b) TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE DECEMBER BANK RECONCILIATION BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Council **Resolved** unanimously for the Chairman to sign December Bank Reconciliation.

**c) CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT FOR LIFE EDUCATION**

The Clerk had circulated the letter from Life Education, for a grant towards delivering well-being education to Owslebury Primary School, to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 5).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to agree to grant £100 to Life Education towards delivering well-being education to Owslebury Primary School.

**d) CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT OF THE COUNCILS RESPONSE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES IN AND AROUND BASINGSTOKE AND WINCHESTER**

The Clerk had circulated the proposed changes to acute hospital services in and around Basingstoke and Winchester to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 6).

The Council asked the Clerk to pend this item until the February meeting so that they can read all the information properly.

**e) AGREEMENT TO APPLY FOR THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME**

The Clerk had circulated a report on the Local Council Award Scheme to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 7).

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The Council went through the criteria for the foundation and quality award, and felt that the Council would be able to achieve the foundation level this coming year and to go for the quality award the following year.

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to apply for the Foundation level of the Local Council Award Scheme and add this to the Council's Action Plan for 2024/25.

**f) REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

The Clerk had circulated the Data Protection policy to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 8).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to accept the changes to the Data Protection policy and place a copy on the website.

**g) REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SLR RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had circulated the SLR Risk Assessment to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 9).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to accept the changes on the SLR Risk Assessment and place a copy on the website.

**h) APPROVE THE WORKING FROM HOME RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had circulated the Working from Home Risk Assessment to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 10).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to approve the Working from Home Risk Assessment and place a copy on the website.

**118/23 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Cllr Foster advised that he had received an email from OMCA regarding a donation towards the jubilee trees to be planted in the sports ground. He advised that OMCA would donate £500.00. The Clerk advised that she would put this on the agenda to discuss in February.

**119/23 TO NOTE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 February 2024 at 7:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm

Chairman:

Date: