

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
20th AUGUST 2015
COMMENCING AT 6PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

PRESENT

Parish Councillor Gerry Tull (in the Chair).

Parish Councillors: Mark Egerton, Will Martin (left at 7pm, after Minute 127/15), Paul Phillips.

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO): Michael Cleary.

6 members of the public were present (left at varying times).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Parish Councillor John Chapman.

Parish Councillor Roger Page.

Parish Councillor Sally Tattersall.

County and District Councillor Rob Humby.

District Councillor Laurence Ruffell.

124/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

125/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th July 2015 and 23rd JULY 2015.

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13th and 23rd July 2015 was deferred until the next routine meeting of the Council on 14th September 2015.

126/15 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

The adviser to the owners of Hensting Farm, Hensting Lane summarised the main features of the proposed internal changes and new kitchen extension at the property. He explained the extensive research work which has been undertaken into the history of the property and the various changes to the buildings over the centuries. The design and building materials of the proposed extension were sympathetic to the main building. As the extension would use the sunken garden, its impact on the surrounding views would be limited. The advisors had consulted with SDNP throughout the design stage. He responded to questions from Councillors.

Neighbours of the Long Ash property commented on the proposed re-development of the property. Whilst they had had concerns about the original application (refused by SDNP) many of their concerns had been addressed in the new application before the Council. In broad terms they were supportive of the application.

127/15 PLANNING.

a) Planning Applications.

SDNP 15/03445/FUL	Long Ash, Pitcot Lane
Proposal:	Application for the demolition of the existing bungalow and erection of a two storey replacement dwelling (resubmission).
Closing date (OPC):	21/08/15

Councillors commented that the site was currently a mess and shared the neighbours comments that in some respects any development of the site would be better than the existing situation. However, Councillors expressed concerns about a number of matters including inadequate regard for protection of wildlife, the potential use of agricultural land, the impact on the views from the right of way, the need to protect the privacy of the neighbours, the hazardous materials currently on the site and a concern as to a further reduction in the stock of smaller properties in the parish.

After due consideration, the Council unanimously **Resolved** not to object to the application but to ask the Planning Officer to take into account, in determining the application, the significant points of concern noted above. Councillor Tull informed the Council that as he felt so strongly about certain of the points (notably the protection of wildlife and the existence of hazardous materials), he would also pursue such matters in his private capacity.

SDNP 15/03956/LIS	Hensting Farm, Hensting Lane
Proposal	Minor internal works and kitchen extension
Closing date (OPC)	21/08/15

Councillors acknowledged the extensive work undertaken by the owners and advisers but nonetheless felt that the design and building materials for the extension were not in keeping with the rest of the property. However the Council considered the Planning and Conservation Officers were best suited to make a judgement on this matter. The Council was also concerned that the views from rights of way be taken into account.

Accordingly, the Council unanimously **Resolved** not to object to the application but to bring to the Officers attention the above points.

SDNP 15/03657/HOUS	The Old Whitehouse, Baybridge Lane
Proposal:	Amendment to existing planning permission SDNP 13/04316/HOUS to alter the car barn to a 3 bay without log store. Proposed barn to be 0.325m longer and 1.2m deeper than previous application. Same materials to be used and placed in same position as approved car barn.
Closing date (OPC):	02/09/15

The Council had no concerns to bring to the Planning Officer’s attention.

b) Planning Decisions

The Council noted SDNP’s decision to approve the Staggs Gate development (SDNP 15/ 00645/FUL) and to refuse the application for the proposed tennis court at Lower Farm (SDNP 15/ 01973/FUL)..

128/15 RIGHTS OF WAY.

The Council unanimously **Resolved** to support a landowners proposed improvement to Bridleway 12 on his land.

129/15 FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND STATUTORY MATTERS.

Payments.

Councillors approved a payment of £42 to HALC for a training course, £29.30 to Owslebury Parish Hall for use of rooms for July and £176.81 to the contractor for the refurbishment of the Hall and Glebe Field ‘access’ notice Boards (Minute 110/15 refers).

130/15 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

There were no specific points for consideration at the next Council meeting.

131/15 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

It was agreed the next Council meeting would be held on 14th September 2015 commencing at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

The meeting closed shortly before 7.10pm.

Chairman.....Gerry TullDate: 14th September 2015