



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON
24th FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7PM**

Present: Cllrs A McFarlane (Chair), J Coffey, R Coleman, W MacPhee,
J Raw, C Seabrook, D Stewart and P Verdon.

In attendance: Andrea Mann (Parish Clerk) from 247/20.

Minutes taken by: Cllr P Verdon

Also present: Hants CC Cllr Glen

238/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Ball.

239/20 To receive declarations of interests and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda

None.

240/20 Approval of minutes

RESOLVED

The minutes of the previous full Council meeting held on 16th February were agreed as a true record of the meeting, to be signed by the Chair at a later date. (Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Seabrook, all in favour).

241//20 Chair's announcements

None.

242/20 Public Session

Cllr Glen reported he was pleased a meeting had taken place between parish councils regarding the Cholsey Solar Farm application.

243/20 Casual Vacancy and Co-option Policy

RESOLVED

The draft Casual Vacancy and Co-option Policy was reviewed, revised as per Appendix 1, then adopted. (Proposed by Cllr Raw, seconded by Cllr Verdon, 5 in favour).

Confidential Matters

244/20 To exclude the public and press to consider confidential matters

ALL Members unanimously AGREED to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press to consider confidential contractual matters.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960).

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Stewart, all in favour).



Non-OPC members then left the meeting.

245/20 Bus Shelters on B3349

Members reviewed correspondence from the owners of two properties on B3349 which were the proposed sites for two bus shelters; one replacement shelter on the western side and one new shelter on the eastern site.

Members considered the objections from the residents, whether to repeal the decision to adopt the shelters, whether to agree to HCC's proposed locations or whether to agree to the locations without shelters.

Following debate it was

RESOLVED

- i) Shelter on eastern side – OPC supported the resident's objection that it would be inappropriate to site the shelter outside a grade 2 listed building and asks HCC to find an alternative location for the bus stop and shelter.
- ii) Shelter on western side – OPC did not support the resident's objection as the proposed shelter was a replacement in a style similar and in keeping to other shelters in the village.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Stewart, 7 in favour, 1 abstention).

246/20 Community Grant Application

Members considered a community grant application from Mayhill School for a new school sign at the entrance to the school. This application had been missed from the January meeting agenda.

Further to a review of the full application papers and discussion it was

RESOLVED

OPC continues to support the school and its activities but does not consider that this application would benefit the children or school activities. For this reason, OPC considers this application would be an inappropriate use of funding and awards no grant.

(Proposed by Cllr Coffey, seconded by Cllr Raw, all in favour).

247/20 The Bridewell Freehold

REFER TO EXEMPT FILENOTE FOR DETAILS OF DISCUSSION ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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