

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, THE BURY, ODIHAM ON
FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 6.05PM**

Present: Cllrs McFarlane (Chairman), Coffey, Coleman, Raw, Seabrook and Stewart

Also present: 9 members of the public

95/19 APPOINTMENT OF A CLLR TO TAKE THE MINUTES

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Coleman to take the minutes.

96/19 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ball, Killick, MacPhee and Verdon. Apologies were also received from District Cllrs Crookes and Dorn.

**97/19 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
RELATING TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

None.

The Chairman proposed changing the order of the agenda to consider agenda item 99/19 as the next item.

98/19 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident introduced himself as a former OPC Footpaths Officer and Chair of the Traffic and Transport Committee for Safety who has, with another resident, been assisting the Community Group to re-open the Mildmay Footpath, which runs parallel with the Odiham Cemetery off Reyntiens View. The resident outlined the history behind the use of the footpath through Mildmay Court and the reasons for the Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application made by OPC whilst he was a councillor. A full copy of his address to the council is attached to these minutes (Appendix 1).

A resident expressed his concern that representatives of OPC had arranged a meeting with a number of residents of Mildmay Court without speaking to residents who completed a questionnaire regarding the footpath. He detailed his personal experience of using the footpath since he moved to Odiham in 1976 and expressed his concern over the dangers involved in using an alternative route to schools and the Cottage Hospital, via the High Street and King Street. He also gave details of fences erected and removed during the footpath dispute. A full copy of his address to the council is attached to these minutes (Appendix 2).

A resident of Reyntiens View, of 32 years standing, advised that she has used the footpath consistently over that time, originally with her children. Until recent years she has never heard any dissent from residents of Mildmay Court. She expressed her dismay at the thought that it may now be closed. A full transcript of her address to the council is attached to these minutes (Appendix 3).

The Chairman thanked the residents for their addresses.

99/19 APPOINTMENT OF THREE CLLRS TO ASSIST WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS SITUATION THROUGH MILD MAY COURT, ISSUING UPDATES AND SEEKING APPROVAL VIA THE FULL COUNCIL

The Chairman summarised the background to this item, advising that the new OPC has inherited an active boundary dispute with the residents of Mildmay Court. She advised that a meeting was held between herself, Cllrs Stewart and Coleman and representatives of Medalstable Ltd, the Mildmay Court Residents' Association to discuss the issues. During these discussions a separate issue, that of access to the pathway over Mildmay land between Reyntiens View and the cemetery, was raised. OPC wishes to widen discussions so that everybody involved has the opportunity to state their views. The matter was not progressed at Full Council on 9 July, hence the need for this EGM.

It was agreed to appoint Cllrs Coleman, McFarlane and Stewart to assist with the progression of the pedestrian access situation through Mildmay Court, issuing updates and seeking approval via the full council.

100/19 APPROVAL THAT THE APPOINTED CLLRS ARRANGE TO MEET WITH RESIDENTS WHO HAVE REQUESTED OPC'S SUPPORT REGARDING THE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS SITUATION THROUGH MILD MAY COURT

It was agreed that the three councillors appointed in agenda item 99/19 hold a meeting with the residents who have requested OPC's support regarding the pedestrian access situation through Mildmay Court.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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