

**Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 5 December 2017**  
**MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE PAVILION ON 7 NOVEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Weeks (Chairman)  
 Cllr P Banning  
 Cllr S Corben  
 Cllr B Fox  
 Cllr D Gartside  
 Cllr R Rowe

**Also present:** - Mrs. Sandra Deary, Clerk and 12 members of public.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Corben (Illness) and Cllr P Batstone, DCC
- 2 **THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2017 AND THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2017:** having been circulated to Cllrs and noticeboards were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr S Corben that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Members were reminded of the need to declare an interest if it was not already disclosed on their declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest form held by the Clerk.
- 4 **GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS:** The Council resolved to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the clerk at the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 November 2012. No dispensations were required at this meeting.

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5.	<b>District &amp; County Councillors' Reports:</b> Cllr Burch advised that the Secretary of State had announced today that he was minded to accept the proposal to form 2 unitary Councils for Dorset. One consisting of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch and the other to include all the other Dorset Councils. She advised that the final decision should be known by early next year. Cllr Burch was happy to report that the enforcement action with regard to Okeford Hill had now been to court and the landowner found guilty of breaching the enforcement notice, this had involved a lot of work by both the Enforcement Team and the Legal Officers.	
6.	<p><b>Update on Open Items:</b></p> <p><b>Recreation Ground:</b> Cllr S Corben advised the room previously used as the Youth club had been cleaned up by a number of volunteers who had done a very good job. The Parish Council thanked the volunteers for their hard work. A member of the public reported that the First Aid kit contents in the old pavilion were out of date - Cllr S Corben to check</p> <p><b>Bowey Field:</b> Cllr S Corben advised that the bottom rail of the fence needed some attention. He agreed to look at it.</p> <p><b>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Land at top of Back Lane and Bottom of Okeford Hill:</b> The Clerk advised that the landowner had appeared in court and had been found guilty of breaching the enforcement notice. He had agreed to clear the site. The landowner was due back in court for sentencing in April.</p> <p><b>Fingerposts:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Cllr Banning advised that the regulation 14 consultation report was being progressed before being presented to the Parish Council meeting in December for discussion and agreement. The Parish Council would also need to agree the timetable for handing the documents to NDDC for them to take forward to the regulation 15 consultation process. The Heritage Impact Assessment report for the proposed sites was in production. Historic England and NDDC had provided feedback on the original report.</p> <p><b>Little Lane:</b> Cllr Gartside advised that the appointed contractors had started work last Monday. A couple of issues had arisen, including work being required to the middle bridge. In relation to the crossing of the A357, Cllr Gartside advised that the feasibility study carried out by DCC had concluded favourably and as the project was ready to move forward this could be carried out at short notice, possibly in the first half of next year. Cllr Gartside advised that a launch event was required as part of the Leader funding, this would take place on 2 December 2017. The MP had promised to attend and ride a bike on Little Lane along with other dignitaries and local children.</p> <p><b>S106:</b> Following the discussions at the last meeting Cllr Weeks asked if any Members had any proposals to put forward. Cllr Rowe asked if the S.106 money could be used to purchase a piece of land to turn into a community orchard. Cllr Gartside felt this would provide an opportunity to link the pavilion with the village. The Clerk was asked to check this out with NDDC. Cllr Rowe agreed to provide a paragraph explaining the proposal. Cllr S Corben was concerned that future S.106 monies were not guaranteed. He felt that funding for a new village hall should be sought. In relation to the tennis court proposal he was concerned that this was restricted just to tennis, he felt that a multi-use court should also be provided. Cllr Weeks agreed that the tennis court proposal should include a multi-use court. He advised that he could not see the business case for extending the village hall. Cllr Banning felt that a new village hall committee should be set up to seek funding for a new village hall. In relation to the tennis court project, Cllr Banning agreed that two tennis courts and a multi-use court would be a good option, this could be done in two stages. Cllr S Corben was concerned that if the tennis courts were phase one of the project the multi-use court would not be provided. He felt it was important to provide the three courts at the same time,</p>	<p>Cllr S Corben to check First Aid Kit</p> <p>Cllr S Corben to look at rail.</p> <p>Cllr Rowe to provide a paragraph regarding the option of purchasing a piece of land for a community orchard before the</p>

	<p>this would prove to be the most cost-effective option. Cllr Weeks advised that the tennis court project group were not interested in providing a multi-use court, somebody was needed to carry the multi-use court project forward. Cllr Fox advised that as the field was a field in trust, funding could be available to improve facilities on this site. She added that funding could also be available from the sports council. Cllr Banning advised that an estimate to draw up the paperwork to submit a planning application for the tennis courts had been previously sought and this had amounted to approximately £1500. He felt that the cost to draw up the paperwork and submit a planning application for tennis courts and a multi-use court would cost in the region of £2500, this would ascertain if the project was feasible in the first instance. Cllr Banning agree to get an estimate for this work. Cllr Fox agreed to look at alternative funding for the multi-use court. A member of the public advised that the premier league could be another source of funding to investigate.</p> <p><b>Illegal opening in Shillingstone Lane:</b> Cllr Batstone had reported that the enforcement officer was still awaiting a planning application. She had agreed to chase this.</p> <p><b>'Okeford Fitzpaine' sign for Lower Street:</b> The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting an estimate from DCC. However due to other commitments on the Council's funds it was agreed to put this item on hold until after the new year.</p> <p><b>Museum Lease:</b> N.F.T.R</p> <p><b>Notes left on flower boxes:</b> The Clerk advised that she had been unable to find external noticeboard without locks. She had tried to find open noticeboards but none were suitable for external use. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p><b>Barn on Castle Lane:</b> Cllr Batstone had previously advised that the Enforcement Officer at NDDC had inspected the barn and found it to be in line with planning permission granted. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p>	Clerk speaks to NDDC
7.	<p><b>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b></p> <p><b>Royal British Legion Silent Soldier:</b> A member of the public advised that the silhouette was supplied with stand and bolts to enable it to be freestanding. The Conservation Officer at NDDC had no objections to a freestanding Silent Soldier. It would be placed in the intended location for the memorial bench which would be installed next year to mark the end of WWI. The cost would be £100.00. Cllr Banning proposed that the Parish Council purchase a Silent Soldier for the village. This was seconded by Cllr S Corben and agreed by the Council.</p> <p><b>Dead Oak Bows/Trees in Angers Lane:</b> Cllr Gartside advised that this work had now been carried out.</p> <p><b>Wessex Water Building on Okeford Hill:</b> The Clerk advised that she had contacted Wessex water who had stated that the building was temporary whilst works were taking place. The building should be removed in the next couple of weeks. Cllr S Corben advised that the building had now been removed.</p> <p><b>Mud on Lower Street:</b> It was reported that the landowner had now cleared the mud from the road.</p>	
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b></p> <p><b>Applications:</b> None</p> <p><b>Decisions:</b> None</p> <p><b>Other Planning Matters:</b> Cllr Banning advised that he had attended a training session which had looked at CIL, Local Plan progress and enforcement.</p> <p><b>Report from the Planning Committee:</b> The Planning Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAPTC E-Newsletter</li> <li>• DAPTC Northern Area Meeting update – October 2017 – Superfast Broadband</li> <li>• DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circular – October</li> <li>• DAPTC - Chief Executive's Report</li> <li>• DAPTC – NDDC Recharging for Town and Parish Elections</li> <li>• DAPTC Annual Report</li> <li>• Minerals and Waste Plans Consultation - Advance Notice</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</b></p> <p><b>Rights of Way/Footpaths:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Football Club:</b> Cllr S Corben advised that results had improved.</p> <p><b>Community Group:</b> Cllr Weeks advised that the next Community Group meeting would take place on 8 November 2017.</p> <p><b>DAPTC:</b> The Chairman advised that he had attended the AGM.</p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> Cllr Rowe advised that the Fippenny Fair next year would take place on 24 June. The Chairman asked that the Parish Council be consulted on what events would be taking place.</p> <p><b>PCC:</b> Cllr Gartside advised that it was hoped to get the faculty by early summer.</p>	

<b>11.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b>	
11.1	<b>Accounts paid since last meeting:</b> Seiretto – Web Hosting £178.80 Chq No. 1062 Northover Fuels – Gas Oil £311.65 Chq No.1063 Great Little Gardens – New Planters for Community Group £85.93 Chq No. 1064 British Gas – Pavilion Gas £96.61 Chq No. 1065 Wessex Water – Water Services £88.32 Chq No. 1066 J E Cock – Hedge Trimming £360.00 Chq No. 1067	
11.2	<b>Accounts to be paid:</b> Mrs S Deary – Salary £298.64 Chq No. 1068 St. Andrews Church – Churchyard Donation £400.00. Chq No. 1069 It was proposed by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Rowe that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.	
11.3	<b>Receipts:</b> A £50 donation was received from the Three Okefords Preservation Society.	
11.4	<b>Finance Review:</b> The Clerk had distributed the latest accounts. No questions were raised.	
11.5	<b>Any Other Financial Business:</b> The Clerk distributed the draft 2018/19 precept for discussion at the next meeting.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals to turn Dorset AONB into National Park</li> <li>Gates at Bowey Field</li> <li>Christmas decorations for the bus shelter</li> <li>School Christmas tree</li> </ul>	
	<b>THE NEXT MEETING:</b> The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7:30 pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.	