

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 4 September 2018
MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE PAVILION ON 3 JULY 2018

PRESENT: Cllr G Weeks (Chairman)
 Cllr R Corben (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr P Banning
 Cllr S Corben
 Cllr D Gartside
 Cllr R Rowe

Also present: - Mrs. Mandy Powell, Substitute Clerk, Cllr Batstone, DCC, Cllr Burch, NDDC and 9 members of public.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Fox
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2018:** having been circulated to Cllrs and noticeboards were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr R Corben and seconded by Cllr P Banning that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	District & County Councillors' Reports: Cllr Burch advised that she had attended an event for District Councillors in relation to planning and the design of housing which had been very interesting. Cllr Rowe asked if there had been anything within this in relation to independent living. Cllr Burch responded that this wasn't raised but considered that an important addition to any Neighbourhood Plan would be the inclusion of retirement living accommodation for those who wished to stay within their local community.	
6.	<p>Update on Open Items:</p> <p>Recreation Ground: The Chairman advised that a new Fire Alarm Board had been installed and the Panic Button has been replaced. Cllr S Corben would hold the keys for this. Cllr S Corben stated that PAT testing had been carried out. The Pat testing machine needs to be sent away to be recalibrated – this would be done when the Parish Clerk returned from holiday.</p> <p>Bowey Field: The Clerk had emailed Mr Starkey, DCC, in relation to the potential flooding at Chapel Cottage no response had yet been received.</p> <p>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Old Orchard and Mary Gardens: The Chairman advised that the planning application had been discussed at the Planning Committee of NDDC on 19 June. The planning application had been refused again.</p> <p>Fingerposts: Cllr Corben advised that the wood for the finger posts for Fippenny Hollow had arrived and there was one for The Cross and one by bus shelter.</p> <p>S.106: Cllr Banning stated that the pre-application notice had been sent to the District Council, Planning Department on 2nd July. The question being asked was as follows; was the additional light from the proposed floodlights and additional noise from those using the facility acceptable and outweighed by the additional recreational facilities for the community.</p> <p>Okeford Fitzpaine sign for Lower Street: Clerk to update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Museum Lease: This item was discussed later in the meeting in confidential session.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch: Cllr Gartside stated that the majority of the volunteers had undertaken their training and another session would be held on 4th July. The Speed Watch in the village would commence at 6am on Thursday, 5th July.</p> <p>Community Village Hall initiative: Cllr Rowe advised that a questionnaire had been printed and would be distributed over the following weekend with the Blackmore Vale Magazine and hand delivered to properties in Fiddleford and Belchalwell. The questionnaire would be on the Parish Council website and available to download. Cllr Gartside asked that if anyone knew who the new distributor of the Blackmore Vale Magazine was could they please advise her. It was also stated that the Village Hall Committee were proceeding with their plans for an extension to the hall using monies donated to them and it was considered that the Parish Council should talk to them about the survey before they went any further with their plans.</p>	

7.	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>School Sign at New Cross: Cllr Gartside stated that it was around one year ago that she had been approached by the School Governors about additional signage in the village for the school. It was important that the signage was effective and she queried whether road markings would be more use with one sign at New Cross. The Chairman requested that the school be approached again to question their requirements.</p> <p>Lowering Kerbs in the Village: Cllr Rowe advised that she had been approached by a mobility scooter user who had requested that this be put on the agenda. They experienced difficulties getting around the Village. The Chairman asked where in particular in the village the request related to. In order to write the County Council to ask about this the Chairman asked Cllr Rowe to go back to the individual to ascertain the location(s) which would best benefit the community.</p> <p>Overgrown Vegetation in Lower Street: Cllr R Corben stated that there had been no success in getting this cut back. Cllr Gartside asked if an offer should be made to cut the vegetation back, or whether a note should be put through the door to ask for it to be cut back. It was agreed that a note be put through the door.</p> <p>Proposal to the DAPTC to make all residential roads in villages 20mph: Cllr Gartside stated that to date this had not been progressed. This was not a specific issue for Okeford, all villages were experiencing issues. She added that a proposal could be put forward to the County Council but there would be a cost.</p> <p>Request to NDDC to transfer the land at Mary Gardens to the Parish Council: The Chairman stated that yet another planning application had been turned down by the District Council Planning Committee, each application being refused on the same grounds. He considered that it was time to stop wasting money and following a brief discussion following the refusal he felt that an offer should be made to the District Council to purchase the land, suggesting that the Parish Council would cover any legal costs associated. He added that in addition to this it could be agreed that if the land was required to be sold in the future the monies would be given back to North Dorset or its successor. The members of the Parish Council considered that this was an acceptable way to move forward which would allow the community to make use of the land.</p>	Clerk to write to NDDC Chairman, Chief Executive and Leader, putting forward the PCs offer
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>Applications: The Chairman advised that a Planning Application notice had been received for additional housing in Pleydells Farmyard but it was too late to bring it to the meeting. He added that a meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee would be arranged as soon as possible and anyone could make their views known at that time.</p> <p>Decisions: None</p> <p>Other Planning Matters: None</p> <p>Report from the Planning Committee: The Planning Committee had met on Wednesday 20 June and discussed the following Planning Applications: 2/2018/0664/HOUSE - The Paddock, Fiddleford Village Track, Fiddleford, DT10 2BX – Erect single storey extension and demolish existing along with porch. Following discussions, it was agreed that the Planning Committee supported this application. 2/2018/0723/FUL - Roome Farm, Garlands Lane to High Bench Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, DT11 0RT - Erect agricultural livestock building (demolish 2 No. existing agricultural buildings). Following discussions, it was agreed that the Planning Committee supported this application.</p>	
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Castle Lane and Higher Street • County Councillor update – May • DAPTC - Stalbridge Surgery to close following retirement • DAPTC LGR update - DAPTC Chairman makes statement to Shadow Dorset Council • DAPTC - Request to complete NALC short CIL survey – <i>Completed by Cllr Weeks</i> • Request for public contributions list to be identified to be applicable for specific projects in Okeford Fitzpaine, in relation to several Housing applications within the Parish. • Information on new X10 bus service timetable – <i>Clerk advertised on noticeboards</i> 	
10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</p> <p>Rights of Way/Footpaths: Mr Gartside stated that a tree had recent come down across Darknoll Lane. He had contacted the Dorset Rangers who had come and cut it up and it had been cleared. A group of volunteers had also been in Mill Lane ‘sprucing’ it up. He thanked both the volunteers and the Rangers for their assistance.</p> <p>Transport: Mrs Caldicott advised that she had been told that the bus routes had been transferred to First Bus. This was checked at Poole Bus Station who knew nothing but in</p>	

	<p>Yeovil they had a timetable but didn't know any more. She questioned if it was illegal to stop and change a bus timetable without notification or consultation. She had also heard that Damory Coaches may be offered the franchise. Cllr Batstone advised that the contract had come to an end and another company had taken it on but could only make it viable if there was no Saturday service. She added that to get the full information the Parish Council should contact Mr Chris Hook at the County Council.</p> <p>Football Club: Cllr S Corben advised that a School Fete was to be held on Saturday, 7 July.</p> <p>DAPTC: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Community Group: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Rowe advised that the Fippenny Fare had raised £1,500. There were plans to look at developing the kitchen area and an anonymous person had offered to make a donation. The planning permission for the extension were still current but the building regulations were not. She had been asked by the Village Hall Committee to say no more at this stage.</p> <p>The Chairman considered that as the Parish Council were Foundation Trustees of the Village Hall Charity they should at least have been advised of the what was happening as they were acting as custodians of both the building and the land for the community. Cllr R Corben commented that if nobody asked the question about this then the Village Hall Committee would just continue and put forward a suggestion that this building project should be put on hold until the results of the survey were known. Cllr S Corben pointed out that they had not broken any rules of the Trust. Cllr Rowe stated that it was still very early days in the proposal and she would take the comments back to the Committee. Cllr Gartside felt it was important to wait for the results of the survey but the ambition to expand facilities could only be good for the community. Cllr Rowe advised that the questionnaire did not give an option for 'no change'.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Rowe should raise the concerns of the Parish Council with the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>PCC: Cllr Gartside advised that she had recently attended the ordination of a new Curate at Salisbury Cathedral. The Curate was going to be living in the village and would concentrate their work on St Andrews. She continued that the faculty application had gone through but carpet has been stuck to some of the listed stonework and there could be a large cost implication to enable its safe removal.</p>	<p>Clerk to contact Mr Chris Hook</p> <p>Cllr Rowe to speak to the Village Hall Committee regarding the concerns of the Parish Council.</p>																
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12.	ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING: None																	
13.	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:</p> <p>The public and press were excluded from the meeting due to the disclosure of exempt information in relation financial matters.</p>																	
14.	<p>PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE LAND WHERE THE MUSEUM IS SITED:</p> <p>Members discussed the issues relating the piece of land in question. They considered that by moving forward with the proposal it could add an additional amenity, preserve a valuable heritage asset and make greater use of the site for the benefit of the community.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the current lease to the Parish Council ran out in September 2018 and it was unknown what would happen at that point. There had been three valuations undertaken and he proposed that the proposal should be moved forward with an offer to purchase being made to the current owners.</p>																	

	<p>Cllr Banning raised his concern that it could look to the community that the Parish Council were spending Tax Payers money to further the business interests of the owners and felt that this was the wrong message. Cllr R Corben pointed out the Parish Council had a long history of supporting the village shop financially to preserve it as a utility for the village and that the Parish Council had paid for the initial construction of the Museum and the Bus shelter and still pays for its continued maintenance. The Chairman considered that the alternatives, such as continuing with the lease at a commercial rate, termination of the arrangement by the owner or the site being sold could be a much higher risk to the Parish Council. He felt that the proposal was therefore in the best long term interests of the local community.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr S Corben that the owners of the site be approached to seek their views on the proposal. The Parish Council voted on the proposal and there were 5 for and 1 abstention.</p> <p>It was therefore requested that the Clerk write to the owners setting out the Parish Council's offer.</p>	
13.	<p>THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7:30 pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.</p>	