

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 4 December 2018
MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE PAVILION ON 6 NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Cllr G Weeks (Chairman)
 Cllr R Corben (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr P Banning
 Cllr B Fox
 Cllr R Rowe

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

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Gartside (holiday), Cllr S Corben (sick), Cllr P Batstone, DCC and Cllr A Burch, NDDC
- 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. The Clerk granted dispensations to all Councillors for all meeting up to April 2019 to enable them to discuss the Precept for the year 2019/20.
- 4 **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2018:** having been circulated to Cllrs and noticeboards were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr R Corben and seconded by Cllr Fox that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	District & County Councillors' Reports: None	
	<p>Public Participation: The public were given the opportunity to address the Parish Council on any item on the agenda or to add items for discussions at future meetings. A member of the public advised that the lighting of the Beacon would be going ahead on the 11 November, this was a Parish Council sponsored event. A member of the public advised that he had looked at the Declaration of Trust for the Village Hall, he felt it important that this document be assessed by an independent solicitor to ascertain the responsibilities held by the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council.</p>	
6.	<p>Update on Open Items: Recreation Ground: Cllr R Corben advised that the hedges had been cut and an invoice was awaited. Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben advised that two quotations for the fencing work had been requested. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Mr P Starkey, DCC Highways in relation to potential flooding at Chapel Cottage. He had advised that the water ran away from Chapel Cottage, therefore the risk of flooding was very low. He added that works to clear the ditch would be undertaken in the next couple of weeks. Neighbourhood Plan: N.F.T.R. Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: N.F.T.R. School sign at New Cross: Cllr Gartside had emailed to say that she had received a visit from Paul Starkey, DCC Highways, who confirmed that we were unlikely to get any physical traffic calming or further warning signs though DCC would consider white edge lines on Castle Lane to provide visual narrowing and possible pedestrian path on east side once the final 'top dressing' has been carried out. The Clerk advised that she has spoken to Mr P Starkey, DCC Highways, who had advised that it was very unlikely that a school sign would be provided as the school was in the centre of the village and all roads led to the centre of the village. Old Orchard and Mary Gardens: The Chairman advised that he had attended the full Council meeting of NDDC to ask why, despite 3 planning applications being refused and 1 withdrawn, the Council were continuing with costly appeals which would be a gross waste of public money. He asked why the recommendation from Cllr V. Fox to transfer the land to the Parish Council were ignored. The Clerk read the following from the Leader of NDDC, Cllr G Carr-Jones: <i>"I am aware of the planning history of this site and, I must admit, I am frustrated by it. Across North Dorset there is a compelling need for new homes to be provided, sadly at times matched by a view that such homes should "not be provided here". Whilst the Planning Committee in June may well have discussed whether this asset should be transferred to the Parish Council, this is not something which the Planning Committee can determine – indeed the minutes of the Planning Committee did not make any recommendation in this regard and only report that the Parish Council aspired to own the land. The decision to refuse planning consent on this site in June was made counter to the officer recommendation to approve, as set out in a report providing a well detailed appraisal.</i> <i>I am aware that the Parish Council of Okeford Fitzpaine wishes to take ownership of this land, and prevent its development. And the Parish Council will be equally aware of the District Council's position. On 8th August our Strategic Director, Martin Hamilton, wrote to the parish Council and explained that the applicant had appealed the decision to refuse</i></p>	

	<p><i>planning consent, and that the Council would not be disposing of the site until the Planning Inspectorate have decided whether or not to uphold the appeal.</i></p> <p><i>This remains the position.</i></p> <p><i>The Planning Inspectorate has now started its work on this appeal, and from the timetable provided by them, suggests that they should have all the information needed to determine the appeal in December. If that appeal is unsuccessful, clearly there will be a need to consider the future of the site.</i></p> <p><i>At this point, I would resist any suggestion of a Notice of Motion to Council to compel the disposal of this site. We are in the middle of a well-considered process, and would wish to see this through to completion”.</i></p> <p>Cllr Weeks added that he was also frustrated by this continued waste of public money for an immaterial financial gain the NDDC .</p> <p>Cllr Banning had written a response to the appeal, this is attached at appendix 1 to these minutes. Clerk to submit response to NDDC.</p> <p>Fingerposts: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>S106: The Clerk advised that she had requested the release of the S.106 money and had received a form for completion. Cllr Banning advised that the form could not be completed until a project team was in place and the Parish Council had re-opened contact with other organisations (LTA, Sport England etc). Until the point had been reached where the planning application approved and re-built the interest and commitment in the project e.g. appointed a project manager and re-planned the project in conjunction with the other organisations, the Parish Council could not start to draw down monies from the local authority. Cllr Banning advised that the planning application had now been submitted and work would commence to re-build the interest in the project in the near future.</p> <p>Okeford Fitzpaine sign for Lower Street: It was proposed by Cllr Weeks and seconded by Cllr Banning that the quotation for four new village name signs on Glasdon gates at a cost of £4,182.38, including sign fabrication / erection and traffic management on the highway during the works be accepted. Clerk to inform Mr A Marsh.</p> <p>Museum Purchase: The Clerk advised that all forms had now been signed and the transfer would take place once payment was made. Clerk had requested separate invoices for the cost of transfer and the solicitor’s fees.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Community Village Hall Initiative: The Parish Council agreed that due to the small number of responses received to the survey they were unable to make a decision at this point in time. In relation to the question raised by a member of the public, it was agreed that the Chairman would look at the option of seeking advice from an independent solicitor in relation to the declaration of trust, to collaborate information already received.</p> <p>Lowering of Kerbs: The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Mr P Starkey, DCC Highways, who advised that he had not received any emails from Cllr Rowe. Cllr Rowe agreed to email Mr Starkey again.</p> <p>Overgrown vegetation in Lower Street: The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Mr P Starkey, DCC Highways, who advised that some works had been carried out, however the hedge needed further works to be carried out. Mr Starkey had put a note through the letter box advising the resident of this.</p> <p>Little/Mill Lane signage: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Speed Indicators: It was agreed that this would be looked at along with other traffic calming measures. Clerk to arrange a site visit between Cllr Weeks and Mr P Starkey to look at cost and feasibility of the Parish Council funding traffic calming measures .</p> <p>Gallops at Stockhold Bottom: N.F.T.R.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit response to NDDC</p> <p>Clerk to accept quotation.</p> <p>Cllr Rowe to email Mr Starkey.</p> <p>Clerk to contact P Starkey</p>
7.	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Barn in Shillingstone Lane: Clerk to email NDDC Enforcement with concerns raised.</p>	Clerk to email NDDC
8. 8.1 8.2	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>Applications: None</p> <p>Decisions: 2/2018/0605/LBC - May Cottage, Fiddleford Village Track, Fiddleford, DT10 2BX - Remove 20th century rendering to west, south and east elevations and re-point stonework as required. East elevation left as exposed Marnhull stone and carry out associated external alterations - APPROVED</p> <p>2/2018/0545/FUL - Former Wessex Park Homes, Shillingstone Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, DT11 0RB - Change of use and conversion of industrial building into 2 No. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping - REFUSED</p> <p>2/2018/0664/HOUSE - The Paddock, Fiddleford Village Track, Fiddleford, DT10 2BX - Erect single storey extension and demolish existing along with porch – APPROVED</p> <p>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) - APPROVED</p>	

11.4	<p>Finance Review: The Clerk had distributed the accounts and the Quarter 2 accounts. No issues were raised. The Quarter 2 accounts were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.</p>	
11.5	<p>Any Other Financial Matters: On-line Banking – Following a report from the Clerk, the option of the Parish Council moving to on-line banking was discussed. The Chairman advised that the Regulations had been amended to allow this. It was proposed by Cllr Weeks and seconded by Cllr Fox that the Parish Council move to on-line banking based on the control procedures outlined in the clerks report with independent transaction checking by two councillors. This was agreed by Council.</p>	
12.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements of acoustics at the pavilion 	
13.	<p>THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7:30 pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.40pm</p>	