

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 3 September 2109
MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE PAVILION ON FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019

PRESENT: Cllr N Plummer (Chairman)
 Cllr R Rowe (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr R Corben
 Cllr S Corben
 Cllr D Day
 Cllr S Le Riche

Also present: - Mrs. Sandra Deary and 14 members of public.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Gartside, Holiday and Cllr P Batstone, Dorset Council
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.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2019:** having been circulated to Cllrs and website were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Le Riche and seconded by Cllr Rowe that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	Dorset Council Councillor's Report: None	
	Public Participation: The public were given the opportunity to address the Parish Council on any item on the agenda or to add items for discussion at future meetings. No issues were raised.	
6.	<p>Update on Open Items:</p> <p>Recreation Ground: Cllr S Corben advised that a quotation had been received for works to the showers and the ladies toilets at a cost of £826. He advised that the football club had agreed to make a donation of £500 towards these works. It was proposed by Cllr R Corben that the quotation be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Day and agreed by the Council. Cllr S Corben advised that the water heater was not working. He would ask the plumber to have a look at it when on site.</p> <p>Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben advised that the work on the replacement fence and ditch clearing had not yet been done but work was expected to take start during the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning: The Chairman advised that he and several members of the Parish Council had met with ex-Councillor Banning and all the relevant documents had now been handed to the Parish Council for them to take the project forward. It was agreed to put an advert on Facebook and the Fippenny News looking for volunteers to help with the project.</p> <p>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: Cllr Gartside had emailed to advise that the request for an extension to the road resurfacing had been authorised. The chain/post had now been removed from highway land.</p> <p>Fingerposts: Cllr S Corben advised that all the fingerposts had now been painted and were having the lettering added, they would then be re-sited. This included a fingerpost at The Common which had been reported by a local resident.</p> <p>S.106: Cllr R Corben advised that the last Parish Council had carried out a feasibility study for tennis courts and planning applications had been submitted. This item was now on hold until the planning applications had been determined. Cllr Le Riche advised that ex-Councillor Banning advised that a bat survey would be required and that the planning application was unlikely to be approved as the lights proposed would be detrimental to the bats. All information needed to be considered before a decision was taken. She felt that the Parish Council needed to ascertain if tennis courts were needed or wanted in the village. The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee requested that the Parish Council reconsider its request for part of the S.106 monies to be used for the village hall extension, he advised that NDDC had intended the money to be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Lowering of Kerbs: Cllr Rowe advised that he had met with the Highway Officer who advised that there were only enough funds to lower 2 kerbs in the district per year and they did not consider Okeford Fitzpaine to be a priority. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p>Overgrown vegetation in Lower Street: The overgrown vegetation and the overhanging tree had now been cleared. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p>Little/Mill Lane Signage: Cllr Gartside had emailed to advised that the Dorset Council Highways officer had authorised the flaying of verge vegetation by a local farmer to keep the lane open for safe use by walkers and cyclist. Cllr Gartside had paid £140 up front for the work. Cllr S Corben proposed the repayment of £140 to Cllr Gartside once an invoice/receipt had been received by the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Row and agreed by Council.</p>	Cllr S Corben to accept quote.

	<p>Gallops at Stockhold Bottom: The Clerk advised that the Enforcement Officer dealing with issue had now left Dorset Council. The clerk had passed all details to Mr M Hitchcott, Enforcement Officer, DC.</p> <p>Plaque for listed building on the Cross: A Historic society representative advised that there were 4 properties in the village which could warrant having a commemorative plaque. He agreed to speak to the owners of the properties to ascertain if they would allow a plaque to be sited on the buildings and he also agreed to get quotations for the plaques.</p> <p>Village Hall Extension: Cllr Rowe advised that the extension was progressing. The Chairman considered that clarification was needed on the position of the Parish Council in relation to the Village Hall, he asked that the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee meet with him to discuss this matter further. The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee vehemently refused to meet with the Chairman as the Charity Commission had provided clarity on the situation regarding the responsibilities of the Parish Council as custodian trustees of the village hall, and if the Parish Council did not agree with the Charity Commission they would need to seek legal advice. He asked that the Parish Council respond in writing to their letter requesting funding for the extension to the village hall.</p> <p>Noticeboard by shop: Cllr S Corben agreed to look at the noticeboard which was sticking and difficult to open. Cllr Gartside had proposed that the Parish Council purchase one or two open-to-elements boards for the advertisement of local events. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed not to purchase further noticeboards.</p> <p>Rusty vehicles in field by Allotments: The clerk was asked to write to the owners of the land (Pitt-Rivers Estates) advising that complaints had been received regarding the condition of the site.</p> <p>Wall at Greenhayes: Cllr R Corben advised that the wall was leaning towards the footpath but there was no immediate danger. It was agreed to budget this work in the precept for 2020/2021.</p> <p>Overgrown banks on upper section of Higher Street causing darkness: Cllr Gartside had reported that the work had now been completed. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p>School request for donation towards development of the Early Years Foundation Stage area: The Chairman advised that he had met with the school and was satisfied that any donation would be used for the good of the school. Cllr Le Riche advised that the money was needed to provide an all weather learning area outside and was required by OFSTED. Cllr S Corben proposed a donation of £2000 towards the cost. This was seconded by Cllr Rowe and agreed by Council.</p> <p>Setting up regular Village Group meetings: The Chairman advised that he had met with some of the groups in the village and would meet with the others to ascertain if there was any interest in setting up regular meetings. Cllr Le Riche asked that the Church be included.</p>	<p>Historic Society to obtain quotations</p> <p>Cllr Corben to look at Noticeboard</p> <p>Clerk to write to land owners</p>
7.	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Use of piece of land to wild flower initiative: A representative from the Village Community Group asked if self-seeding plants could be planted in front of the 4 village signs. It was proposed by Cllr S Corben that permission be granted. This was seconded by Cllr Rowe and agreed by Council.</p> <p>Hedge at rear of St Lo: This was deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>Extension or resurfacing works at Belchalwell: The clerk advised that Dorset Highways had agreed to a 100m extension.</p> <p>Problem with feral cats and rats in Belchalwell: The clerk advised that she had received the following email from the Environmental Health Manager at Dorset Council: There is no offence committed in feeding 'wild' animals, cats, hedgehogs, foxes, etc. The only issue would arise if this was then leading to some other form of public health issue – rodent activity, or creating a public health risk and so on. While we can 'inspect' the premises from a public area (i.e. roadside) we have no right of entry at this time and hence are unlikely to be able to identify rodent activity from a distance – unless particularly obvious – or, necessarily, 'minor' public health issues. While I can arrange for an Officer to visit, given the limited information available at this time it is not a priority and will need to be slotted in when in the area. Depending on what can be observed, this will dictate what further action, if any, we are able to take. We would ask that people reporting such issues are directed to contact us directly, or their contact details passed on, in order that we can: 1 obtain as much first-hand information ("evidence") as possible, and 2 explain what we might do in the circumstances. It was agreed that no further action would be taken by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Removal of trees at a property in Belchalwell: Cllr Gartside had reported that this issue had been addressed by the Highways Department. No further action to be taken by the Parish Council.</p>	

	<p>Additional grit bins for Fippenny Hollow and Bowey: The Clerk was asked to obtain prices for new bins and the cost of refilling them.</p> <p>Lighting above defibrillator: It was agreed that the light on the bus shelter should be turned on so that the defibrillator instructions could be read when it was dark.</p>	
8.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p>	
8.1	<p>APPLICATIONS: None</p>	
8.2	<p>DECISIONS: None</p>	
8.3	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Planning Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.</p>	
8.4	<p>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: None</p>	
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAPTC - Minutes of the Northern Area meeting held on 16th April. • Dorset Community Action – Free event for Village Hall Volunteers • DAPTC - Response to national story on GP surgery closures • Invitation - NHS Dorset CCG – AGM, 9.30 – 11.30 am, Wednesday 10 July 2019, Hamworthy Club • DAPTC - Suggestions wanted for Electric Vehicle Charge Point provision in Dorset – Members felt that charging points should be incorporated into any further developments in the village. • Dorset Council - Definitive Map Modification Order application T387 • Comments from local resident regarding signs on the railing of the High Pavement. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Mud Pie café sign would be removed as this was now well established. The film night and First Friday event banners would only be in place for 3 days prior to the event. Representatives from the groups agreed to this. 	
10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</p> <p>Rights of Way/Footpaths: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Transport: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Football Club: Cllr S Corben advised that the new season had started. The Chairman enquired if there was any possibility of attracting younger teams, Cllr Corben advised that a coach was found the football club would pay for all necessary training fees. It was agreed to put an advert on the Facebook page and the Fippenny News.</p> <p>DAPTC: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Village Community Group: The Village Community Group representative advised that a meeting was held on 4 July and possible events to commemorate V.E. day were discussed. Thought needed to be given on who would lead the events. She advised that a small working party had been set up to help the shop to ascertain what residents wanted to see stocked as the shop was currently struggling. The Village Community Group had produced instruction cards on how to use the defibrillator and the code to access it. These had been distributed to all households.</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Rowe advised that the Fippenny Faire had raised £1800 so far.</p> <p>PCC: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>School: Cllr Le Riche gave the following update:</p> <p>“We are celebrating the end of the first year under the excellent leadership of our Headteacher, Mrs Peters. It has been a very busy and productive year for the school and with the support of the North Dorset Teaching School and the Sherborne Area School’s Trust the children are making good progress. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who come into the school to listen to the children read, not only does it make a huge difference to their reading ability, but it also increases their self-confidence.</p> <p>On 1st July we joined the Sherborne Area Schools Trust, along with Shillingstone Primary School. We look forward to working with all the schools in the Academy but in particular working more closely with our neighbours at Shillingstone, as part of the academy. The school will end the year with a whole school visit to Marwell Zoo on 24 July, which should be a great day for everyone”</p>	
11.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p>	
11.1	<p>Accounts paid since last meeting: None</p>	
11.2	<p>Accounts to be paid:</p> <p>Mrs S Deary – Salary £360.37 Chq No. 1183</p> <p>HMRC – Employee PAYE £270.20 Chq No. 1184</p> <p>Total Energy Services – Boiler Servicing £273.99 Chq No. 1185</p> <p>SSE – Bus Shelter Electric £47.33 Chq No. 1186</p>	

<p>11.3</p> <p>11.4</p> <p>11.5</p> <p>11.6</p>	<p>Parish Mag Printers - Fippenny News £90.00 Chq No. 1187</p> <p>Mr A Frampton – Grass cutting sundries £56.89 Chq No. 1188</p> <p>Mr S Corben – Paint for fingerposts £72.28 Chq No. 1189</p> <p>Tyler Hardwoods Ltd – Fingerpost wood £372.00 Chq No. 1191</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Le Riche and seconded by Cllr S Corben that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.</p> <p>Receipts: None</p> <p>Finance Review: The Clerk had distributed the accounts. No issues were raised.</p> <p>Annual Accounts: The clerk advised that she had submitted the annual accounts to the external auditor.</p> <p>Any Other Financial Matters: None</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING: None</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 21.00pm</p>	