

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 4 February 2020
MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 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, Clerk, Cllr P Batstone, Dorset Council and 13 members of public.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Gartside, (Conflicting meeting)
- 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 5 NOVEMBER 2019:** having been circulated to Cllrs and website were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr L 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: Cllr Batstone advised that the Local Plan and Strategic Plan were currently being updated. She advised that she was in talks with the leader of the Council regarding the 20mph issue within the County.	
	<p>Public Participation: Members of public raised the following issues/questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph speed limit. Now that the motion for a county wide 20pmh speed limit had been turned down for the second time by the DAPTC, could the Parish Council now put its efforts into trying to obtain a 20mph speed limit for the village. Please can the Parish Council instruct the clerk to write to Dorset Council requesting this. Cllr Plummer advised that Cllr Gartside was continuing to work to try to get this in place and a letter had recently been written to Dorset Council. • Concerns were raised about the run-off of water from the new development and the potential worsening of the situation with further development planned. • There was a dangerous broken limb on one of the trees at the recreation ground. Cllr Corben confirmed that this needed to be removed and agreed to get a tree specialist to look at it. 	Cllr Corben to get obtain a quotation.
6.	<p>Update on Open Items:</p> <p>Recreation Ground: The Clerk advised that the fire alarm had been reset. Cllr S Corben reported the following: The water softener was currently being by-passed as it was overflowing, a new one was required. He agreed to obtain a price for a new one. The outside light was not working correctly, he would contact an electrician. The lock to the front door was faulty and needed to be replace. It was agreed that Cllr S Corben could go ahead and get the lock replaced.</p> <p>Bowey Field: Cllr S Corben advised that the spraying under the fence had been completed.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Le Riche advised that the next Neighbourhood Planning Group would be meeting in January. She advised that Mr Banning had agreed to join the group.</p> <p>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: Cllr S Corben felt that the sign for Lower Belchalwell was looking isolated following the erection of the new fence in a neighbour's property.</p> <p>Land at top of Back Lane & Bottom of Okeford Hill: The clerk was asked to write to Dorset Council to ascertain if this issue had been resolved.</p> <p>Old Orchard, Mary Garden and other areas of Grass: The Clerk advised that she had instructed the solicitor to proceed with the transfer of land for the Old Orchard and piece of land at Nethermead. She advised that the cost would be in the region of £800.</p> <p>Fingerposts: Cllr S Corben advised that this project was now complete. He asked that the Parish Council write to Mr Beresford and Mr Bentley to convey the thanks of the Parish Council for the brilliant job done.</p> <p>S.106: The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee advised that Dorset Council had requested updated costing for the extension. He would provide these once he had spoken to the builders.</p> <p>Little/Mill Lane Signage: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Plaques for listed building: Mr Vickers advised that the Great Dorset Steam Fair had accepted the amended wording for the plaque for the pub. He added that he had applied for listed building consent for the plaque, this would take in the region of 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>Refurbishment of Plaque on the commemorative Cross: Cllr S Corben to provide the wording to enable the clerk to get quotations.</p>	<p>Cllr Corben to deal with these issues.</p> <p>Clerk to write to DC</p> <p>Clerk to write letters of thanks.</p>

	<p>Noticeboard by shop: The clerk advised that further measurements were required before the new noticeboard could be ordered. Clerk to check measurements and order new noticeboard.</p> <p>Wall at Greenhayes: Funding for works to the wall had been added to the 2020/2021 precept.</p> <p>Setting up regular Village Group meetings: Cllr Plummer advised that a meeting was held last week, there were fewer groups in attendance. He advised that he would circulate an update on the V.E. event to all groups. The next meeting would take place at the end of January.</p> <p>Additional Grit Bins for Fippenny Hollow and Bowey: The Clerk advised that she had cancelled the order for grit bins as requested as these could be purchased at a better price. Cllr Gartside had emailed DC to enquire if we could purchase the bins at cost price. She had marked this as urgent and if no response is received the bins will be purchased from a different source.</p> <p>20 mph speed limit for village: Cllr Gartside had provided the following report: This is the policy as it stands at the moment:</p> <p>20mph speed limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph limits should not be implemented on roads with a strategic function or on a main road, the advice from the police is that the limits must be self-enforcing; • The speed of traffic should be naturally at or around 20mph and have mean speeds no greater than 24mph. Where vehicle speeds are substantially higher than this then traffic calming will be required. • Repeater signs are required. <p>20mph Zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph speed zones have similar criteria to 20mph limits but repeater signs are not required. The purpose of a 20mph zone is to create conditions in which drivers naturally drive at 20mph, this usually means substantial traffic calming would be required. <p>RURAL SPEED MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Village 30mph speed limit</p> <p>Where appropriate 30mph is considered the norm in villages</p> <p>The Department for Transport (DfT) defines a village relating to simple criteria based on the density of frontage development and distance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The density of frontage development should be 20 or more houses with extra allowance for key buildings such as schools and churches, with a minimum of 3 houses per 100m section within the proposed 30mph limit. • A preferred minimum length of 600m to avoid too many changes of speed limit along a route. • 30mph limits are not permitted on country lanes or for covering potential hazards such as bends or 'T' junctions outside villages and towns. • Terminal signs will be positioned as close as practicable to the start of visual development. Where forward visibility is restricted, signs may be extended outwards to meet standard forward visibility requirements. • Carriageway roundels (a painted "30" marking on the road) can be used in conjunction with "entrance" signs. Repeater roundels will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where signs are obscured and must be accompanied with a sign. <p>30mph village speed limits are appropriate where the mean speed of vehicles is not greater than 34mph. Where speeds are higher, or if the village criteria are not met, a reduction of 40mph.</p> <p>If residents feel that they need a speed reduction, they will need to speak to the Parish Council and express their concerns and reasons and provide evidence, such as data from a speed watch which has been set up for more than a year and been at the area of concern for speeding. The Parish Council would then speak to the relevant officers at Dorset Council dealing with traffic safety, who would consider traffic counters and SIDs.</p> <p>Cllr Le Riche proposed that Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council formally request Dorset Highways to investigate the feasibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit where it is currently 30mph on the south-north route through the village of Okeford Fitzpaine being roads known as Higher Street, The Cross and Castle Lane. This was seconded by Cllr Rowe and agreed by Council</p> <p>Cllr Plummer asked the speedwatch co-ordinator to provide the speeding statistics to the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk to order noticeboard.
7.	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Parking in the village hall car park: The clerk was asked to write to the owner of 60 Greenhayes regarding illegal parking in the village hall car park.</p>	Clerk to write to resident.

	<p>Museum/Defibrillator lighting: Cllr R Corben advised that there was currently no meter for electricity to the bus shelter. If electricity was required for the Museum and the defibrillator then the electricity company would need to attend to fit an electricity meter. The Clerk was asked to contact the electricity company to arrange a meeting to ascertain the best way forward.</p>	Clerk to contact electricity company.
8. 8.1	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: APPLICATIONS: 2/2019/1163/FUL - Stresa House, Lower Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, DT11 0RN – Erect 2 No. dwellings. Following discussions Cllr S Le Riche proposed no comment to this application. This was seconded by Cllr R Corben and agreed by Council.</p>	Clerk to inform Dorset Council
8.2	<p>DECISIONS: 2/2019/1086/LBC – Myrtle Cottage, Greenhayes, Okeford Fitzpaine – Remove and replace roof tiles and battens to garage and associated work – WITHDRAWN (No objection from PC) 2/2019/1128/FULL - The Old Mill, Little Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RB - Convert part of existing garage into bootroom/utility room by replacing the existing double timber doors with a stable door, cottage style timber window and with infill timber clad. (Form an internal doorway between kitchen and new boot/utility room). – APPROVED (no objection from PC) 2/2019/1129/LBC – The Old Mill, Little Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RB - Convert part of existing garage into bootroom/utility room by replacing the existing double timber doors with a stable door, cottage style timber window and with infill timber clad. (Form an internal doorway between kitchen and new boot/utility room). APPROVED (no objection from PC) 2/2019/1186/VARIA - Okehill Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RQ - Erect 1 No. dwelling with separate double garage. Form 3 No. parking spaces. Variation of condition 2 from Planning Permission 2/2016/0285/FUL to amend by extending width and height of westerly leg by 50cm. Install solar panels to the south facing westerly leg and move the 3rd bedroom from the ground floor to the 1st floor. Carry out proposed new planting – APPROVED (No objection from PC) 2/2019/1160/LBC - Rectory Cottage Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RQ - Partial closure of existing doorway into kitchen with stud work half wall and timber hatch. Insert new doorway, remove curtain wall and carry out associated internal alterations. - APPROVED (no objection from PC)</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"> • Dorset Community Action - Delivering Impact-the role of Dorset's Voluntary Sector • Dorset Council - Invitation to Planning Peer Review - Town and Parish Council Focus Group • Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils • Highways Working Together SharePoint Update • DAPTC AGM 2019 - Decisions on motions • Dorset CPRE - Talk on Community Land Trusts at Dorset CPRE AGM Saturday 16th November, 11am • DAPTC E-Newsletter - No. 19 November 2019 • Dorset National Park Proposal • LGA's Guidance on councillor intimidation • Dorset Community Action - Reminder to book for the DCA conference and AGM • Dorset Council - News release: Panel amends Climate Emergency declaration + EAP update • Dorset Council - Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments • Dorset Community Action - Latest sector news, opportunities and information from DCA • Request to support the Local Electricity Bill 	
10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS: Rights of Way/Footpaths: N.F.T.R. Transport: N.F.T.R. Football Club: N.F.T.R. DAPTC: Cllr Plummer advised that he had attended the AGM Village Community Group: N.F.T.R. Village Hall: Cllr S Corben advised that the extension was on hold until the S.106 money was received. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee was waiting for a meeting with the builders to ascertain the new costs.</p>	

	<p>PCC: Cllr Le Riche advised that Rev'd Lydia was meeting with Vodaphone in the near future to discuss the mast in the church tower.</p> <p>School: Cllr Le Riche reported that the children had nearly all made huge improvements. Christmas events were being organised.</p> <p>Tree Officer: Mrs H Corben was appointed to be the Tree Officer.</p>	
<p>11. 11.1 11.2</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>Accounts paid since last meeting: NONE</p> <p>Accounts to be paid:</p> <p>Mrs S Deary – Salary & Stamps £377.17 Chq No. 1216</p> <p>Seiretto – Website hosting £178.00 Chq No. 1217</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Rowe and seconded by Cllr Day that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.</p>	
<p>11.3 11.4 11.5</p>	<p>Receipts: None</p> <p>Finance Review: The Clerk had distributed the accounts. No issues were raised.</p> <p>Any Other Financial Matters: None</p>	
12.	ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING: None	
13.	THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.35pm	