

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 3 March 2020
MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020

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

Also present: - Mrs. Sandra Deary, Clerk and 10 members of public.

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Plummer (work) and Cllr S Corben (work)
- 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 13 JANUARY 2020:** having been circulated to Cllrs and website were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Le Riche and seconded by Cllr R Corben that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	<p>Dorset Council Councillor's Report: Cllr Batstone advised that she would forward the list of initiatives in relation to the Climate Emergency agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to the correct Officer at Dorset Council. She advised that there would be a meeting next week to set the budget for Dorset Council. This would be increased by 4%, 2% or which was to be used in adult social care. There had been media interest in the county farms. Cllr Day asked if any funds would be available from Dorset Council to help with climate emergency initiatives. Cllr Batstone advised that there may be some schemes in place for this issue.</p>	
	<p>Public Participation: Members of public raised the following issues/questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Burt advised that he had raised concerns at the last meeting that members of the public could not comment on agenda items as there was not enough information and papers were not distributed to members of the public before the meeting. He felt that the minutes of the last meeting were incorrect as his comments had not been minuted. Cllr Rowe advised that the only paper for the last meeting was a draft policy which was not ready for public distribution. 	
6.	<p>Update on Open Items: Recreation Ground: N.F.T.R. Bowey Field: N.F.T.R. Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Le Riche advised that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group would be held on 2 March. Sixteen volunteers had come forward and nine had been chosen to sit on the working group. The nine volunteers had been informed. Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: N.F.T.R Land at top of Back Lane & Bottom of Okeford Hill: The Clerk advised that she had emailed Dorset Council to ascertain if this issue had been resolved. No response had been received. Clerk to forward the email to Cllr Batstone and chase again. Old Orchard, Mary Garden and other areas of Grass: N.F.T.R. S.106: Cllr Rowe advised that the £20,000 S.106 monies had been received by the Village Hall Committee. Little/Mill Lane Signage: Cllr Gartside advised that the Ranger had promised to install the signage as soon as he had time. She added that Dorset Council Highways were not going to install a crossing on the A357, this was a condition of the Leader Grant funding for the Little Lane works. If the crossing did not happen this could put the Parish Council in breach of the contract. It was agreed that Cllr Gartside, Cllr Batstone and the Highway Officer would get together to work out how to move this issue forward. Gallops at Stockholm Bottom: N.F.T.R. Plaques for listed building: Mr Vickers advised that he was still waiting for planning permission. Refurbishment of Plaque on the commemorative Cross: N.F.T.R. Noticeboard by shop: The Clerk advised that she had sent the measurements to the supplier and he had tried to contact Cllr S Corben as he was unsure of what was required. Wall at Greenhayes: Cllr R Corben advised that he was waiting for estimates for the work and for works to the wall at the pavilion. Setting up regular Village Group meetings: Cllr Rowe advised that Mr Plummer was setting up a meeting for mid-February. She suggested that the Parish Council pay for a flyer giving details of events taking place over the three days, all information would need to be provided by beginning of March to enable Cllr Day to get a quotation from Parish mag</p>	Clerk to chase again.

	<p>Printers for the printing of the leaflet to be included in the April Fippenny News. Mr Burt felt that it was important the information was available soon and that the information was made available on the website.</p> <p>Additional Grit Bins for Fippenny Hollow and Bowey: The Clerk advised the grit bins had now been delivered. Cllr Gartside advised that the bins had not been filled as the bin in Fippenny Hollow had been moved from the place agreed with Dorset Council. The bin would need to be re-positioned in the agreed place before it could be filled. Cllr Gartside was looking for a solution to this issue.</p> <p>20 mph speed limit for village: Cllr Gartside advised that Highways had responded to her emails setting out the requirement for a 20mph speed limit and the various options. It was agreed that the Highway Officer would be invited to the March meeting to explain the requirements.</p> <p>Illegal Parking at the Village Hall: The Clerk advised that she had had a response to the letter sent to the resident advising that he currently had a skip on the drive which prevented him from parking his vehicle. The Clerk advised that parking at the Village Hall was not allowed. The resident stated that he would contact the Parish Council for permission to do so but this had not yet been received. It was reported that other residents were also parking illegally in the village hall car park. Clerk to contact Cllr S Corben to ascertain who was parking there.</p> <p>Museum/ Defibrillator Lighting: The Clerk advised that she had contacted Southern Electric and had given the telephone number for Cllr R Corben so that a site visit could be arranged. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Handling aggressive behaviour towards the Clerk and Councillors: The Clerk advised that she had contacted Dorset Council to ascertain if they had an anti-bullying policy and had been advised that they did not. Cllr Rowe to add a paragraph on vexatious behaviour to the draft policy for the next meeting.</p> <p>Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response: Mr Burt advised the NALC were organising a trip to Frome who had a repair café up and running.</p>	<p>Clerk to ascertain who was parking in village hall car park.</p> <p>Clerk to chase.</p>
7.	OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None	
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>APPLICATIONS: 2/2019/1735/FUL - Pleydells Farm, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RQ - Erect 5 No. dwellings, form new vehicular roads and create 14 No. parking spaces (demolish existing farm buildings). Following discussions Cllr Le Riche proposed objection to the application. This was seconded by Cllr Gartside. The reason for the objection was that access was not suitable as cars leaving the proposed site did not have a clear view.</p> <p>DECISIONS: 2/2019/1163/FUL - Stresa House, Lower Street, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RN - Erect 2 No. dwellings. APPROVED. There were no objections from the Parish Council.</p> <p>2/2019/1272/FUL - Mill Farm, Shillingstone Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset DT11 0RB - Erect replacement agricultural building for the housing of livestock and the storage of fodder, machinery, equipment and materials. – WITHDRAWN. There were no objections from the Parish Council.</p> <p>PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Planning Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: None</p>	<p>Clerk to inform Dorset Council.</p>
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAPTC E-Newsletter No. 20 - December 2019 • Dorset Council -Refresh of Dorset Heathland Framework Supplementary Planning Document, consultation closing date midday 3rd February • NALC Chairman’s open letter to all Councillors • DAPTC - Dorset council Parish engagement event 3rd February 2020 – Cllr Gartside advised that she had attended this event and a feedback form would be sent. It was agreed that Councillors would email Cllr Gartside with their comments to allow her for form a response from the Parish Council. • Dorset Council - Adoption of the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan 2019 and Waste Plan 2019 • Dorset Community Action - Want to secure funding for 2021? Help us build a case • Email from Mr Burt asking Councillors to email Government in support of retaining free TV Licences for older people • Dorset Council - Dorset Council consultation on a Dog related Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Cllr Gartside advised that she had responded to the survey and urged the other Councillors to do so also. 	
10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</p> <p>Rights of Way/Footpaths: Mr Gartside advised that some work would be carried out on Little Lane on Saturday and asked for volunteers to help.</p> <p>Transport: N.F.T.R.</p>	

	<p>Football Club: N.F.T.R. DAPTC: N.F.T.R. Village Community Group: N.F.T.R. Village Hall: Cllr Rowe advised that building work had started on the village hall extension following receipt of the S.106 monies. PCC: Cllr Le Riche gave the following update: The church is slowly moving forward with its proposed re-ordering project. Due to the time it has taken to get the faculty from the diocese the costs have escalated way beyond the original forecast. At a meeting today with the architect we have looked at what can be done within our budget. Some things on the wish list that turned out to be far beyond our budget were underfloor heating and Portland stone for the floor. Our desire for state of the art lighting has had to be cut back to a more modest but realistic type. We are still unable to reinstate our visitor's book, due to the person/persons who continue to write offensive messages in it which is very sad for those who like to visit the church and write in it and for those from the village who like to read it and see who visits. Also we still have problems with people putting artificial flowers on graves which have to be removed. Some of the churchyard is being turned over to wild flowers, it has been strimmed today ready for the planting of yellow rattle prior to the sowing of wild flowers. The church would like to thank Mr Jeremy Gartside and the other volunteers who help up maintain the grass etc. and Mr Kevin Cook for his advice on wild flowers, bird boxes and bat boxes. School: Cllr Le Riche gave the following update: I am delighted to report that the Sherborne Area Schools' Trust (SAST) has enabled us to provide additional teaching support for our children. This week we had our annual school review which was carried out by the deputy CEO at the SAST and we look forward to his report. The children in years 3, 4 and 5 have started ukulele lessons. The Dorset Music Service have kindly loaned us the instruments. The children are practicing hard and there will be a grand performance at the end of March for all parents and friends. We are fortunate to have lots of new books in the school library thanks to various grants and donations. We are always looking for volunteers to sit with children and listen to them read. Please contact the school if you would like to help. Our toddler and infant group, Little Oaks, continues to flourish and is open to all little ones, birth to preschool, on Monday and Thursday mornings. Our hope is that these children may go on to choose Okeford Fitzpaine as their Primary School. There is now a quiet area in Oak Class, which is designed for children who need time to calm down and reflect. The area has comfortable pillows and rugs to sit on , mood lighting, music, bibles and cards to help them focus their reflection time. We are also very fortunate to have Judi Philpott living in the village who is part of Project Linus, an organization that donates beautiful brightly coloured, textured quilted blankets to children all over the world, and she has kindly donated 7 quilted blankets to the school. Tree Officer: N.F.T.R.</p>	
<p>11. 11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS: Accounts paid since last meeting: Mrs S Deary – Salary £360.57 & Grit Bins £180.55 £541.12 Chq No. 1218 HMRC – Employee PAYE £270.40 Chq No. 1219 DAPTC – Planning Training £130.00 Chq No. 1220 DAPTC – Chairing Skills £40.00 Chq No. 1221 Parish Mag Printers – Fippenny News December £72.00 Chq No. 1222 Parish Mag Printers – Fippenny News January £72.00 Chq No. 1223 Southern Electric – Pavilion Electric £68.26 D/D Accounts to be paid: Mrs S Deary – Salary & Stamps £360.37 Chq No. 1224 British Gas – Pavilion Gas £321.37 Chq No. 1225 It was proposed by Cllr Le Riche and seconded by Cllr R Corben that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.</p> <p>Receipts: None</p>	

11.4 11.5	<p>Finance Review: The Clerk had distributed the accounts and the Quarter 3 accounts. No issues were raised. The Quarter 3 accounts were signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p> <p>Any Other Financial Matters: None</p>	
12.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Highway Officer to attend to give details on the requirements for a 20mph speed limit • Village litter picking on a regular basis. 	
13.	<p>THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.35pm</p>	