

**Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 7 April 2020**  
**MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020**

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Plummer  
 Cllr R Rowe (Vice-Chairman)  
 Cllr S Corben  
 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 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. No dispensations were required.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2020:** having been circulated to Cllrs and website were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Le Riche and seconded by Cllr Day that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	<b>Dorset Council Councillor's Report:</b> None	
	<p><b>Public Participation:</b> Members of public raised the following issues/questions:          Mr Gartside suggested that the spare land at the pavilion be landscaped as there was a lot of unused space. Cllr Corben advised that the field is a Field in Trust and had to remain as sports facilities, any changes would be met with resistance from Sport England.          Mr Potter, Dorset Council Highways, addressed the Council regarding the request for a 20mph speed limit within the Parish. He advised that 20mph speed limits were not very effective as people tended to drive to the road conditions, he would not recommend a 20mph speed limit for Okeford Fitzpaine. He added that Dorset Police would not regularly enforce 20mph speed limits. Mr Potter advised that SID's had better results for slowing traffic and that these could be more personalised, i.e. a thank you message or smiley face could be shown for good driving. In answer to a question about traffic calming measures Mr Potter advised that creating a pinch point would be a hazard and would require street lighting. He considered that the best option for Okeford Fitzpaine would be to purchase a SID to be used at various sites around the village. Cllr Gartside agreed to get all the details and costings from Mr Rob Camp, Dorset Highways. Cllr Gartside read a letter from a local resident regarding the state of the main road running through the village. The stretch from The Cross, passing in front of the school to the junction with Lower Street, and continuing into Castle Lane is in a very poor state of repair. The increase in traffic due to the closure of Durweston Bridge last year had contributed to the accelerated damage of the road surface. The road was now littered with a rapidly increasing array of potholes, patches, cracks and loose drain covers, causing significant noise and vibration to the local environment. Dorset Council had promised that the road would be resurfaced before the end of this current financial year but it would appear that this would not now be done. Mr Dimarino agreed to look into this. Cllr Gartside advised that Mr Starkey, Dorset Highway had indicated that edge lining of Castle Lane would take place once it had been resurfaced. Mr Dimarino agreed to look into this.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Update on Open Items:</b>  <b>Recreation Ground:</b> Cllr S Corben advised that a new water softener would cost in the region of £300-£350 and although a plumber was not required to install it, he would need to liaise with a plumber to ensure he orders the correct part.  <b>Bowey Field:</b> A letter had been received in relation to cutting back trees and hedges to ensure a safe clearance for electricity cables. There would be no charge to the Parish Council. Cllr R Corben asked that this work be carried out in a couple of months when the field had time to dry out as using heavy machinery at this time would cause severe damage to the field. He also asked that the debris from all trees/hedges cut back be removed from the site on the same day. Clerk to pass this to the contractor.  <b>Neighbourhood Planning:</b> Cllr Le Riche advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party had met on 2 March and members were asked to look at the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and come back to the next meeting with any comments. The next meeting had been scheduled for 24 March 2020.  <b>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items:</b> N.F.T.R.  <b>Land at top of Back Lane &amp; Bottom of Okeford Hill:</b> The Clerk advised that she had emailed Dorset Council to ascertain if this issue had been resolved. The following response had been received from Mr Hitchcott: The landowner, after prosecution, has complied with 80% of the requirements of the notices served on him relating to clearing up all the items on the land. We are still working with him to try and resolve the remaining 20%.</p>	Clerk to contact contractor

<p>We are also concerned that the landowner is now living permanently on the land. A few years ago he was evicted from his registered address in Wiltshire and we are convinced he is living on the land all the time now. This is currently under investigation by David Lloyd an Enforcement Consultant doing work for the Council. We have been trying to engage with the landowner to assist him find alternative accommodation. If we are unable to find alternative accommodation or if the landowner is unwilling to move, we may have to serve another notice on him. The case has not been closed for the reasons above.</p> <p><b>Old Orchard, Mary Garden and other areas of Grass:</b> Cllr Plummer had been to the Solicitors to sign the approved documents to complete the transfer. Cllr R Corben was due to sign the documents on 5 March 2020.</p> <p><b>S.106:</b> The clerk advised that the Village Hall Committee had sent a letter asking for further funding towards the completion of the village hall extension. Members discussed this matter. Cllr Plummer advised that he had met with Mr Burt before the £20,000 S.106 donation had been agreed and Mr Burt had advised that the project would cost £43,000 to complete. The Village Hall Management Committee had £12,000 towards the extension and was in receipt of a £10,000 donation, therefore £20,000 was the required amount to complete the extension project. When the £20,000 S.106 was given it was agreed that any further works would need to be self-funding. Following further discussion, the clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Committee asking for a full breakdown of the expenditure to date and a full detailed costing of what further funding was required to complete the project. This costing must be approved by all trustees. Once received, the Parish Council would make a decision on further funding.</p> <p><b>Museum Lease:</b> The ownership of registered land is evidenced exclusively by the data held at HM Land Registry. An updated title and plan had been received from the Solicitor for the Parish Council records. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p><b>Little/Mill Lane Signage:</b> Cllr Gartside advised that the signage was now in place. However, the proposed <b>A357</b> crossing had now been dropped by Dorset Council Highways without reference to the Little Lane Project team or Parish Council, stating Dorset Council required additional land from an adjacent land owner who was not prepared to sell. Cllr Gartside agreed to pursue a grant application to the Road Safety Trust available for improving dangerous.</p> <p><b>Gallops at Stockholm Bottom:</b> The clerk advised that she had chased the enforcement officer who had advised that due to the high case load and staffing issues he had not yet had time to look at this issue.</p> <p><b>Plaques for listed building:</b> Mr Vickers advised that he was still waiting for planning permission.</p> <p><b>Refurbishment of Plaque on the commemorative Cross:</b> Cllr S Corben had now provided the wording. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the work.</p> <p><b>Noticeboard by shop:</b> The Clerk advised that the noticeboard would be ordered tomorrow.</p> <p><b>Wall at Greenhayes:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Setting up regular Village Group meetings:</b> Cllr Plummer advised that groups had met on 27 February and discussed the V.E. day celebrations. The next meeting had been scheduled for 18 March when the final details will be confirmed, and then the event will be advertised.</p> <p><b>Additional Grit Bins for Fippenny Hollow and Bowey:</b> Mr Vickers advised that 2 years ago the residents of Fippenny Hollow had offered to purchase a salt bin and fill it. Cllr Gartside had advised that the Parish Council would purchase the grit bin. The bin had now been supplied. Mr Vickers advised that the bin had been moved from the proposed position as it was easier for residents to spread the salt/grit from the top of the hill rather than the bottom, where the bin was originally positioned. He added that the residents of Fippenny Hollow had paid for the salt/grit and would continue to do so as and when required. The Parish Council were satisfied with this. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p><b>20 mph speed limit for village:</b> This item was discussed in the Public Participation section of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Illegal Parking at the Village Hall:</b> The clerk was asked to write again to the resident at 60 Greenhayes advising that further action would be taken if he did not stop parking in the village hall car park.</p> <p><b>Museum/ Defibrillator Lighting:</b> The clerk advised she had provided the customer account to Southern Electric and was awaiting a call back from the relevant team.</p> <p><b>Handling aggressive behaviour towards the Clerk and Councillors:</b> Cllr Rowe had provided a vexatious policy. It was agreed that the bullying policy and vexatious policy should be combined into one document. Clerk to produce document for adoption at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response:</b> Cllr Rowe advised that Wessex Water (2<sup>nd</sup> May) and Dorset Waste Partnership (6<sup>th</sup> June) had agreed to attend the mud pie café. Cllr Gartside advised that a newly formed Okeford group of the Dorset Green Living Project were looking for a couple more households to take part.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to VHC</p> <p>Clerk to obtain quotations</p>
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7.	<b>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b> Regular village litter picking: It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the next meeting and should be moved to the open item list.	
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b> <b>APPLICATIONS: None.</b> <b>DECISIONS: None</b> <b>PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE:</b> The Planning Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting. <b>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: None</b>	
9.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dorset Council - Draft Dorset Marine Aquaculture Strategy - have you say now!</li> <li>Dorset Council - Statement of Community Involvement for Dorset Council - adopted 28 January 2020</li> <li>Dorset Council - Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils</li> <li>Dorset Community Action - Your Opinion is required for Dorset's Village Halls</li> <li>Dorset Council - Leader's Bulletin February 2020</li> <li>DAPTC E-Newsletter No. 22 - Late February 2020</li> <li>Invite to North Dorset CPRE Group AGM &amp; Talk, 5.30 pm on Thursday, 2nd April at Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster</li> <li>SSE Tree cutting on Bowey Field</li> </ul>	
10.	<b>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</b> <b>Rights of Way/Footpaths:</b> Cllr Day advised that some of the tin roofs of the chicken houses had blown off and were on the footpath behind. He advised that people avoid this footpath in windy weather. <b>Transport:</b> N.F.T.R. <b>Football Club:</b> Cllr S Corben advised that there would be a busy end of season due to a number of games being cancelled through bad weather. <b>DAPTC:</b> Cllr Plummer advised that he would be attending the DAPTC conference on 30 March. <b>Village Community Group:</b> N.F.T.R. <b>Village Hall:</b> Cllr Rowe advised that the AGM would take place on 27 April 2020 and the Fippenny Fayre would take place on 28 June 2020. <b>PCC:</b> N.F.T.R. <b>School:</b> Cllr Le Riche gave the following update: <b>Spring term school review by the Sherborne Area Schools Trust.</b> This review follows the same format as an HMI inspection. The inspection was carried out by Steve Smith Deputy Chief Executive of SAST in February 2020. <b>Summary of Findings:</b> The Headteacher is working extremely hard to improve the school. She is successfully changing the culture of the school because of her high expectations of pupils and staff. High expectations are leading to improved teaching, learning and behaviour. Although there is further work to do in all these areas, the school is in a much stronger position than it was at the time of the last HMI monitoring visit just a year ago. Mr Smith was pleased to see the Early Years outside area is much improved since the last HMI monitoring visit. At this time, it was a bare, unloved space. Following investment and support from the community, it has been completely refurbished and is now an attractive, well-equipped area - a great asset for the school. It is good to report that the school continues to improve under the strong leadership of Mrs Peters our Headteacher <b>Tree Officer:</b> N.F.T.R.	
11. 11.1 11.2   11.3  11.4  11.5	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b> <b>Accounts paid since last meeting:</b> None <b>Accounts to be paid:</b> Mrs S Deary – Salary £360.57 Symonds & Sampson – Allotment rent £100.00 Symonds & Sampson – Allotment Rent £400.00 Parish mag Printer – November (Invoice not received in Nov) £81.00 Parish mag Printers – Fippenny News £81.00 Kernow Kelleher Solicitors – Transfer of land works £1040.40	Chq No. 1226   Chq No. 1227  Chq No. 1228  Chq No 1229  Chq No.1230  Chq No. 1231

	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Rowe and seconded by Cllr Plummer that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.</p> <p><b>Receipts:</b> £546.96 had been received for Fippenny News subscription.</p> <p><b>Finance Review:</b> The Clerk had distributed the accounts. No issues were raised.</p> <p><b>Any Other Financial Matters:</b> None</p>	
12.	<p><b>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for funding to print pictures of veterans as part of the V.E. Day celebrations.</li> </ul>	
13.	<p><b>THE NEXT MEETING:</b> The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.20pm</p>	