

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 4 August 2020

**MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30pm VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020**

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

Also present: - Mrs. Sandra Deary, Clerk, Cllr P Batstone, Dorset Council

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** None
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 3 MARCH 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.	Dorset Council Councillor's Report: Cllr Batstone advised that staff were currently working from home and this was proving productive. Meetings were taking place via Zoom. There were concerns around finance as expenditure relating to covid-19 was not being refunded fully by Government. Although grant have been made available for other projects.	
	Public Participation: There were no members of public present.	
6.	<p>Update on Open Items:</p> <p>Recreation Ground: Cllr S Corben advised that the guttering had been fixed and the pitch had been sprayed. A plumber was due to look at the water softener to ensure the correct replacement is ordered.</p> <p>Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben advised that there had been a number of faults reported during the RoSPA playground inspection. Awaiting the full report highlighting the faults. It was agreed that the playground be kept closed. Cllr Rowe advised that 4 volunteers had come forward to check the playgrounds for cleanliness once they reopen.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Le Riche to contact Mr P Banning to ascertain the best way forward.</p> <p>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: N.F.T.R</p> <p>Old Orchard, Mary Garden and other areas of Grass: Cllr S Corben advised that he had spoken to residents and they had requested a fence by the road to stop children running out. They also asked if picnic tables could be provided. Cllr S Corben agreed to get quotations for these items.</p> <p>S.106: Cllr Plummer advised that he had not contacted the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee due to the current Covid-19 situation. He agreed to contact him to arrange a meeting when it is safe to do so and as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Little/Mill Lane Signage: Cllr Gartside advised that the hedges had been cut back.</p> <p>Plaques for listed building: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Refurbishment of Plaque on the commemorative Cross: The clerk advised that she had emailed the recommended contractors but no response had been received.</p> <p>Noticeboard by shop: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Wall at Greenhayes: Cllr R Corben advised that 2 builders had inspected this wall and the wall at the Pavilion. Awaiting quotations.</p> <p>Illegal Parking at the Village Hall: It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda as the problem has now ceased.</p> <p>Museum/ Defibrillator Lighting: The clerk advised SSE had responded that no site visits were currently being undertaken due to the Covid-19 situation. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Climate Emergency Response: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Illegal opening in Shillingstone Lane: The Clerk advised that the resident of the property had written with the following: "I telephoned the Council this morning (11.6.20). I spoke to Mark Hitchcott (Dorset Council) (line manager to Carol Rogerson who was our North Dorset Council contact from 2016 when we first applied for permission for the entrance way, having found out that we needed to do so). I asked him what I needed to do about the matter now that it had been raised again as a concern by the Parish Council. He was aware of the situation and that we had applied for permission previously. He explained that Dorset Council (or North Dorset Council as it was when we applied) had not responded to our request made in 2016 because after visiting the site, Carol Rogerson was not worried about it and the Highways also had no problem with it. They did not pursue the case as it was not considered</p>	Clerk to chase

	<p>to be a risk and they were aware that the entrance was not used that often. He said that if I wanted to apply for planning permission now so I can use the gate regularly I could fill in the planning forms from the Council Portal. I started to do so this morning but there were some points I needed to clarify to make sure I was filling in the correct application. During my subsequent phone conversation with Mark Hitchcott, he said that as the entrance was made in August 2015. I didn't need to fill in the form anyway. He said he is happy that it can be considered to be a lawful access to the land and we are free to use it. I hope this clarifies the matter and that you are happy that I do not need to take any further action"</p> <p>Cllr Batstone agreed to contact the enforcement officer about the issue along with the Gallops at Stockhold Bottom.</p>	
7.	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Grants: Cllr Rowe agreed to look at what grants were currently available to benefit the Parish.</p> <p>Monthly meetings: It was agreed that as the Parish Council had missed a couple of meetings due to the impact of COVID that meetings will also take place in August and January.</p> <p>Open Spaces Review: Cllr S Corben advised that Mr Gartside had submitted a letter suggesting various uses for the open spaces in the village. Councillors agreed that a walkway around the edge of the playing field was a good idea. Cllr Plummer suggested looking into putting a footpath from Ridouts to the pavilion, through the orchard. Cllr Gartside agreed to contact the landowner to ascertain if the Parish Council could possibly secure the land for the parish.</p>	Cllr Gartside to contact land owner.
8.1	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>APPLICATIONS: 2/2020/0344/FUL - Froghole Farm, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0EF- Erect agricultural building for the storage of hay, straw, feedstuffs, equipment, machinery and materials. Cllr Le Riche proposed no objection to this application. This was seconded by Cllr S Corben and agreed by Council</p> <p>2/2020/0765/HOUSE - Rectory Cottage, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset DT11 0RQ – Erect Garage (Demolish existing garage) Cllr Le Riche proposed no objection to this application. This was seconded by Cllr S Corben and agreed by Council</p> <p>2/2020/0766/LBC - Rectory Cottage, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, DT11 0RQ – Erect Garage (Demolish existing garage) - Cllr Le Riche proposed no objection to this application. This was seconded by Cllr S Corben and agreed by Council.</p>	Clerk to inform DC
8.2	<p>DECISIONS: 2/2020/0243/FUL - Langston Farm, Shillingstone Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, DT11 0RB - Form 2 No. caravan pitches, erect 1 No. mobile home and shower block – APPROVED</p> <p>2/2020/0418/HOUSE - 1 Hill View Cottages, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, DT11 0RG - Erection of two storey side extension – APPROVED</p> <p>2/2020/0094/FUL - Conygar Coppice Castle Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset - Construct new roadway to enable forestry - APPROVED</p>	Clerk to inform DC
8.3	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Planning Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.</p>	Clerk to inform DC
8.4	<p>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: None</p>	
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Burt - Castle Lane feasibility report • NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin x4 • Dorset Council - Re-opening high streets safely: "Stay local, shop local" • Dorset Community Action - Funding and support available to your charity, community group or social enterprise during this crisis • Dorset Council - Household recycling centres - June 2020 update • DAPTC - EPC3 - Coronavirus & the future of local government - Labour commission on local govt., housing & transport. • DAPTC - System COVID-19 briefing - status Friday 19 June • Dorset Council - The latest news and updates from Dorset Council, 22 June • DAPTC - Agenda & Minutes webinars - bookings being taken now - deadline noon Thursday 25 June • Dorset Council - Summer in Dorset - your response • Dorset Council - System briefing COVID-19 - status Tuesday 23 June • DAPTC - Dorset Food and Drink - Pop up Venues - Members discussed this matter. They felt that this could have a detrimental effect on the village shops and therefore did not think Okeford Fitzpaine was the right location. They felt that villages without a village shop would embrace this idea. • Dorset Council - Proposed temporary road closure Duck Street, Child Okeford • Dorset Council - System Briefing on COVID-19 Surveillance - current status • Dorset Council - Latest news and updates from Dorset Council, 29 June 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NALC - CORONAVIRUS — Information for Town and Parish Councils Dorset Council - Invitation to our 14th Support Webinar - Reopening Village Halls and Community Spaces Safely Dorset Council - NEWS RELEASE: Working together to restart our economy safely Dorset Council - Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Shillingstone Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset Community Action - Funding and support available to your charity, community group or social enterprise to aid recovery from Covid-19 NALC – Supporting local Councils to reopen playgrounds safely Request from local resident to fly a drone at the recreation ground. – Members considered that as the recreation ground was open to the public this was not the right location for flying a drone. Clerk to inform resident and suggest he contact a local farmer/landowner instead. 	
10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</p> <p>Rights of Way/Footpaths: Mr Gartside advised that he had received complaint that dogs cannot get through the stile on the footpaths behind Bowey and in Little Lane. He advised that he would contact the relevant officer at Dorset Council for advice.</p> <p>Transport: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Football Club: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>DAPTC: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Village Community Group: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Rowe advised that a meeting had been held last night and it had been decided to keep the village hall closed at present. She advised that she had noticed a trip hazard in the kitchen and she had advised the chairman. The Village Hall had received a £10,000 grant for ongoing expenses due to the current Covid-19 situation.</p> <p>PCC: Cllr Le Riche gave the following update: “The church has submitted a faculty to the diocese planning dept for a mobile mast to be erected on the tower of the church along with a small unit behind. The planning application will be discussed by the Parish Council planning committee during the month on 21 July. Also, the PCC has decided to remove all pews and some of the radiators. Chairs will be purchased, making the church COVID friendly, as at the present time it is not possible to have more than 41 persons seated at any one time. Dilys and Jeremy Gartside are overseeing the sale of pews. First choices will be to members of the Okeford Fitzpaine community. Cllr Rowe asked that the sale of the pews be put in the Fippenny News”.</p> <p>School: Cllr Le Riche gave the following update: “Sadly the school is losing its head teacher at the end of this term. This has been by a family issue resulting in a problem with housing as she and her husband are unable to find a suitable house in the area that they can afford. So they are relocating to Manchester. The school has improved greatly since Mrs Peters joined the school. The trust has employed another experienced head teacher and also have made the decision to add another member to the staff. So, from September the school will have a young male teacher joining the team. The school has remained open throughout the lockdown for children with specific needs and those whose parents work in essential services. Working in bubbles is not a problem for the school moving forward as the numbers are still rather low”.</p> <p>Tree Officer: The tree officer advised that a tree had fell down in Darknoll Lane, this had been removed by the landowner. A resident in Ridouts wanted to remove a small English Elm tree but there was a preservation badge on it. Officers at Dorset Council are looking into why this tree is protected.</p> <p>History Society: N.F.T.R.</p>	
11.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>Accounts paid since last meeting:</p> <p>Mrs S Deary – Salary £360.37 Chq No. 1245</p> <p>DAPTC – Annual Subscription £345.48 Chq No. 1246</p> <p>Accounts to be paid:</p> <p>Mrs D Gartside – Little Lane hedge trimming £50 Chq No. 1247</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>Any other Financial Matters: None.</p>	
12.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild flowers on verge by recreation ground 	

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13.	THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 August at 7.30pm via Zoom. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.35 pm	