

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 5 January 2021

MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30pm VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020

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

Also present: - Mrs. Sandra Deary, Clerk, Cllr P Batstone, Dorset Council and 7 members of public

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. The Clerk granted dispensations to all Councillors to enable them to discuss the precept for 2020/21.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2020:** The minutes had been circulated to Councillors, Cllr Gartside asked for the minute on open spaces, under open items, be amended to read "The Chairman advised that the landowner of the land opposite Castle Cottage, Castle Lane, had not yet made a decision. He agreed to keep chasing for an answer. Cllr Gartside asked if a time line could be put on this, she considered that a footpath to the recreation ground would make a huge difference to the local residents". It was proposed by Cllr Gartside and seconded by Cllr S Corben that this amendment be made, and the minutes be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	<p>Dorset Council Councillor's Report: Cllr Batstone advised that the Social Supermarket in Sturminster Newton had now opened which allowed people in need to purchase £20 worth of food for £4.50. She advised that it was good quality food nearing its sell by date. She advised that Dorset Council were currently going through the budget process which included a 2.9% increase for Adult Social Care due to the added pressure on the service caused by the Covid-19 situation. She added that incidents of domestic abuse had increased during the lockdown period.</p>	
	<p>Public Participation: Mr Gartside asked the Council to consider planting more trees in Okeford Fitzpaine as this was a great antidote for global warming. Mr Gartside agreed to liaise with the woodland trust for more information and costings. He suggested including the school and local community in this project if it went ahead. Mr Burt suggested that some of the money currently held in reserves be used to carry out improvement works to Darknoll Lane.</p>	
6.	<p>Update on Open Items: Recreation Ground: N.F.T.R. Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben advised that the swing was still out of action. This was being looked at by Mr Frampton. Neighbourhood Planning: The Chairman advised that he had spoken to the lead members of the Neighbourhood Planning working party who had advised that until the White Paper on Planning was passed, the Neighbourhood Plan should be put on hold to ascertain what the white paper would mean to neighbourhood plans. Cllr Batstone advised that the Portfolio Holder for planning had advised that neighbourhood plans should continue. Although some value had been lost to neighbourhood plans, there was still some value to having one in place. The Chairman agreed to contact Cllr D Walsh, Portfolio Holder for Planning. Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: N.F.T.R. Land at top of Back Lane & Bottom of Okeford Hill: It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda. Little/Mill Lane Signage: Cllr Gartside advised that Bere Marsh Farm were planning to change the whole area around the farm in the next few years to encourage visitors and there would be then be a need for a car park and a crossing over the A357. It was agreed that Cllr Batstone and Cllr Gartside would liaise to open communication with the farm owner. Gallops at Stockhold Bottom: Cllr Batstone advised that he had chased this but had not received a response. She agreed to chase again. Museum: Cllr R Corben advised that the work to the roof was not yet complete. Climate Response: Cllr Gartside advised that she had attended a people's assembly meeting which had lots of ideas and tips. Illegal opening in Shillingstone Lane: Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Dorset Council to insist that the owners apply for retrospective planning permission. It was agreed that Cllr Gartside speak to Mr R Skeats, highways, to ascertain if the verge could be built back up and posts installed to prevent parking. It was agreed that if highways were unwilling to do this permission should be sought for the Parish Council to carry out the work. Grants: N.F.T.R.</p>	<p>Chairman to contact Cllr David Walsh, Dorset Council</p> <p>Clerk to write to Dorset Council</p>

	<p>Open Spaces Review: The Chairman advised that the owner of the land, opposite Castle Cottage, Castle Lane, had asked for more time to make a decision on whether the family are willing to sell the land. He had asked not to be contacted again until mid-January.</p> <p>Offer of trees for planting: Cllr S Corben advised that the trees would be planted before the next meeting.</p> <p>Access to Village Hall: The Chairman advised that the title plans had now been obtained from the Land Registry. Cllr Gartside advised that the boundary of 62 Greenhayes is the house wall, therefore the hedge has been planted on highway lane, also the recently constructed rockery bed, where it abuts Highways' boundary with PC carpark, does encroach at least 10cm /4in onto the highway at that point and will earth slip further unless action taken. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to pursue this matter with Highways.</p> <p>Seat at Recreation Ground: Cllr S Corben agreed to obtain the contact details for people who could supply and log and chainsaw it into shape.</p> <p>Illegal Parking at Village Hall: The Clerk advised that she had written to the home owners and the Licencing Department of Dorset Council. No response had been received at this time.</p>	
7	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Anti-social dog behaviour at the recreation ground: The clerk advised that an officer from Environmental Health had attended the recreation ground and had advised that the signage was sufficient. No further action to be taken.</p> <p>Replacement Noticeboard for Belchalwell: The Clerk advised that a new noticeboard was required for Belchalwell. It was proposed by Cllr S Corben that a new noticeboard be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Rowe and agreed by Council.</p> <p>CPRE Funding for Fingerposts: Cllr Gartside advised that there was funding available from the CPRE for fingerposts. The Chairman agreed to contact Fifehead Neville Parish Council to inform them of this funding to enable them to repair the fingerpost at Okeford Common, beside the encampment, which points to Okeford Fitzpaine.</p>	Clerk to purchase new noticeboard
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>APPLICATIONS: None</p> <p>DECISIONS: 2/2020/0644/FUL – Opposite Hartcliff Farm, Higher Street to Belchalwell Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 0EF – Change of use and extension of agricultural building to form 1 dwelling - GRANTED</p> <p>PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Planning Committee had not met since the last meeting.</p> <p>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: Cllr Gartside advised that a 28 day consultation on the mast at the church would commence on 3 December.</p>	
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC – Rebuilding Communities x 4 • NALC – Coronavirus update x 4 • Dorset Community Action - support for your charity, community group or social enterprise to aid recovery from COVID-19 x 2 • NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin x 5 • Dorset Council - News release: Libraries and TICs continue key services throughout lockdown • Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 6 November • DAPTC - In This Together - Community Matters' Festive Fund • DAPTC E-News 9th November '20 • Dorset Community Action - Government Lockdown Updates - Your Webinar Invitation • Dorset Council - 'COVID Marshals' sent out to help businesses and residents during pandemic • Mr Orrish – Dorset Council Questionnaire reply • Dorset Council - Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 13 November • DAPTC E-News 13th November '20 • Dorset People's Assemblies on Climate & Ecological Emergency • Dorset Community Action - Your Invitation to our Networking Session • Climate & Ecological Emergency Support - Councillors Catch-up Weds 18th Nov 7.30pm • Dorset Council - NEWS UPDATE: Crookhill waste depot fire • Dorset Council - Climate strategy consultation extended. Offline access developed • Mr Vickers - Online Community Groups 17/11/2020 20:50:45 [350068] • Dorset CPRE News including latest in the planning campaign • Dorset Council - Shoppers' Permit Consultation • Mr Burt - Download your FREE copy of Legislation Watch • Dorset Council - Special edition Dorset Council Asset Review 	

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10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</p> <p>Rights of Way/Footpaths: Mr Gartside advised that the fingerpost at Okeford Hill had been knocked over, this had been reported to the rangers. Two broken styles had been reported to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Transport: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Football Club: Cllr S Corben advised that football was due to recommence this Saturday.</p> <p>DAPTC: The Chairman advised that he had attended the AGM on 14 November and had attended a “get to know you” event.</p> <p>Village Community Group: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Rowe advised that the kitchen extension work was still ongoing. The Village Hall had been closed due to Covid-19 and was due to re-open on 2 December. A socially distanced Christmas fair would be held on 5 December.</p> <p>School: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Tree Officer: The tree officer had reported a hanging limb by Knapps to Dorset Council but had heard nothing back. It was agreed that the tree officer would email them again to chase this. Cllr Gartside reported that there was a dangerous limb hanging from a tree in Lower Street and there were a couple of dead boughs on the oak tree over the bridge by Etheridge Farm. Cllr S Corben agreed to look at these.</p> <p>History Society: Mr Vickers advised that the History Society meetings had been suspended due to Covid-19.</p>																	
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11.3	<p>Receipts: £550 from allotment society and £46.50 Fippenny News subscriptions.</p>																	
11.4	<p>Finance Review: The Clerk had distributed the accounts. No issues were raised.</p>																	
	<p>Precept: The precept as distributed was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Plummer that the precept be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Gartside and agreed by Council. Clerk to submit the precept to Dorset Council.</p>																	
11.5	<p>Any other Financial Matters: Councillors discussed the reserves currently held in the bank and agreed that Cllr Gartside should contact Mr R Skeats, Highways, to look into the cost improvement works to Darknoll Lane.</p>																	
12.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional tree planting in the Parish• Repairs to drain at Little/Mill Lane before resurfacing.																	
13.	<p>THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.15pm</p>																	