

**Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 4 June 2109**  
**MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE PAVILION ON 14 MAY 2019**

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

**Also present:** - Mrs. Sandra Deary and 9 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.
4. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2019:** having been circulated to Cllrs and website were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Rowe and seconded by Cllr R Corben that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	<b>District &amp; County Councillors' Reports:</b> None	
	<p><b>Public Participation:</b>            The public were given the opportunity to address the Parish Council on any item on the agenda or to add items for discussion at future meetings. Members of the public raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The possibility of having radar speed signs. Cllr Gartside agreed to contact Highways.</li> <li>• The possibility of double yellow lines at the entrance to the Old Dairy.</li> <li>• Irregular voting at the Village Hall AGM</li> <li>• Comments from the Parish Council being put in the wrong place on the Dorset for You planning page. Cllr Plummer assured the member of public that this would be monitored in future.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Update on Open Items:</b>  <b>Recreation Ground:</b> Cllr S Corben advised that he had chased the plumber in relation to the leaking taps and problem with the toilet flush. He had received no response so would look for another plumber. He advised that he would contact the fire extinguisher and boiler companies to arrange access and would carry out the necessary PAT testing.  <b>Bowey Field:</b> Cllr R Corben advised that he was trying to get a start date for the new fencing to be erected. The ditch would be cleared at the same time.  <b>Belchalwell and Fiddleford items:</b> Cllr S Corben advised that a resident had moved their boundary fence and the verge was now part of their garden, along with the fingerpost. Cllr Gartside agreed to contact Highways.  <b>Land at top of Okeford Hill:</b> N.F.T.R. Clerk to chase update with the Dorset Council.  <b>Old Orchard, Mary Gardens and other areas of grass:</b> The Clerk advised that the transfer was in hand.  <b>Fingerposts:</b> Cllr Corben advised that more wood was required at a cost of £310.00 plus VAT to finish the job. He had ordered the additional wood. Cllr Gartside reported that there was a crack in the fingerpost by the Royal Oak. Cllr Corben agreed to look at this.  <b>S106:</b> The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Banning to ascertain if any response had been received in relation to the need for drainage and ecology reports for the tennis courts/MUGA.  <b>Illegal Opening in Shillingstone Lane:</b> Clerk to chase enforcement at the Dorset Council.  <b>Museum Purchase:</b> Clerk to chase solicitor for deeds.  <b>Community Speed Watch:</b> It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda as the Community Speed Watch was up and running.  <b>Lowering of Kerbs:</b> Cllr Rowe agreed to contact Highways.  <b>Overgrown vegetation in Lower Street:</b> The overgrown vegetation had now been dealt with. However, a neighbouring property has an overhanging tree which needed to be cut back. Clerk to contact Sovereign Housing Association again.  <b>Little Lane Signage:</b> Cllr Gartside advised that she had received no response to her emails, she felt this could be due to the changes at the Dorset Council. She agreed to try again.  <b>Speed Indicators:</b> Cllr Gartside was still anxious to get a 20mph speed limit set for rural Dorset and asked if a motion could be put to the DAPTC again or if these were only taken annually. Cllr Gartside agreed to contact the DAPTC.  <b>Gallops at Stockhold Bottom:</b> N.F.T.R.  <b>Plaque for listed building on the Cross:</b> Cllr Rowe advised that she was meeting with the Historic Group on Thursday and would ask if this was needed or wanted.</p>	<p>Cllr Gartside to contact Highways</p> <p>Clerk to contact Mr Banning.            Clerk to contact solicitor</p> <p>Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Cllr Gartside to contact DAPTC</p>

	<p><b>Dog Fouling:</b> Cllr Plummer asked Cllr Day to put a link on the Fippenny News website to the reporting pages of Dorset Council.</p> <p>Cllr Le Riche advised that there were no bins at the top of Okeford Hill, the clerk was asked to contact Dorset Council for the costings for a dog waste bin and the cost of emptying it.</p>	Clerk to obtain prices for dog bin.
7.	<p><b>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b></p> <p><b>Overgrown banks on the upper section of higher street causing darkness.</b> Mr Gartside advised that the village sign was obstructed. Cllr Gartside agreed to contact Mr Starkey, Highways.</p>	Cllr Gartside to contact Highway.
8.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b></p>	
8.1	<p><b>APPLICATIONS: 2/2019/0438/FUL</b> - Froghole Farm, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, DT11 0EF - Erect 1 No. dwelling (remove mobile home). Following discussions Cllr R Corben proposed no objection to this application as a similar application nearby had been given planning permission. This was seconded by Cllr S Corben and agreed by Council</p>	Clerk to inform DC
8.2	<p><b>DECISIONS:</b> None</p>	
8.3	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE:</b> The Planning Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.</p>	
8.4	<p><b>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:</b> None</p>	
9.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from DAPTC Chairman requesting information from the Parish Council – Cllr Gartside agreed to provide necessary information, she asked the other Councillors to email her with any information they would like adding.</li> <li>• Conygar coppice Management Plan information</li> </ul>	Cllr Gartside to provide information.
10.	<p><b>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</b></p> <p><b>Rights of Way/Footpaths:</b> The footpaths officer advised that he had reported some broken styles to the rangers.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Football Club:</b> Cllr Rowe advised that Cllr S Corben had received a long service award.</p> <p><b>DAPTC:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Village Community Group:</b> N.F.T.R.</p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> Cllr Rowe advised that the AGM had been well attended. There were 8 fixed posts on the management committee and 4 other posts up for election. 4 long serving members had not been re-elected. Mr Burt had been re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Rowe as Vice-Chairman. A new secretary and bookings person had been elected. There had been no interest in the position of treasurer so Mrs D Burt had been co-opted to the position. The trustees had voted to continue with the plans for the village hall extension (6 voting for a review, 6 to continue, 1 abstention, resulting in the Chairman's casting vote to decide). Mrs Burt had voted on this issue as a co-opted member, although doubts were raised on the legality of this following the meeting.</p> <p><b>PCC:</b> Cllr Le Riche advised that the Church had now received permission to reorder the Parish Church to make it fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Once a few outstanding issues had been resolved fund raising will begin. The Church was now in the middle of an eco-church project to make the churchyard more animal, bird and insect friendly and to cut down the impact on the environment. Some tree which were impacting on burial sites had been removed.</p>	
11.	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b></p>	
11.1	<p><b>Accounts paid since last meeting:</b></p> <p>Mrs S Deary – Salary £383.14</p>	Chq No. 1173
11.2	<p><b>Accounts to be paid:</b></p> <p>Zurich Municipal – Parish Council Insurance £907.82</p> <p>DAPTC – Annual Subscriptions £338.72</p> <p>Parish mag Printers – Fippenny News Printing £81.00</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr R Corben and seconded by Cllr Le Riche that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.</p>	Chq No. 1174 Chq No. 1175 Chq No. 1177
11.3	<p><b>Receipts:</b> £100.00 from the Okeford Auctions and £65.00 Fippenny News subscriptions.</p>	
11.4	<p><b>Finance Review:</b> The Clerk had distributed the accounts. No issues were raised.</p>	
11.5	<p><b>Any Other Financial Matters:</b> The Clerk advised that the Annual Accounts were now with the internal auditor.</p>	
12.	<p><b>General Power of Competence:</b> Cllr Plummer proposed and Cllr Rowe seconded that the Parish Council still met the criteria to hold the General Power of Competence.</p>	

13.	<p><b>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School request for donation towards development of the Early Years Foundation Stage area.</li> <li>• Radar speed signs</li> <li>• Irregular voting at the Village Hall Management Committee AGM</li> <li>• Double yellow lines for the entrance at the Old Dairy</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>THE NEXT MEETING:</b> The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at the Pavilion, Castle Lane at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.00pm</p>	