

Minutes published unapproved for ratification at the meeting to be held on 2 March 2021

**MINUTES OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30pm VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

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

Also present: - Mrs. Sandra Deary, Clerk, Cllr P Batstone, Dorset Council and 8 members of public

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr S Corben (Illness)
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 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2021:** having been circulated to Cllrs and website were taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Gartside and seconded by Cllr Rowe that they be signed by the Chairman, this was agreed.

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5.	<p>Dorset Council Councillor's Report: Cllr Batstone gave the following report: "Quoting from the recent newsletter from the Chief Executive Matt Prosser, Cllr Batstone advised that Dorset Council were deploying some staff to work with the NHS in administrative and clerical roles. A reserve mortuary had now been brought into action at Pole Port with another in reserve at Dorchester should it be required. Teaching staff would soon be vaccinated. Business grants were being turned round as soon as possible and currently over £23m had been granted to small businesses. The Council had recently purchased the former St Mary's School, Shaftesbury, which has attracted the headlines. Although the local authority has bought it with the intention of providing facilities for children, families and people with special needs, which is the major area of cost for the Council, the public must be consulted as to its precise use. As well as educational and residential facilities, there are leisure facilities which can benefit the local community and also the idea of a business hub has been suggested on this large site. This is a capital purchase and the Council has invested to save on revenue expenditure. The cost of funding the capital would, it was believed, be more than covered by savings on the cost of providing education and care for those who might otherwise need to go into very expensive private provision both within and outside the county."</p>	
	<p>Public Participation: Mr Jay raised the issue of a motorcross event which had taken place in the village in December and which could possibly occur up to 28 times a year. He advised that this had caused a severe noise disturbance and felt that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting did not represent the feeling of local residents. The Chairman advised that this had been discussed at length at the last meeting where Mr Jay was not present but other parishioners were and, as it was not within the Parish Council's remit, members of the public were advised to contact Dorset Council with their concerns. Mr Jay asked that the Parish Council contact Dorset Council to raise the concerns of the public. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Environmental Health Department of Dorset Council making it clear that the Parish Council sympathise with the concerns of residents and do not support further motorcross events being held in the village.</p> <p>Mr Burt addressed the Council, he was disappointed that despite numerous requests, no report had been issued prior to the meeting with regard to the issue of access to the village hall. He was disappointed that this issue had been ongoing for so long and felt that the Parish Council were not taking an interest in the problem. He was also concerned that construction lorries were unable to access the village hall to complete the extension works. The Chairman advised that this matter was being dealt with and because updates were given at every Parish Council meeting no reports would be produced prior to the meeting and the Parish Council would continue to work to resolve this issue.</p>	Clerk to write to E.H Dept of Dorset Council.
6.	<p>Update on Open Items: Recreation Ground: Cllr S Corben had emailed to advise that he was keeping a daily watch on the pavilion following incidents of drinking and littering. Bowey Field: N.F.T.R. Neighbourhood Planning: The Chairman advised that work on the Neighbourhood Plan would continue. He added that a meeting of members of the working party on this subject would be set up via Zoom soon to progress. Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: N.F.T.R. Darknoll Lane: Cllr Gartside advised that she would be meeting with Mr Skeats and Mr Steele from Dorset Highways on 11 March 2021, to discuss this matter.</p>	

	<p>Little/Mill Lane Signage: Cllr Batstone requested an email from Cllr Gartside with the details of what was required to enable her to speak to Cllr Jespersen. Cllr Gartside agreed to email Cllr Batstone.</p> <p>Gallops at Stockhold Bottom: Cllr Batstone to chase this again.</p> <p>Wall at Greenhayes: Cllr R Corben advised that the contractor had now been given the go ahead and work would commence when the contractor could fit it in and the weather permitted.</p> <p>Museum: Cllr R Corben advised that work to the roof had been delayed by weather twice and had not yet been completed.</p> <p>Climate Response: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Illegal opening in Shillingstone Lane: Cllr Gartside advised that she would be meeting with Mr Skeats and Mr Steele from Dorset Highways on 11 March 2021, to discuss this matter.</p> <p>Grants: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Open Spaces Review: The Chairman advised that he had been unable to contact the landowner of the little orchard. He would keep trying.</p> <p>Offer of trees for planting: Cllr S Corben had advised by email that the trees had now been planted. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p>Fippenny News Review: Cllr Rowe advised that the printers were still printing the Fippenny News and the March edition would be a printed edition. It was planned that the April edition would be a parish wide circulation.</p> <p>Access to Village Hall: The Chairman advised that he knocked on the door of 62 Greenhayes several times in an attempt to discuss this matter but there had been no answer. He agreed to keep trying.</p> <p>Cllr Gartside quoted from the December 2020 minutes: The Chairman advised that the title plans had now been obtained from the Land Registry. Cllr Gartside advised that the front boundary of 62 Greenhayes is the house wall, therefore the established hedge in front of it has been planted on highway land. Also, the recently constructed rockery bed, where it abuts Highways' boundary with PC carpark, does encroach some 10cm /4in onto the highway at that point and will earth-slip further unless action taken. Cllr Gartside advised that, although Community Highways Officer, Enrico Dimarino, was about to be moved away, he had agreed to another inspection. Cllr Gartside advised that a Land Registry plan boundary can be challenged by sworn affidavit evidence but this would need to be made by persons with first-hand knowledge of the facts.</p> <p>Seat at Recreation Ground: The Chairman agreed to make arrangements with Mr Burt to look at the seat from The Cross. Cllr S Corben had reported that he would be able to carry out repairs to the seat on Okeford Hill, at minimal cost.</p> <p>Illegal Parking at Village Hall: The Chairman agreed to try to speak to the residents about this matter.</p> <p>Replacement Noticeboard for Belchalwell: The Clerk advised that she had looked at various noticeboards but had not been able to find a suitable replacement. The current noticeboard was still usable. It was agreed to discharge this item from the agenda.</p> <p>Additional tree planting in the Parish: Cllr Gartside felt that this should be a village wide initiative and should include the school children. It was agreed to put this item on hold until the coronavirus restrictions had been lifted.</p> <p>Repairs to the drain at Little/Mill Lane before resurfacing: Cllr Gartside advised that there were quite a few issues with the Lane. Flooding at the Shillingstone end had been reported to Dorset Council's Environmental Health officer by a resident. An adjacent landowner has cleared a blocked drain but further work is needed to take his field water into the culvert beneath the Lane rather than across it. Richard Moore, the original contractor, has agreed to look at the issues in the near future and a meeting is scheduled with Dorset Council's Rolly Skeats for his advice to improve the surface and drainage.</p>	
7	<p>OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Wildlife camera for Recreation Ground: Following discussions it was agreed that a wildlife camera should not be installed at the recreation ground.</p> <p>Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation: The Chairman asked all Councillors to ensure they had read the draft local plan, especially the North Dorset part of the plan, as it was important that Councillors understood what this would mean for the area.</p> <p>Cllr Rowe advised that the Local Plan included the allocation of 177 houses for Okeford Fitzpaine, but there was no mention of the Wessex Homes site as a listed employment site. She added that there were good maintenance plans in place for the trailway and suggested we ask for the crossing over the A357.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that it was likely that the Okeford Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Plan would dovetail into the Local Plan</p>	

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<p>9.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCA's Latest News - Community Support for your Organisation • Dorset Council- Urgent temporary closure of A357 Blandford Road, Shillingstone • Report from the Dorset Councillor for the Blackmore Vale to the Parish Councils - January 2021 • NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin x 4 • Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 8 January • DAPTC E-News 8th January '21 • New Dorset Cultural Strategy - Important Date for Your Diary • Second Phase of DAPTC Constitution Review - Area Committees Survey (Northern Area Committee) • Dorset Community Action - Latest Government Updates & Vaccination Roll-Out - Your Support Webinar Invitation • DAPTC Training e-news January 2021 • NALC – Open letter to all Councillors • Dorset Council - Managing waste if you have COVID-19 • NALC – Corona virus update x 2 • A planning special from Dorset Council, 14 January • Dorset Community Action - Can you spare 2 minutes to help in our quick poll... • Dorset Council Local Plan consultation - begins Monday 18 January • Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 15 January • DAPTC E-News 15th January '21 • Councillors Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group meeting reminder and other dates • LCR Magazine • Dorset Council - Contact information for stakeholders regarding car parks • Dorset Council - Temporary PROW closure application Stur and Oke Fitz • Latest news and information from Dorset Council - COVID vaccination stakeholder update, 18 January • Dorset Council - Dorset Council Free Parking Policy • NALC – Online events x 4 • Dorset Council – Proposed temporary closure of The Common, Okeford Fitzpaine • DCA's Latest News - Community Support for your Organisation. • DCA - How to find out the facts about what to do during Covid 19 • DAPTC E-News 22nd January '21 • Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 22 January • Hedge planting at Fippenny Cottage • Dorset Council- Emergency temporary closure of A357 Blandford Road, Shillingstone • Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 29 January • Cllr Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group meeting notes and other information • DAPTC E-News 29th January '21 • Dorset Community Action - Working Closer together with Dorset Council' - Your Support Webinar Invitation • Dorset CPRE January News including latest in the planning campaign 	

10.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</p> <p>Rights of Way/Footpaths: Mr Gartside advised that repair work to the path by the pumping station had been carried out and work to clear mud in Little Lane would continue this weekend.</p> <p>Transport: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Football Club: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>DAPTC: The Chairman advised that he would be undertaking more planning training in May. He added the he continued to receive regular updates from DAPTC.</p> <p>Village Community Group: N.F.T.R.</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Rowe advised that a further grant had been received to help maintain the village hall during the coronavirus restrictions. She advised that Mrs Burt would be covering the role of secretary following the resignation of the previous secretary.</p> <p>School: Cllr Rowe advised that there would be a new nurse opening at the school in April.</p> <p>Tree Officer: Cllr Gartside advised that there were a number of dead boughs on oak trees on the road towards Ibberton. The Clerk was asked to report these to Dorset Council.</p> <p>History Society: N.F.T.R.</p>	Clerk to report to Dorset Council
11. 11.1 11.2 11.3 11.4 11.5	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>Accounts paid since last meeting:</p> <p>British Gas – Pavilion Gas £99.85 Chq No. 1285</p> <p>Accounts to be paid:</p> <p>Parish Mag Printers – Fippenny News Printing (Jan) £101 .00 Chq No. 1286</p> <p>Parish Mag Printers – Fippenny News Printing (Feb) £95.00 Chq No. 1287</p> <p>British Gas – Pavilion Gas £126.49 Chq No. 1288</p> <p>Mrs S Deary - Salary £369.30 Chq No.1289</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr R Corben and seconded by Cllr Rowe that these be paid. This was agreed by Council.</p> <p>Receipts: None</p> <p>Finance Review: The Clerk had distributed the accounts and the Quarter 3 accounts. No issues were raised. It was agreed that the Chairman sign the Quarter 3 accounts as a correct record.</p> <p>Any other Financial Matters:</p>	
12.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorcross events in village 	
13.	<p>THE NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.</p>	