

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr N Plummer (Chairman) and Cllrs R Rowe (Vice-Chairman), S Corben, D Gartside, C Jay and F Light.

In attendance: Dorset County Councillor P Batstone
Mrs Sophie Pearce, Parish Clerk.

Also present: 14 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr R Corben

2. Declaration of Interest and Dispensation Requests

a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:
No Declarations of Interest were received.

b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:
The Clerk confirmed that no dispensation requests had been received.

3. Minutes

Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 5th October 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Rowe; Seconded: Cllr Jay

4. Dorset Councillor's Report

Responsibilities within Dorset Council are changing. Health reviews are being reworked to make appropriate. There are staffing transformations taking place. Talks taking place on rural buses and transport. Meeting about ownership of unkempt land. Councillor Batstone is still involved with county funds/grants. Nothing to report in direct relation to the parish of Okeford Fitzpaine.

Public Question Time

Darknoll Lane. A member of the public asked the question – will it come to anything? His view was that if the works went ahead, it was worth repairing the whole stretch and would be a waste of money if only the ends were dealt with. In his view, all or nothing. A letter detailing 10 local residents supporting the repairs were forwarded to the chairman.

A member of the public wished to raise objection to the planning of the modification order to alter Dorset Council's record of a public rights of way by adding a Bridleway. (Spatial Planning Ref AB RW/T657). This is a farming track and would have detrimental effect on those that farm along it. The Parish Council needed to be alerted.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Recreation Ground/Pavilion

Cllr S Corben. Problems with electrics tripping out. An electrician is required to check things over. This was **AGREED**.

Bowey Field

Cllr R Corben. The fence has been completed and is now secure. The Keep Dogs on Footpath signs have been cleaned and come up well, so no need to replace.

Cllr Gartside: A detailed report was submitted by a member of public addressing the large amount of water running off Bowey Field flooding into Lower Street. QUOTE FROM REPORT: *It should be noted that the extremely heavy rainfall we have had in the last few days has resulted in heavy run-off of surface water from the field which should not be confused with the general long-term problem of water discharging onto the road.* Another member of the public was able to contribute to the discussion as to ownership of the ditch/land and its history. Cllr Gartside had already contacted Dorset Council and passed the details on. Awaiting a response.

Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Plummer: A meeting has been arranged with a consultant for the week starting 6th December. Cllr Rowe is to also attend.

Belchalwell and Fiddleford items

Dorset County Councillor P Batstone: Concerns had been raised of a driveway that had opened up without permission in Belchalwell. Highways had been informed.

Darknoll Lane

Cllr Gartside: No progress with District Council and Highways to resolve this matter. The conclusion drawn is that the Parish Council does not have the funds and should not be held responsible for what is seen as Dorset Council's responsibility. Cllr Gartside said that the number of objections were outnumbered by letters of support for this active travel route, but the amount of money required would also need to come from grants/match funding. Cllr Plummer offered to attend a meeting with Cllr Gartside at Dorset Council to resolve this issue.

Little/Mill Lane Crossing

Cllr Gartside: reported that there was no progress. Nothing from the engineer and therefore no dates for the scheme. Cllr Gartside will continue to chase.

Plaque for Listed Building on The Cross

Cllr Jay: The planning process has started for consent. It is being followed up regularly.

Museum

Cllr S Corben: Nothing to report

Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response

Cllr Rowe: Thank you to a local resident who has offered to plant trees on their land via a national initiative. 150 trees have now been ordered.

An email from a different organisation has been received offering yet more trees to the parish with a minimum quantity of 150.

Availability of Appropriate Grants

Cllr Rowe informed the Council that there are no suitable grants at this time.

Illegal Parking at The Village Hall

Cllr Light: Enquiries had been made but clamping was going to be very expensive and not fitting with a community spirit.

A discussion followed looking at alternatives, including a tightly controlled gate, randomly locked but with keys for permit holders. Costs would need to be looked into. **This notion was AGREED.**

Cllr Plummer also suggested that the trees surrounding the No Parking sign be cut back to expose it and therefore create a better impact. The trees were in the past cut back by the Garden Club, but Cllr Plummer suggested that perhaps the Village Hall Committee Group could help.

Repairs to the Drain at Little/Mill Lane

Cllr Gartside: A date has been set (Thursday, 17th November) to commence work. Cllr Gartside will be available to supervise.

Blocked Drain in Village

Cllr S Corben sent photographs of the remaining blocked drain to the Clerk.

The Clerk reported this to Dorset Council (job number 1180106). Drains now unblocked.

Other drains have been reported as blocked (Shillingstone Lane). Cllr Gartside to send photos to the Clerk to forward to Dorset County Council.

Outdoor Table Tennis

Cllr Jay: Concrete laying has been completed and is looking good. Table Tennis England are now looking at dates to deliver the table. An idea has been put forward to hold a raffle with the prize of some table tennis bats/balls. This would hopefully raise awareness and increase interest.

Cllr Rowe is to look at some grants from Dorset Community Action groups for the bats/balls.

Cllr Gartside supported the idea that this would raise awareness and would encourage winter competition.

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park

Cllr Plummer: A copy of the plans showing the drains had been sourced. A meeting with Mr Burt will be arranged in the next few days.

Outdoor Gym Equipment

Cllr S Corben: Too expensive for equipment and not worth the cost as speaking to other parishes they are rarely used. Cllr Plummer requested that this be taken off Open Items and suggested improvements to the Bowey play area would be more suitable. Awaiting a price for the zipwire.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – JUNE 2022

Cllr Plummer: Meetings to be arranged across all community groups in November.

Broken sign at Okeford Common:

Cllr Gartside: Unfortunately, there has been more damage to village signs due to careless road/hedge cutting. One of the signs can be repaired, but others look in a bad state. A letter is to be written to one landowner to inform of the damage caused. The Clerk is to compose the letter, once all irrelevant information (including photographs) has been forwarded by Cllr Gartside.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dog fouling: Cllr Rowe: Enough is enough. Residents are fed up and the issue is getting out of hand. Many complaints have been received and examples given of antisocial behaviour. Cllr Rowe has completed some extensive research into signage and costs. After discussion it was proposed that signs be purchased and then distributed around the village. **AGREED.**

Yeovil Hospital membership: The Governors at Yeovil Hospital are contacting all parish councils in the Dorset area to ask if they could help share some news regarding membership of the hospital as well as offer an opportunity for a governor to attend a Parish Council meeting.

It has been proposed that YDH merge with Somerset Foundation Trust (SFT); this will better support the intended Somerset Integrated Care System (ICS). Due to a technicality, membership of the Trust cannot be transferred. We are very keen to ensure that all members of the public are aware of the need to apply for membership of SFT in order to ensure public engagement in Dorset at least continues at its current level.

Cllr Rowe is to look at Dorset's local presence. It was suggested that an advertisement appear in the Fippenny News/village website/noticeboards to help raise awareness to all Parishioners.

Digging up of the lane near 59 Greenhayes by BT Outreach for cable laying to Church:

It was established that the path is owned by Dorset Council, and they will need the relevant permission to proceed.

7. PLANNING MATTERS: Applications:

7.1 Applications

P/FUL/2021/02358 Proposal: Change of use and conversion of agricultural building to form a dwelling (C3) with associated curtilage. Location: Land At Banbury Hill Angers Lane, Fiddleford. **NO OBJECTION**

P/HOU/2021/03671 Proposal: Installation of two domestic air source heat pumps sited in garden at ground level. Location: Okeford Lodge, Castle Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine **NO OBJECTION**

P/FUL/2021/03119 Proposal: Erect agricultural barn. Location: Roome Farm Garlands Lane To High Bench Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine **NO OBJECTION**

P/FUL/2021/02767 Proposal: Single-storey extension to replace existing porch structure to provide new entrance lobby to school. Location: Okeford Fitzpaine C Of E Primary School, The Cross, Okeford Fitzpaine **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

SECTION 53, WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - APPLICATION FOR A DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – **T657** – Okeford Fitzpaine and Shillingstone Parishes **RECOMMEND REFUSAL**

2/2019/1735/FUL - To amend siting of plot 2 and to replace window in south elevation of plot 1) Location: Pleydells Farm Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford Forum DT11 0RQ **NO OBJECTION**

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No meetings have taken place.

9. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED:

- 08/10 NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2021
- 08/10 Darknoll Lane photographs from member of public
- 08/10 Sept 2014 feasibility report by Dorset Council sent by member of public
- 08/10 Dorset community Action Group: Book your place at Policies and procedures.
- 08/10 DAPTC E-News 8th October 2021
- 08/10 Sarum graphics printing invoice
- 08/10 Dorset Council: Latest news from Dorset Council
- 08/10 NALC Chairman's comments
- 08/10 Member of the public - Cost of Defibrillator
- 10/10 Climate and Ecological emergency support group meeting reminder
- 11/10 NALC ONLINE EVENTS
- 11/10 DCA Information Webinar
- 12/10 NALC ONLINE EVENTS
- 13/10 NALC NEWSLETTER
- 14/10 DCA Support, news and training
- 14/10 NALC Events
- 15/10 Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 15 October
- 15/10 DAPTC E-News 15th October 2021
- 15/10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
- 18/10 DCA Networking Webinar
- 19/10 NALC Newsletter
- 20/10 NALC Newsletter
- 21/10 FYI - DAPTC Important Planning Concepts on-line training
- 22/10 Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 22 October
- 22/10 Council information with Eco Green Communities
- 22/10 DAPTC Remembrance Parades 2021
- 22/10 DAPTC E-News 22nd October 2021
- 22/10 Dorset Council - URGENT DLAF RECRUITMENT - Updated Poster.
- 23/10 DAPTC 2021 AGM - Final Notice
- 23/10 NALC - JOB LISTINGS
- 23/10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULETIN
- 25/10 DCA Training: How to get funding
- 25/10 Your Invitation: DCA Masterclass - The Basics of Income Generation
- 26/10 Important Information: XWS (FWS replacement) and Check for Flooding
- 27/10 Update and feedback on Dorset's EV Charge point Installation Programme
- 27/10 NALC NEWSLETTER
- 27/10 Invitation: DCA Networking Webinar – Village Halls Question Time
- 27/10 Darknoll Lane. Photos and email from Member of Public
- 28/10 NOTES FROM CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2021
- 28/10 Dorset Council URGENT TEMP ROAD CLOSURE, SHILLINGSTONE LANE,
- 28/10 Say Hello to the Team at Highways UK
- 28/10 NALC Newsletter
- 28/10 Citizens Advice Central Dorset: Annual General Meeting 25 November
- 28/10 Member of Public email re Stone Cross and update request.
- 28/10 DCA Newsletter - Issue 22
- 29/10 DAPTC E-News 29th October 2021
- 01/11 Email from Member of Public in relation to Darknoll Lane
- 01/11 Free trees for planting projects - Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council, Dorset
- 01/11 Reminder: DCA Networking Webinar - Village Halls Question Time
- 01/11 Dorset CC Receives Crushing Rejection of the Draft Local Plan's Housing Strategy

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 Minutes approved as a true and accurate record, and signed as so by the Chairman presiding

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- 01/11 Email from Member of Public: Water discharging onto Lower Street at bottom of Bowey Field footpath.
- 01/11 Email from Member of Public re: Darknoll Lane.
- 02/11 NALC EVENTS
- 02/11 Email from Member of Public re Standing Order. Advice from NALC outlining Councillor's responsibility
- 02/11 Letter to Dorset Council - Local Plan and Planning Matters
- 02/11 Email from Member of public with two letters of support for Darknoll Lane.

10 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT:

Rights of Way/Footpaths: Pruning and upkeep has taken place. NFTR

Transport: NFTR

Football Club: NFTR

DAPTC: NTR

Village Community Group (VCG): Meeting at the Village Hall Saturday morning, 6th November. All welcome

Village Hall: New Secretary in post. NFTR

History Society: Back on track, meetings going well.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £ 2,575 as the Accounts for payment for October.

Payee:	Cheque Nos:	Details:	Amount:
Wilkoak Property Services	1347	Concrete for TT	£ 1160.00
Goddard Landscapes Ltd	1348	Fence at Bowey Field	£ 450.00
British Gas	1349	Pavilion	£ 47.80
Parish Mag Printers	1350	Oct Mag	£ 197.00
Shillingstone PC	1351	Speed Survey	£ 125.00
DAPTC Training	1352	Cllr Jay training	£ 39.00
Sophie Pearce	1353	Salary and stamps	£ 556.20

11.2 Accounts to be Paid: None

11.3 Receipts: £ 30.00 donation for use of Pavilion 19th Sept 2021 - (Dorset Rough Riders).

12 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Draft Precept

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday, 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.00pm.