

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 4th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

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

Also present: 15 members of the public.

1. Apologies: None

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 7th December 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Jay; Seconded: Cllr Gartside

At this point, Cllr Gartside wished to record for the Minutes, that she misheard GRIT for GRIP in the last Minutes – dated 7th December 2021 (under Open Items – Surface water running into Lower Street) and as such would not have seconded this motion.

4. Dorset Councillor's Report

The maximum in Precepts has been set, with the majority of funds being allocated to adult social care. Policies continue to be discussed with all partners in connection to the unified Council.

Public Question Time

A member of the public suggested that as resurfacing of the Village Hall car park was being investigated, consideration should therefore be made to provide low level lighting from the footpath from the High Street through the village hall car park to Greenhayes.

A member of the public questioned the current planning process in place at Dorset County Council. Dorset Councillor Batstone was able to answer the queries, but also added that currently there are no face-to-face meetings being held at County Hall due to Covid safety measures. All members of the public are able (with the planning reference number) to enter recommendations and comments directly through the Planning Portal on the Dorset County Council's website.

A member of the public wished to express objection to their private residential address being used on a planning application in Okeford Fitzpaine. Dorset County Council have been alerted, but no changes made. It was suggested that the address is tied to the land, but to clarify with Dorset Council directly.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Plummer: It's been very hard to engage with the Dorset Council consultant, so will continue to try and also look at other avenues.

Belchalwell and Fiddleford items:

Dorset Council wished it to be known that full fibre broadband is now available to some properties in the Fiddleford area.

Darknoll Lane

Cllr Gartside: Firstly, to apologise to the member of public who raised the concern that this item has been on the Agenda since 2015 and still not resolved. The facts are: There are no funds available from Dorset Council to assist with the cost of the project. Grants will have to be sought. The community will have to pull together if the improvements are to be made. Will power is required. Costings and options will be gathered and a working party created. **Cllrs Rowe and Light will assist on the task.**

Little/Mill Lane Crossing

Cllr Gartside: This issue remains on the Agenda in the Local Plan at Dorset Council. Once a decision is made, Cllr Batstone will get back to us. **To be reviewed in April.**

Blue Plaques for Historic Buildings

Cllr Plummer: unveiling will be planned for the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Museum

Cllr S Corben: NFTR

Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response

Cllr Rowe: NFTR

Availability of Appropriate Grants

Cllr Rowe: There is a Jubilee Community creative project grant from the Arts Council available of between £10,000-£95,000.

Illegal Parking at The Village Hall

To be removed from Open Items.

Blocked Drains in Village

Shillingstone Lane outside the old chicken farm sheds:

Cllr Gartside: The Flood Risk Management Team have been alerted. It will be suggested to the landowner to dig out the ditch. **Updates will be forthcoming.**

Cllr Light: Alerted Council to drains blocked on Castle Lane, near to the building site.

Cllr Light to inform Dorset Council.

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park

Cllr S Corben: Met with contractors and now awaiting quotes.

Cllr R Corben informed the Council that old water pipes ran down from the High Street to the Village Hall, feeding various properties along Greenhayes. It was suggested that Wessex water be contacted and a meeting arranged to discuss how to avoid any future potential digging up of the new surface if repairs to these pipes was ever required. **Clerk to contact Wessex Water to arrange.**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – JUNE 2022

Cllr Plummer: To look at previous plans for the VE day celebrations for replication at this event.

Clerk: To contact landowners for lighting of the beacon on evening of Thursday 2nd June.

Portaloo companies for hire quotes and ordering.

Broken signs/bollards around the Village

Cllr Gartside: No permanent damage done to Cookwell spring bollards.

To be removed from Open Items.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

PARKING: Various locations have been clearly identified in the village as to being dangerous and/or problematic. These are:

- The village shop junction
- Running along the outside of St Loe House and Greenhayes, on a blind corner
- Opposite the pub, at the junction near Darknoll Farm
- Outside the Village School
- Outside the Church

Dorset Highways will not paint double yellow lines. They are not an option. There is no enforcement plan, so they don't work. Education is needed. A push forward to alternatives to driving everywhere – walk/cycle if possible. The message needs to be spread. A major concern is that with new developments and housing, there will be an increase in traffic and in parking shortages. There is currently no traffic management plan. If cars park dangerously (thereby breaking the law) then action will be taken and reported to the police.

Cllr Gartside: To contact PC Mullins

Cllr Rowe: To contact Dorset Council planning to discuss traffic management plans.

Wifi in Pavilion

The mobile mast on the Church tower will give good coverage, so it was agreed to wait and see if Wifi extends as far as the Pavilion. There is no timescale Vodaphone to complete this work and so will take time.

Cllr R Corben: To contact Ibberton Parish Council Clerk

(Malcolm Wilson) to find out how they managed Wifi connection to their village.

CCTV in Bowey

Not appropriate.

No Further Action

Speed Survey on Shillingstone Lane into Okeford Fitzpaine (past Norman Young's yard)

Cllr Plummer: Results have been sent to the Council. The data may justify a reduction in the speed limit (currently 60mph). There is a new Road Safety Officer in post in the middle of January 2022 who will review the data.

Road Resurfacing:

Cllr Gartside: Resurfacing Castle Lane, up to Higher Street—still on Dorset Council list to be done.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

7.1 Applications:

- Planning application P/VOC/2021/05141 Proposal: Erect 5 No. dwellings, form new vehicular roads and create 14 No. parking spaces (demolish existing farm buildings) **(with variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2/2019/1735/FUL to amend approved plans)** Location: Pleydells Farm, Okeford Fitzpaine, Higher Street **Recommend: Approval**
- Planning application P/HOU/2021/05177 Proposal: Erect 2 storey annex extension Location: Meadow House, Back Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine
Comments: Appears that this is much more than an Annex and not in proportion to the size of the existing house. **Recommend: Approval**
- Planning application P/FUL/2021/05558 Proposal: Erect agricultural workers dwelling and create 4 No. parking spaces. Location: Higher Pleydells Farm, Higher Street To Belchalwell Street – Road, Okeford **Recommend: Approval**
- Planning application P/LBC/2021/05530 Proposal: To clean and make repairs to The Cross Location: Standing Cross, The Cross, Okeford Fitzpaine **Recommend: Approval**
- Planning application P/RES/2021/05461 Proposal: Erect 45 No. dwellings with associated infrastructure and provision of school drop off car park. (Reserved Matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following the grant of Outline Planning Permission No. P/VOC/2021/00668). Location: Shillingstone Poultry Farm, Shillingstone Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine

Comments: Comments had been received in writing from a member of the Public who had fundamental concerns on a number of issues and had submitted their comments on the Dorset Council planning portal and the PC felt all points were valid.

The PC has issues with this application based on inappropriate lighting, lack of suitable and safe pedestrian access to the village, inappropriate school drop off area, unsuitable landscaping running parallel to Shillingstone Lane, lack of bungalows in the plan and mix of shared ownership/rental properties, consideration of a cycle path linking to the trailway **Recommend: Objection**

7.2 Planning Decisions: See above

7.3 Other Planning Matters:

P/FUL/2021/01931 - Proposal: Demolish existing farm buildings and Erect 27 No. dwellings, form vehicular access, parking and landscaping. Location:Pleydells Farm, Lower Street, Okeford Fitzpaine. **Recommend: Approval**

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No meetings have taken place.

9. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED FOR 4th January 2022 MEETING:

- DAPTC Chief Exec bulletin x1
- DAPTC E-News x1
- Latest news from Dorset Council x3
- Covid-19 update from Dorset Council, Tuesday 14 December
- Working Together Webinars - Asset Transfers 16th December at 4:30/5:30pm
- NALC EVENTS x
- NALC NEWSLETTER x1
- DCA News - Issues 23, 24
- DCA's Latest News x1
- Member of the Public re broken Planters in Mary Gardens - (belonging to Sovereign Housing Association)
- 20's Plenty E-news Dec 2021 - Seasonal best wishes from us all
- RE: Speed survey - Shillingstone Lane
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- Dorset CPRE December Newsletter including latest in the Planning Campaign
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- Dorset Council Planning Update for Town and Parish Councils - Invitation from Cllr. David Walsh.
- Funding opportunity in Dorset- Community Training Grants of up to £20k available
- Member of the Public: Re Okeford Fitzpaine PC draft minutes of meeting Dec 2021 - water discharging into Lower St; verges.
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- Location:Pleydells Farm, Lower Street Okeford Fitzpaine

10 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT:**Bowey Field**

Cllr R Corben: Waiting for fence repairing quotes.

Cllr Gartside: Concerns again raised in regard to water discharging into Lower Street. A detailed report from a member of the public has been gratefully received and whose services will be called upon if required. There will be further work carried out by Dorset Council into the soft verge to locate the problem.

Recreation Ground/Pavilion

Cllr S Corben: Electrician repaired the hand dryer in ladies changing rooms, along with other electrical issues that needed attending to as per the report received at the last meeting.

Rights of Way/Footpaths: NFTR

Transport: NFTR

Football Club: Junior numbers remain healthy.

DAPTC: NFTR

Village Community Group (VCG): No Mud Pie Café on Saturday, 8th January due to Covid. The Online Auction raised £ 362.50 and will be donated to the Junior section of the Football Club. A Large planter in the village is to be fixed by volunteers.

Village Hall: No new Trustees have come forward.

History Society: Next meeting: Thursday, 20th January. Details on noticeboards.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**11.1 Accounts for Payment:**

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £ 2,985.34 as the Accounts for payment for December.

Payee:	Cheque Nos:	Details:	Amount:
Southern Electric	D/D	Pavilion	£ 96.81
British Gas	1363`	Pavilion	£ 121.32
Newglaze	1364	Pavilion windows	£ 1,680.00
CMH Electrical Services	1365	Pavilion Electrical work	£ 385.00
Parish Mag Printers	1366	Fippenny News	£ 96.00
Village Community Group	1367	Defib battery	£ 198.00
SSE Southern Electric	1368	Bus shelter	£ 74.13
Sophie Pearce	1369	Salary	£ 334.08

It was Proposed by Cllr Rowe and Seconded by Cllr Light that these be paid. This was agreed by the Council.

11.2 Accounts to be Paid: None

11.3 Receipts: A donation of £ 300 from the Purbeck Camping Club for hiring the Pavilion car park. They will be back again on 27th January and in March. Received with thanks.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- **Update on dog fouling initiative**

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday, 1st March at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.39pm.