

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 5th April 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: Mrs Sophie Pearce, Parish Clerk.

Also present: 18 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Dorset County Councillor P Batstone (called to another PC meeting)

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 1st March 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Jay; Seconded: Cllr Rowe

4. Dorset Councillor's Report

Councillor Batstone sent a copy of Dorset Council's April 2022 Report via email. Copies can be seen on Dorset Council's website.

Public Question Time

A member of the public asked the question of how to make better use of the Recreation (Pavilion) grounds and suggested a working group to look at its use and how to encourage more villagers to venture out and use the space.

To be added to next month's Agenda.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Plummer: A document is being finalised and should be available for comment at the next meeting.

Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: NFTR

Darknoll Lane

Cllr Gartside: A short questionnaire was published in the March edition of Fippenny News, to mixed reviews/interpretation. Cllr S Corben wished it be known that in his view the questionnaire did not ask relevant questions and was not fit for purpose. The objective was to gain feedback from parishioners as to what should or should not be done on Darknoll Lane prior to developing a plan, if

required, and look at how to raise funds through grants etc. To reiterate, the responsibility for Darknoll Lane lies fully with Dorset Council and they have no plans to invest in its upkeep. However, if repair works were needed this would NOT be funded by the PC but through grants and fundraising. A working party of volunteers is required to take this project on further if that's what is wanted. Two people have come forward so far. A full report on the feedback from the article will be made at next month's meeting so parishioners should respond in support or otherwise.

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 May.**

Refurbishment of Historic Cross Cllr Jay: Stone mason has started work. To be completed in time for Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Museum Cllr S Corben: Not convinced the painter who was commissioned to carry out the work is committed. Another quote will be sought, and work will be carried out asap if there is no increase in costs previously authorised.

Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response

Cllr Rowe: Hedging trees all planted on Okeford Hill. To be taken off Open Items. Clerk to write and thank the landowner for their support on this.

Cllr Gartside: Completed training on Carbon Literacy Project and now accredited. An article has been published in the April edition of Fippenny news asking how big community carbon footprints are, and how to reduce them. There are three meetings to be held, as advertised in the Fippenny News, each with a theme of reduction of energy, food and travel costs.

Availability of Appropriate Grants

Cllr Rowe: Two new grants. A Dorset Council Capital Leverage fund, that match funds. There is a Jubilee Community activity fund, that assists in the funding of play areas. A bid will be submitted.

Blocked Drains in Village

Shillingstone Lane outside the old chicken farm sheds:

Cllr Gartside: The DC Flood Risk Management Team have been alerted.

Lower Street: After discussion, it was agreed that this is a Dorset Highways issue. The Parish Council have a job number from Highways and will continue to press for a solution from them.

Clerk to chase and provide updates.

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park

Cllr S Corben: Quotes have been provided. £ 32,500 (not including the water pipe replacements), £ 53,000, £ 67,000 and £ 69,587. These are without VAT. Since December there has been a 30% increase in building materials so these costs may rise in the near future. A detailed plan was shown to the Council outlining the extent of the drainage, soakaways, pipes, tarmacking, boundary walls and car park markings. The question was raised as to the priorities of the Council when money was being requested to be spent elsewhere in the village (eg new children's play area). It was asked if alternatives to Tarmac were ever explored, as not appropriate in a conservation area. Also a concern that if internet connection was to be provided to the Village Hall, that the new tarmac would not be dug up.

Proposed: Cllr S Corben that this project go ahead at an approximate cost of £32,500;

seconded: Cllr F Light

FOR: 4 votes; AGAINST: 2 votes; ABSTAIN: 1

AGREED

Full costs including water and wifi connection to be ascertained and approved.

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Vehicular access to Fippenny Cottage, 60 Greenhayes, Okeford Fitzpaine

Members of the Council had spoken to the owners of 60 Greenhayes, and it was decided by the Council that this request would not be granted, as potentially a precedence could be set with other houses wanting the same access from the village hall car park. The concern is that it would devalue the land and therefore be of no benefit to the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Gartside that access be granted with a licence; seconded: Cllr F Light

FOR: 2 Votes; AGAINST: 5

DENIED

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – JUNE 2022

Cllr Plummer: Meetings taking place throughout April. Plans coming along well with further updates to be communicated.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**Defib training courses. Costs/coordination.**

£ 140 cost for 20 people to receive training. Would like to encourage a good spread across the Village if possible. Village Community Group to organise.

ALL AGREED

Parish Council meetings and alternative venue(s)

To reduce the use of cars driving to the Pavilion and not wanting to walk along Castle Lane as car drive too fast. A change of meeting venue to a more central position was proposed, with St Andrew's being named. A trial for two meetings at St Andrew's was suggested.

Proposed: Cllr Gartside; seconded: Cllr C Jay

FOR: 2 Votes; AGAINST: 5

DENIED

Updates and improvements to children's play area

All agreed that the play areas needed updating and there followed a discussion on where the money would come from. It was suggested that if the Village Hall Committee agreed to pay 50% of the cost of tarmacking of the car park the money then available would enable the Council to move forward with revamping the play area, this could also be supported by grants. It was suggested that it would be good for some parents to be involved in the design of the improvements to the play areas, and there is also a group of parents who are very proactive on this topic and are happy to help raise some money if required, also the VHG could help work on fundraising. The Council need to also consider the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of these areas as currently there are only two volunteers who look after them and it would be great to have more volunteers, especially for grass cutting.

Proposed: Cllr S Corben; seconded: Cllr Rowe

ALL IN FAVOUR

Dates for AGM: Tuesday, 3rd May at 7.30pm at The Pavillion was agreed, followed by an Ordinary Meeting.

Creation of a Bee Super Highway:

Cllr Rowe: To approach the Garden Club for advice on planting and plants. Volunteers will be needed. An article in Fippenny News may help.

ALL IN FAVOUR

7. PLANNING MATTERS:**7.1 Applications:**

- **P/FUL/2022/00841** Proposal: Erect 2 No. dwellings, create new vehicular access with brick piers, sliding metal gate and 1.8 m high boundary wall. Create 4 No. parking

spaces. Location: Banbury Cross Boarding Kennels And Cattery, Angers Lane Fiddleford

Recommend: No Objection

- **P/PAAC/2022/01587** Proposal: Change of use and conversion of agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling (Class C3). Location: Barn East of Castle Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RL

Recommend: No Objection

- **P/HOU/2022/01763** Proposal: Erect first floor extension with alterations to the existing roof.

- Location: Well Cottage, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RQ

Recommend: No Objection

- **P/LBC/2022/00726** Proposal: Remove existing single storey extension and porch. Erect replacement single storey extension Various external and internal alterations. Addition of ASHP. Install swimming pool and erect pool house. Erect greenhouse. Location: The Old Farmhouse, Darknoll Lane, OF

Recommend: No Objection

- **P/HOU/2022/00725** Proposal: Remove existing single storey extension and porch. Erect replacement single storey extension Various external and internal alterations. Addition of ASHP. Install swimming pool and erect pool house. Erect greenhouse. Location: The Old Farmhouse, Darknoll Lane DT11 0RP

Recommend: No Objection

- **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, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RB

Comment: With the proviso that the proposed street lighting is eliminated, as agreed by Lone Star, we have no objection.

Recommend: No Objection

7.2 Planning Decisions: See above

7.3 Other Planning Matters: None

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No meetings have taken place.

9. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED FOR 5th April 2022 MEETING:

- DAPTC Chief Exec bulletin x 5
- DAPTC E-News x 5
- Latest news from Dorset Council x 4
- Covid-19 update from Dorset Council,
- NALC EVENTS x4
- NALC NEWSLETTERS
- DCA News
- DCA's Latest News
- Agenda item: Ukraine twinning **Cllr Light to look into this**
- Commemorative seat **To be placed (with Jubilee trees) in Bowey. Cllr S Corben to get quote for concrete base**
- Community Orchard in Mary Gardens
- BeeWayzz community bee conservation initiative
- Quotes for two portaloos for Jubilee – Mary Garden street party
- Castle Lane Contractor Parking
- Leveling up White Paper
- Notes from last Climate and Ecological Emergency support meeting and information on meeting 16 March 7.30pm

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- Grant towards obtaining a defibrillator
- Damage on the entry of the public garden behind Chapel Cottage
- Play park – requests for updates x7 emails
- More damage to Bowey Field Equipment x3
- Car park access (to 60 Fippenny Cottage) and concerns of urbanisation of village/village hall car park
- Notes from last month's C&EE meeting and reminder for 11 April 12.30pm
- FAO - Clerks and RFO's - JPAG Practitioner's Guide 2022
- PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHILLINGSTONE LANE, OKEFORD FITZPAINE
- Members of public with concerns of Darknoll Lane questionnaire. Requests for items to be added to next month's Agenda.
- VILLAGE HALL LIGHT POLLUTION – Cllr Rowe to forward onto VHC

10 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT:

Bowey Field

Cllr R Corben: Cllr Plummer had investigated the boundaries of Bowey Field, Electricity Sub Station and Chapel Cottage. That the broken fence on the boundary was the responsibility of the PC so the replacement fence authorised at the previous meeting could go ahead.

Recreation Ground/Pavilion

Cllr S Corben: Electrician to be called in for more repairs.

Cllrs Plummer, Rowe and S Corben met with the Director of the Castle Lane development company who have requested that they have limited use of the Pavilion car park for the duration of the works, thereby minimising the potential of parking issues in the village. The development is due to be completed by the end of Feb 2023 and a proposal for compensation in exchange for the use of the car park is expected in the next few days. A decision will be made quickly and reported at the next meeting.

Rights of Way/Footpaths: NFTR

Transport: NFTR

Football Club: Season ending

DAPTC: NFTR

Village Community Group (VCG): Next meeting, 23rd April at 10am at The Mud Pie Café. All invited

Village Hall: Cllr Rowe voted in unanimously to represent the Parish Council. AGM 25th April.

History Society: Details of next meeting on noticeboards.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £ 1,804.78 as the Accounts for payment for March.

Payee:	Cheque Nos:	Details:	Amount:
DAPTC	1375	F Light - new councillor induction training Clerk - Budgeting and finance training	£ 65.00
British Gas	1376	Pavilion Feb bill	£ 118.66
Parish Mag Printers Ltd	1377	Fippenny News March edition	£ 68.00
CMH Electrical Services	1378	Pavilion electrical work	£ 310.00

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RD Contracting	1379	Hedge trimming around Parish	£ 438.00
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11.2 Accounts to be Paid:

SSE	1380	Electricity for bus stop	£ 77.54
Sophie Pearce	1501	Salary	£ 543.78
Parish Mag Printers Ltd	1502	Fippenny News Feb edition	£ 77.00
Seiretto	1503	Annual domain hosting (F/News)	£ 106.80

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

11.3 Receipts: A cash donation of £ 25 received from the Local History Group.

A cheque for £ 547.25 from the auction held by the VHC as a contribution towards a Jubilee commemorative bench.

£ 185 in cash from Parish Mag subs. All very gratefully received, with thanks.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- For discussion: A letter to the Village Hall Management Committee requesting substantial contribution to the cost of the car park to allow the PC to retain funds for Play Area improvements.
- Ideas for making the Rec grounds more appealing to all.
- Reducing carbon footprint of the PC via reduction of expenditure of energy of fuel, lighting etc.

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the AGM and next Ordinary meeting as **Tuesday, 3rd May at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.55pm.