

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 5th July 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr N Plummer (Chairman) and Cllrs R Rowe (Vice-Chairman), S Corben, R Corben and F Light

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

Also present: 12 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr C Jay

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:**
- 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 June 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr S Corben; Seconded: Cllr F Light

4. Dorset Councillor's Report

Like everyone else, the potential closure of Okeford village school causes great concern. There was no consultation sought from Dorset Council before the decision was made. Cllr Batstone will be attending the public consultation.

During the summer months, there will continue to be many roadworks taking place throughout the county.

Public Question Time:

There were no questions or concerns raised by Members of the Public.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Neighbourhood Planning. Cllr Plummer: The amended Planning Statement will be discussed and a date set for Cllr Rowe to meet this week.

Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: Cllr R Corben: Nothing new to report.

Darknoll Lane: To be discussed again in December 2022

Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Dorset Councillor Batstone: Despite chasing, still waiting for the report. Cllr Rowe suggested that with the closure of Okeford School and the increase of children using the crossing in Shillingstone, now would be a good time to contact Highways and enforce the importance of the crossing on children safety grounds. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

Museum. Cllr S Corben: A new, lower quote has been received for window repairs and painting. The work should therefore be started as soon as possible to ensure completion by the Autumn.

Proposed by Cllr S Corben; seconded Cllr Plummer

ALL AGREED

Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response. Cllr S Corben: To investigate replacing lights in Museum and the Pavilion with LED. Quotes to be sought.

Availability of Appropriate Grants. Cllr Rowe: A 10K grant for community buildings has been identified, but there needs more clarity. There is also a grant from Dorset Council relating to community areas which will be looked into.

Blocked Drains/flooding/issues in Village.

Nothing new to report. No new progress reports from DCC as to work required in Lower Street. A notice has been publicised reminding parishioners of their legal responsibility to make sure there is no overhanging vegetation from their properties obscuring signs posts or blocking pavements. Assistance from the Okeford volunteer working party is available.

The broken 'To Castle Avenue' road sign has been reported to DCC by the Clerk.

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park. Cllr R Corben: A report has been produced and circulated to all in attendance. There is potentially a boundary issue at the entrance to the car park and 62 Okeford Cottage, but Cllrs Plummer and R Corben will be meeting with the owner to resolve. Two quotes have been sought and subject to the outcome of the boundary discussion and siting of the edging curb, it was proposed that this go-ahead. Money saved from the original plan to tarmac the car park will instead go towards the construction of the new play area.

Proposed: Cllr R Corben; Seconded: Cllr Rowe

ALL AGREED

New Play Area Working Party: Cllr R Corben and Jeremy Hunt are working to getting a map of the Village Green so that a clear area can be designated. The children of Okeford are all invited to input their plans and wishes at a meeting to be held on 13th August at the Mud Pie Café. Costings will then be agreed and applications for funding grants submitted.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Temporary Closure of Okeford School: All agreed that there have been inconsistencies in the messaging and a lack of communication from those making the decisions. Cllrs Plummer, Rowe and R Corben will be attending an online teams call with the school Directors at 1.30pm on 6th July. Questions will be asked. Cllr Rowe will be pointing out that public standards have been breached. Several councillors will also attend the public consultation meeting scheduled for the afternoon of 6th July to further raise concerns over the potential closure of the school.

Following the Notice of Intention to co-opt, given in the Agenda for the July meeting, voting took place in accordance with the Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council Vacancy Procedure which follows best practice guidelines. Jeremy Hunt received an absolute majority vote of those councillors present and voting. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and countersigned by the Proper Officer of the Council in full view of those present. The successful candidate was then invited to read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to the room. Jeremy Hunt is duly voted in as councillor to Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

7.1 Applications: P/VOC/2022/03842 Proposal: Change of use and conversion of agricultural building to form a dwelling (C3) with associated garden area (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2021/02358 to amend approved plans) Location: Land At Banbury Hill Angers Lane, Fiddleford
Recommend: No Objection

7.2 Planning Decisions: April 2022:

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 DCC: GRANTED

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 DCC: Prior Approval Refused

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 DCC: REFUSED

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 DCC: Under Officer Consideration

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 DCC: Under Officer Consideration

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 DCC: GRANTED

MAY 2022:

P/LBC/2022/01856 Proposal: Remove suspended timber floor to main sitting room and reinstate solid floor using insulated limecrete and stone. Location: May Cottage, Fiddleford Village Track DT10 2BX

Recommend: No Objection DCC: GRANTED

P/HOU/2021/05661 Proposal: Erect two storey side extension Location: 5 Netherway Cottages, Lower Street Okeford Fitzpaine, DT11 0RW

Recommend: No Objection DCC: GRANTED

7.3 Other Planning Matters: None

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No meetings have taken place.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR 5th JULY 2022 MEETING:

- DAPTC Chief Exec bulletin x 4
- DAPTC E-News x 5
- DAPTC: STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2022
- Latest news from Dorset Council x 4
- Covid-19 update from Dorset Council
- NALC EVENTS x 5
- NALC NEWSLETTERS x5
- DCA News
- DCA's Latest News
- FROM DCC: Presentation slides from Town and Parish Council Forum held 27 May 2022
- DEMENTIA SURVEY – NALC – **Completed by Clerk**
- DAPTC's 2021-22 single Star Award certificate and a letter from Neil Wedge, DAPTC Chief Executive, setting out Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council's achievement in ongoing commitment to councillor training and development.

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- Obstructed road warning sign and footpath in Lower Street. **Notice to Parishioners reminding of legal requirement to cut back vegetation.**

10 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT:

Bowey Field. Cllr R Corben: It has come to light that the fence that the council repaired running from Lower Street to the electricity box, does in fact belong to Dorset Council. Boundaries need to be looked at closer. Clerk to contact Roland Skeats (Adam Steele's interim replacement) at DCC and discuss.

Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben: A large skip is arriving next month. Various repairs are required, namely on the mound where the slide sits and the base under the swing. Clive Jarvis will be approached to help rectify.

Rights of Way/Footpaths. Jeremy Gartside absent.

Transport: Representative still required. If interested, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Football Club. Cllr S Corben: The season will be starting up again soon.

DAPTC: Cllr Plummer attending an area meeting next week.

Village Community Group (VCG). Sue Finklaire: The AGM is on 23rd July.

What's On posters to be displayed in the Parish notice boards. Auctions are planned, dates are being discussed so as not to clash with other auctions taking place in the village.

Village Hall. Cllr Rowe: Topics being discussion: new toilets and solar panels.

History Society. Andrew Vickers: Next meeting: 21st July. Poster in notice boards.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £ 2,023,69 as the Accounts for payment for June.

Payee:	Cheque Nos:	Details:	Amount:
SSE	D/D	Pavilion	£ 298.71
Parish Mag Printers	1521	June Fippenny News	£ 227.00
Goddard Landscape Ltd	1522	Bowey Field upkeep	£ 924.00
Allan Frampton	1523	Grass cutting and play area kit	£ 21.22
Sophie Pearce	1524	Clerk's salary	£ 552.76

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

11.2 Accounts to be Paid: None

11.3 Receipts: None

11.4 Any Other Financial Matters: None.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA: Fippenny News. Printing and paper costs.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday, 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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