

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Plummer (Chairman) and Cllrs R Rowe (Vice-Chairman), S Corben, R Corben, C Jay and J Hunt

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

**Also present:** 13 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:**
- 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Proposed: Cllr S Corben; Seconded: Cllr Rowe**

**4. Dorset Councillor's Report:**

**Budget debates** are in full swing. A big shortfall and a rough ride but they will break even. Dorset CC will be requesting more funding from Central Government to assist with their Social Care commitments. **Discussions are being held with the NHS** around Integrated Care, whereby patients are to be discharged from hospital earlier, with the appropriate care and community support packages in place. Dorset CC have pulled out of the Adult Social Care organisation as it was agreed they were not receiving their fair share. DCC has since set up their own. There is currently a **revised 20mph speed limit policy** being discussed in October. Talks around a **Library strategy**, whereby along with renting books, community groups to can meet. Other ideas are that there could be drop-in centres where the public can meet and talk to various DCC Officers, along with a base for voluntary bodies, day centres, adult support and after school clubs. **Literary Festival in June 2023:** Currently working with Wessex authors for next year's festival.

**Public Question Time:** A member of the Public wanted to highlight and raise awareness to Parishioners of being prepared for winter.

**5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:**

**Neighbourhood Planning. Cllr Rowe:** Working with others on the draft Planning Statement and will recruit 2-3 parishioners to volunteer to help.

**Belchalwell and Fiddleford items: Cllr R Corben:** Nothing to report. To be taken off Open Items.

**Proposed: Cllr R Corben; Seconded: Cllr Light**

**ALL AGREED**

**Darknoll Lane:** To be discussed again in December 2022

**Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Dorset Councillor Batstone:** No developments. Shillingstone PC will need to extend the speed limit restrictions along this stretch of road before DCC will look into it further and advised Okeford Fitzpaine PC to support them.

**Museum. Cllr S Corben:** Chasing Painter. Half a slate has blown off the roof and is being investigated for repair.

**Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response. Cllr S Corben:** Electrician to provide quotes for LED lighting in PC buildings. Electricity bills will be monitored.

**Availability of Appropriate Grants. Cllr Rowe:** Working with Cllr Hunt on available National Lottery grants for new playground. A JustGiving page has been set up online.

**Blocked Drains/flooding/issues in Village. Cllr S Corben:** A quote is being sought to replace all 6 of the posts in the Village Pound.

**Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park. Cllr R Corben.** No start date. Clerk to contact Goddard's and accept the resurfacing and retaining wall quote on behalf of the Council.

**New Play Area Working Party. Cllr J Hunt:** A draft design was passed to all Councillors. There is suitable equipment for disabled children in the plans. Quotes are around £ 100,000 and there have been various fundraising events held. A local resident has kindly volunteered to build and erect an appropriate totem pole showing the target amount required and funds raised. It was proposed that the totem pole should go ahead and that after the project is delivered it should remain a permanent feature advertising where grants/funds had come from. A suitable site will be decided.

**Proposed: Cllr Hunt; Seconded: Cllr R Corben** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Fippenny New. Cllr Rowe:** After discussion, it was suggested that the PC would wait until the results of the article published in the October edition of Fippenny News requesting feedback before making a decision on how many issues should be published a year. Next year's Precept would also be looked at for increased funds to narrow any shortfall. New distribution volunteers are still needed.

**The Village School. Cllr Rowe:** A request has been made for the updated Business Case which was thought to have been published, but has now been told this will be in November. There were concerns from Parishioners that teenagers were seen acting suspiciously around the school buildings. **The Clerk to write to the Academy to inform them of this.**

## 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Appointment of Trustee for the village Poor's Land Charity. Cllr R Corben:** Details of how the Poor's Land Charity conducts its business was explained. Allan Frampton who has been one of the five Trustees has resigned after 30 years of service and so a new Trustee needs to be nominated with the Parish Councils approval. Andrew Vickers has been put forward for the role along with all other trustees.

**Proposed: Cllr R Corben; Seconded Cllr Jay** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Where to place the new Jubilee bench:** After discussion it was agreed that it would be placed on the green in Mary Gardens. Cllrs S Corben and Hunt to meet and decide on exact location and arrange for the laying of a cement plinth.

**Proposed: Cllr R Corben; Seconded: Cllr Hunt** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS:

### 7.1 Applications:

Application No P/PALH/2022/05766 Erect single storey rear extension, extending 3.53m beyond the rear wall, with a maximum height of 3.56m and a height of 2.64m at the eaves (demolish existing conservatory) 30 Castle Avenue, Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RY **NO OBJECTION**

### 7.2 Planning Decisions:

P/HOU/2022/03446 Proposal: Erect first floor extension with alterations to the existing roof - (revised application to P/HOU/2022/01763). Location: Well Cottage, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine

**PC Recommend: No Objection DCC: Granted**

**Notified For information Purposes Only: A request for Dorset Council to determine whether or not Prior Approval is required for the proposal:**

P/PAAC/2022/04205 Proposal: Change of Use & conversion of agricultural buildings to three Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) Location: Agricultural Buildings at Gorse Farmhouse, Crate Hill, Fifehead St Quintin **DCC: PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED**

P/PAAC/2022/04206 Proposal: Change of Use & conversion of agricultural building to two Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) Location: Agricultural Buildings at Gorse Farmhouse, Crate Hill, Fifehead St Quintin **DCC: PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED**

P/PABA/2022/04956 Proposal: Erect agricultural building Location: Hambledon Hall Farm, Shillingstone

**DCC: PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED**

P/NMA/2022/04632 Proposal: Non material amendment to allow replacement of the existing flat roof with a pitched roof design, to planning permission 2/2009/0817/PLNG (Change of use to form an off road cycling facility. Erect a trail head start wooden platform and wooden/earth cycling features, to include continued formation of bike trails within the indicated area. Form new access, erect a pre-fabricated club house and form 30 no. car spaces) (part retrospective) Location: Okeford Hill Bike Park Cabin, Okeford Hill

**DCC: PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED**

**7.3 Other Planning Matters:** None

**8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:** No meetings have taken place.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 MEETING:**

- DAPTC Chief Exec bulletin x 3
- DAPTC E-News x 4
- Latest news from Dorset Council x 4
- NALC EVENTS x 4
- NALC NEWSLETTERS x4
- DCA News
- DCA's Latest News
- Allan Frampton's stepping down email re: Okeford Fitzpaine Poors' land charity
- County Cllr Batstone: email: A useful update on Dorset Council activities in recent months
- DAPTC Email: Clerks' Conference 19 October - registration still open – **New Clerk to attend if places still open**
- Email: Cllr David Walsh, Planning Portfolio Holder, Dorset Council re: Planning Engagement Session for Town and Parish Councils. **Cllrs Plummer and Jay to attend.**
- Email: Dorset AONB - Community Tree Scheme
- An anonymous note had been received by post to each PC member. There was no cover letter or explanation for the note and therefore it was not recognized.
- Email from Dorset Deserves Better – re Local Plan 2026
- Contact from a Parishioner: RE: Teenagers gathering by OF School and potential evidence of forced entry and possible items removed from a shed there. **CLERK to send a note of concern raising the issue to the School Academy.**

**10 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

**Bowey Field. Cllr R Corben:** Nothing new to report.

**Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben:** The small mower has been repaired and the larger one taxed. A new defibrillator has been kindly donated to the Pavilion. The Caravan Club is returning for a few days.

**Rights of Way/Footpaths. Jeremy Gartside:** Nothing to report.

**Transport:** Representative still required. A request was put in the October edition of Fippenny News.

**Football Club. Cllr S Corben:** Over 100 spectators over the weekend to cheer on our local team.

**DAPTC: Cllr Plummer:** Nothing to report.

**Village Community Group (VCG). Sue Finklaire:** An online auction raised £ 611, proceeds towards a loo at St Andrew's Church. Notices going up on Parish notice boards re Christmas lunch and Children's Christmas party. Trialled a daytime café social during the week (donations only), which proved popular, so Tuesday has been picked as the day they will be held. The next VCG meeting is on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 10am in the café. The Village Welcome Pack for new residents is nearly complete. An open day where new residents can come and meet groups and clubs in the parish will be planned once it's ready.

**Church Matters: Cllr Jay:** As advertised in the Fippenny News, there will be a gift raising day for the Church's maintenance on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12pm. A bucket for donations will be held outside the shop. The Vodafone mast is being chased. Currently, a new vicar has not come forward.

**11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**11.1 Accounts for Payment:**

Okeford Fitzpaine Council – Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

..... Date: .....

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £ 1037.71 as the Accounts for payment for September.

<b>Payee:</b>	<b>Cheque Nos:</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Water2Business	DD	Water for Pavilion	£ 60.50
SSE	DD	Electric Pavilion	130.80
British Gas	1535	Pavilion	62.28
Sophie Pearce	1536	Clerk's salary	425.20
PKF	1537	External Auditors fee	240.00
SSE	1538	Museum Electricity (2 <sup>nd</sup> Q)	118.93

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:**

Donation to Pavilion (wedding):	£ 170.00
Donation to Pavilion (party):	£ 40.00
Subs – Fippenny News:	£ 15.00
Village Quiz – proceeds to new playground	£ 315.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£ 540.80</b>

**11.4 Any Other Financial Matters:** The External Auditors (PKF) have signed off 2021/22 Financial accounts. No matters raised.

#### **NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

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