

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm.**

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

**In attendance:** Dorset County Councillor P Batstone  
Mrs Karen Rhys, Parish Clerk.  
PCSO Lorraine Potter

**Also present:** 17 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr F Light

**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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Proposed: Cllr Rowe; Seconded: Cllr Jay. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**4. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Budget debates still continuing.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** 2 members of the public raised concerns about the Jubilee bench purchased earlier this year. On Feb 22 agenda

2 members of the public spoke requesting the council pursue an application for a 20mph limit in the village. See Other Items for Discussion.

1 member of the public asked for a 'No Dogs' sign in the allotments. The allotment committee have this in hand.

**5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:**

**Neighbourhood Planning. Cllr Rowe:** ongoing.

**Darknoll Lane:** recent planning application could be an opportunity for S106 monies.

**Little/Mill Lane Crossing:** Clerk to send copy of email sent to Dorset Council to Clerk of Shillingstone PC supporting their request to extend the 30 mph limit past the end of Little Lane junction.

**Museum: Cllr S Corben** woodwork repair to take place in Spring

**Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response: Cllr S Corben: awaiting quotes.** Discuss again Feb 23.

**Availability of Appropriate Grants: Cllr Rowe:** Application submitted for Dorset Youth Fund. Others being considered including Comic Relief and Dorset Council.

**Blocked Drains/flooding/issues in Village: Cllr S Corben:** broken post replacement at The Pound in progress.

**Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben.** In progress. Clerk to contact Dorset Council and request site visit to check all in order re kerb stones.

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**New Play Area Working Party: Cllr J Hunt:** Totem pole and bench base in progress

**Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe.** Dec/Jan issue just published. From Feb/March 23 issue – key decisions from Parish Council meetings will feature in the magazine.

**The Village School: Cllr Rowe:** Concerns re transport, future of the building and its contents. Cllr Rowe to write to SAST requesting help with costs of transport for those who need it.

## 6 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Additional notice board for village - after discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Plummer, Seconded by Cllr Rowe, ALL IN FAVOUR that the Parish Council contribute 50% towards the cost of an additional notice board. The remaining 50% be funded by the Village Community Group. Cllr R Corben to investigate possible locations for its position.
- Village School - Bob Stacey deferred his attendance at the meeting. Clerk to invite to next meeting. After discussion, Proposed by Cllr S Corben, Seconded by Cllr Rowe, ALL IN FAVOUR that the Parish Council apply to Dorset Council for the listing of the school building to be an asset of community value. Clerk to action.
- 20 is Plenty. After discussion it was Proposed by Cllr Plummer and Seconded by Cllr Jay that the Parish Council log a request to support. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk to action.
- PRECEPT – after discussion, the precept for 2023/24 was Proposed by Cllr Plummer and Seconded by Cllr Jay, ALL IN FAVOUR. Only increases in 2022/23 budget are for gas and electricity.
- 2023 Meeting Schedule – 10 monthly meetings in 2023 to take place on first Tuesday of the month, except January and August. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS:

### 7.1 Applications:

**P/OUT/2022/04243 Proposal: Demolish existing industrial buildings and erect 47 dwellings (outline application to determine access only) Location: Wessex Park Homes Shillingstone Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford Forum DT11 0RB. Amended plans and/or additional information.** Only received on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022. Clerk to request an extension to reporting deadline to allow discussion as next meeting or allow planning committee to meet.

### 7.2 Planning Decisions: none

### 7.3 Other Planning Matters

4 prior approval notices received:

- **P/PAAF/2022/07126 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to hotel/guesthouse use (Class C1). Location: Fiddleford Mushroom Farm, Darknoll Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, Sturminster Newton, DT10 2BY**
- **P/PAAC/2022/07125 Proposal: Change of use & conversion of agricultural buildings to two Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), Location: Fiddleford Mushroom Farm, Darknoll Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, Sturminster Newton DT10 2BY**
- **PAAC/2022/07124 Proposal: Change of use & conversion of agricultural buildings to three Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), (units 1-3). Location: Fiddleford Mushroom Farm Darknoll Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine Sturminster Newton, DT10 2BY**
- **P/PAAC/2022/07498 Proposal: The site has three linked Agriculture Buildings. Planning Statement attached, Drawings including Location Plan. Knoll Farm,**

- **Fifehead Common To Garlands Lane – Lane, The Common, Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, DT11 0RT**

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

**9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR 6<sup>th</sup> December meeting:**

- DAPTC Chief Exec bulletin x2
- DAPTC E-News x4
- DAPTC – AGM – The Results
- DAPTC re Northern AGM
- Latest news from Dorset Council x 2
- NALC EVENTS x 2
- NALC NEWSLETTERS x4
- DCA News x3
- NALC – Utility aid update
- CPRE news
- Citizens Advice –annual report
- Dorset Council Latest News x3
- email from CEE with notes from support group
- email Dorset Council re Open Licence applications x 1
- Help& Kindness newsletter x 1
- email Bob Stacey accepting invitation to next meeting
- email Bob Stacey re possible deferring attendance
- email from parishioner re fireworks in Nether Mead
- emails x 7 from parishioners re 20 mph zone 6 in favour, 1 against
- email from parishioner re jubilee bench
- email from parishioner re letter sent on 24/9.
- Sovereign Play – offering site visit 29/11
- Dorset Highways re temporary traffic regulation order Garlands Lane
- Dorset Council re tree felling future notifications
- email from Dorset Council requesting website updating with new Clerk details and all Councillors complete electronic ROI forms (email from parishioner requesting above)
- Dorset Council – notification of removal of 2 dead/dying trees in Garlands Lane to High Bench Lane
- email Bob Stacey SAST re D.O.E approval of merger with Shillingstone CE Primary School
- Wessex Internet re internet connection to Pavilion
- Dorset Deserves Better Alliance email, open letter to Spencer Flower and response
- Consultation document re road closure C32 Turnworth

**10 REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT:**

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

**Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben:** Quote for heating repair received.

**Rights of Way/Footpaths. Jeremy Gartside:** reports of blocked footpath on chicken shed site. Trying to get it reopened.

**Transport:** Nothing to report.

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**Village Hall:** Fippenny Fair is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**Football Club. Cllr S Corben:** teams doing very well

**DAPTC: Cllr Plummer:** minutes circulated of recent AGM

**Village Community Group (VCG). Sue Finklaire:** Xmas lunch for 80 taken place. £300 donated to Big Yellow Bus Project, 24 booked for children's party, recent online auction raised £597 for Ark Nursery, Next film night 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Church Matters: Cllr Jay:** Remembrance Day service went well. Poppy display was well received. Church arranging reverse advent calendar for The Vale Pantry.

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £2,058.85, as the Accounts for payment for November.

Payee:	Cheque Nos:	Details:	Amount £:
Water2Business	DD	Water for Pavilion	60.50
Parish Mag Printers	1547	November Fippenny News	91.00
St Andrews PCC	1546	Grass cutting donation	420.00
Total Energy Solutions	1548	Boiler & water heater services	306.01
DAPTC	1549	Cllr Hunt July course	49.00
DAPTC	1550	Courses Clerk – new clerk & minutes	75.00
Karen Rhys	1551	salary £553.35, paper £4, Laptop £499.99	1057.34

**11.2 Accounts to be Paid:** None

**11.3 Receipts:** £100 donation, caravan club use the Pavilion.

**11.4 Any Other Financial Matters:**

No bank statements received as at 06.12.22 for November.

#### Payments to approve

Courses for Clerk - Finance £40 & £40

Seiretto – web hosting £262 + vat and email domain hosting £199 + vat

Total Energy Pavilion heating repair £187.75 plus vat

Electricity tariff – awaiting new available tariffs.

SAAA have announced BDO LLP will be appointed auditor from **2022-23 to 2026-27**

## 12 NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- Jubilee bench
- Possibility of a SID to monitor speed of traffic
- Additional dog bin request

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.05pm.