

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 7th February 2023 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.
Mr Bob Stacey, SAST (left meeting at 7.55pm)

Also present: 18 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:**
Cllr Rowe - Planning – declaration of interest in Footpath on Castle Lane, as she lives adjacent to the footpath.
- 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 6th December 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Rowe; Seconded: Cllr S Corben ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Batstone reported that the integrated health & social care plan was still on going as priority. Push to recruit more foster parents in Dorset.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- 1 member of the public raised concerns about the Jubilee bench purchased (agenda item below).
1 member of public voiced opinion that the Village Community Group felt disregarded in respect of their choice of bench, and efforts not recognised. VCG. Coronation events details shared.
1 member spoke of concerns over the surface of the village hall car park (agenda item below)
1 member spoke about lack of equipment in Bowey play park for older children.

Mr Bob Stacey from SAST gave an informative update on the closure of Okeford Fitzpaine School: SAST is the operator and leaseholder of the school site. The building is owned by Salisbury Diocese and the land and playing field owned by Dorset Council and it will their decision on the future of the site. Legal process underway, however proposed closure date of 1/4/23 is looking realistic.

The shuttle bus to Shillingstone School will continue until a Dorset Council alternative is in place. Thanks were offered for this.

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Catchment area – DC Education Dept to decide.

Question raised over existing play equipment – should it go to Shillingstone school or be returned to PC?

Commemorative bench – Cllr S Corben advised this had been collected by the family.

Historically, Pitt Rivers family donated school to diocese and there may be a reverter clause.

Wooden cross in playground. Member of public offered to relocate if required.

Photos or historical items would be welcomed by History Club.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe: ongoing.

Darknoll Lane: Cllrs Rowe & Cllr Light ongoing.

Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Cllr Rowe ongoing

Museum: Cllr S Corben ongoing

Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response: Cllr S Corben ongoing

Availability of Appropriate Grants: Cllr Rowe: Dorset Youth Fund application unsuccessful.

Others being considered including Hall & Woodhouse.

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

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben DC confirmed kerb stones not an issue. Car park – frost has got into surface. Site visit with contractor has taken place – more stone will be put on top which should resolve the issue once dry. Car park to be kept open as cars help compact surface.

New Play Area Working Party: Cllr J Hunt: Totem pole and bench base – location undecided. Subcommittee planning a village family day and are looking for sponsors. Free family event daytime, with small charge for an evening event with band and disco. Proposed by Cllr Hunt and Seconded by Cllr Jay that the Parish Council will fund the initial costs of the event up to £3,000 if necessary, with any profit over the costs from the event going to the new play area. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe. Feb/Mar issue published. Advertising rates increased. More advertisers required.

The Village School: Cllr Rowe: Shillingstone School looking for representation on Governing body from Okeford Fitzpaine. Cllr Rowe completing form to apply for school building to be an Asset of Community Value.

6 .OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Jubilee bench – a lengthy discussion took place and the Chairman confirmed that the Jubilee bench had been voted for and ordered, in good faith by the PC. Any upset to the VCG and parishioners was unintentional and it was made clear that working groups do not make decisions but can put forward recommendations and the PC makes the final decision. Cllr Plummer proposed the bench ordered should be retained and installed, Seconded by Cllr Jay. ALL IN FAVOUR.

SID to monitor traffic speed - after discussion, Cllr Jay volunteered to investigate possibility, cost, location and contact the Highways Officer, together with the 20mph application.

Dog bin request - Clerk to ascertain cost of 2 additional bins and also cost of emptying.

Naming of road signs & designs, Shillingsone Lane development - after discussion it was Proposed by Cllr Plummer and Seconded by Cllr Hunt that PC should submit 'Downs Mead' as the development name. No suggestions for house designs. Clerk to action. ALL IN FAVOUR

Coronation Plans - Cllr S Corben to coordinate the bringing together of village groups to discuss.

Server Upgrade - Website and email upgrade to take place as advised by existing provider Seiretto.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

7.1 Applications:

- P/VOC/2022/07552 Proposal: Erect first floor extension with alterations to the existing roof (with variation of conditions 2 & 3 of planning permission no. P/HOU/2022/03446 to amend the external materials). Location: Well Cottage Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RQ **No Objections**
- P/LBC/2022/07921 Proposal: Remove single skin of brickwork and re-instate doorway. Location: Okeford Cottage 52 The Cross Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford Forum DT11 0RF (listed building consent) **No Objections**
- P/HOU/2023/00420 Proposal: Erect Single Storey Rear Extension With Pitched Roof Location: 27 Lower Street Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RN **No Objections**

7.2 Planning Decisions:

- P/Ful/2022/05702 New access Stresa House - GRANTED
- P/VOC/2022/06210 2 dwellings Banbury Cross Kennels - GRANTED
- P/PAAC/2022/07193 Change of use Gorse Farmhouse - PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED
- P/HOU/2022/06176 Misty Law, Shillingstone Lane Demolish existing conservatory/new sunroom and balcony - GRANTED

7.3 Other Planning Matters

- P/NMA/2023/00096 Proposal: Non-material amendment - changes to planting scheme; to Reserved Matters Approval No. 2/2020/0345/REM (to erect 27 No. dwellings). Location: Land At E 380667 N 111316 West Of Castle Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset *Information purposes only*
- Footpath on Castle Lane. Concerns raised re no lowered kerb, cracked gas pipes, traffic lights and no communication to residents. It was agreed the Clerk write to Highways Dept and contractors to ascertain what the ongoing plan is.

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 16th January 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Committee as a correct record.

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED :

Various email newsletters inc. DAPTC, NALC, Dorset Council, DCA, CPRE, Volunteer Centre

- Email from parishioner re rural cost of living survey link
- Email from parishioner asking about First Responder
- Email from parishioner re CPRE Dorset calling for a truly local plan
- Email from parishioner voicing concern on behalf of Bowls Club about Village Hall car park
- Email regarding commemorative bench in school playground
- Email from parishioner re footpath to Castle Lane development and subsequent replies inc site visit
- Clerk Shillingstone PC thanking for support
- Prospective purchaser of village shop re planning enquiry
- DC re road closure c32 Turnworth
- DC re road closure C99 Garlands Lane

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- DC re road closure Angers Lane
- DC re jubilee funds for village halls
- DC re traffic restriction procedures coronation
- Cllr Batstone re DC Jan 23 report
- DC Bus Stops re service 4
- Letter re White Hart Link
- Village Hall events bulletin
- Email DC Planning enforcement team re Kerb stones, village hall car park enquiry
- Emails from DC and Cllr Batstone re parishioner enquiry re gritting road from Okeford Fitzpaine to Winterbourne Stickland
- Email from J Mair, Dorset Council, Director of Legal & Democratic (Monitoring Officer) explaining in detail that it is incorrect that any councillor who has ever had a ticket for exceeding 30MPH in a built up area is disqualified from voting on a proposal to apply for a 20MPH zone and the need for a dispensations does not arise because there is no disqualification in the first place
- Simon Hoare MP re Annual North Dorset Parish Meeting 24th March invite
- Okeford Fitzpaine Play Park meeting notes
- Village Day notes
- DAPTC re nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party. It was agreed to nominate Cllr R Corben to recognise his long service

10 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben: Cllr R Corben to get quote for replacing broken play equipment, ahead of any works. Cllr R Corben and VCG to have site meeting.

Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben: Bill for gas box cover received. Mower update email received from Allan Frampton and letter of thanks to be sent by Clerk to Jerry Ellis and Jason Newton for their continued free of charge maintenance. Cllr S Corben to speak to foreman at Castle Lane development as rubbish being left from contractors using car park.

Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside: Cllr Rowe reported of further blocked footpath on chicken shed site.

Transport: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Cllr Rowe AGM 24th April.

Football Club: Cllr S Corben: all going well

DAPTC: Cllr Plummer & Cllr Jay participated in 20mph briefing, which was informative

Village Community Group (VCG). Sue Finklaire: quarterly meeting taken place. Last auction raised £740 for BYB project. Tues café going well.

Church Matters: Cllr Jay: repairs continuing with electrical works and replacement of west end church floor. Portland flagstones can be sponsored – see Fippenny News

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of **£2272.60** as the accounts for payment for January & February 2023.

Payee	DD/Chq No	Details	Amount £
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	60.50
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Southern Electric	DD	Electric – Pavilion	485.96
British Gas	DD	Gas - Pavilion	90.37
			697.33
Clerk	1552	Dec 22 salary £372.16 exps £56.46	428.62
Seiretto	1553	Domain Renewal & Website hosting	433.20
Total Energy	1554	Heating repairs Pavilion	225.30
Clerk	1555	Salary – Jan 23 £372.16, exps £9.99	382.15
Parish Mag Printers	1556	Dec/Jan Fippenny News	106.00
			2272.60

11.2 Accounts to be Paid:

Goddard Landscapes Ltd – Village Hall Car Park works £22,029.60. It was agreed to make a part interim payment of £10,000.

£29.99 Alan Frampton. Reimbursement for electric box cover Pavilion.

11.3 Receipts:

£200 Three Okefords Preservation Society donation to play area

£260.40 Just Giving receipts. Fundraiser for play area.

£300 Caravan Club donation

11.4 Any Other Financial Matters:

PRECEPT – application submitted.

12 NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Okeford Fitzpaine School – play equipment

Okeford Fitzpaine School – wooden cross

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

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