

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 7th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Dorset County Councillor P Batstone
Mrs Karen Rhys, Parish Clerk.
Josh – Wessex Internet

Also present: 11 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr S Corben, Cllr J Hunt

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 February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

4. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Batstone reported that Dorset Council agreed a 3.99% increase in their share of Council Tax. £2.5m drawn from reserves for cost of living hardship fund. Update on DC owned farms – focus on regeneration. Reminder to report pot holes etc through DC portal on line, A useful update on SturAction and SturBiz initiatives was given, whose aim is to increase business in both Sturminster Newton and the surrounding area.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No matters raised

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe ongoing, hoping to have draft planning statement soon

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 ongoing

Blocked Drains/flooding/issues in Village: Cllr F Light to now include Highways issues

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben– vast improvement since more stone has been put on surface but some concerns remain and will be monitored. **Proposed by Cllr N Plummer and Seconded by Cllr F Light** that 50% of outstanding balance of £12,029.60 be paid.

ALL IN FAVOUR

New Play Area Working Party: Family day for parish plans progressing well. Cllr R Corben confirmed site visit to Bowey play area has taken place. Village Community Group asked to ensure only lead-free paint is used for painting existing equipment. Spider net swing requires replacing (frame is OK). **Cllr R Corben Proposed** and **Cllr C Jay Seconded** that a replacement be ordered at a cost of £928 inc VAT, £40+VAT delivery. **ALL IN FAVOUR.** VCG agreed to make a donation.

Fippenny News: **Cllr Rowe** Apr/May issue deadline 20th March.

The Village School: **Cllr Rowe** application for Asset of Community Value for the school building & grounds was discussed. It was **Proposed by Cllr R Rowe** and **Seconded by Cllr C Jay** that the application be submitted **ALL IN FAVOUR.** Cllr Rowe to contact Simon Fowler the land agent for the Pitt Rivers Estate.

Further discussion took place re play/fitness equipment at school site. It was agreed the Clerk write to Bob Stacey, SAST, to seek clarity if the equipment in school playground and field was going to be relocated to Shillingstone School. If it isn't, to request a transfer of ownership to Parish Council who will relocate it in the village.

Shillingstone School still looking for representation on Governing body from Okeford Fitzpaine – Cllr F Light expressed an interest and will make contact.

Noticeboard: **Cllr R Corben** location been agreed in Bowey Field facing up towards Lower Street. **Cllr R Corben Proposed** and **Cllr C Jay Seconded** that the board now be purchased. **ALL IN FAVOUR.** Clerk to action.

Dog Bins: **Clerk** Quote obtained and costs discussed. Dorset Waste Services will only empty general waste bins, so purchasing further dedicated small dog waste bins is not an option.

Proposed by Cllr N Plummer and **Seconded by Cllr Rowe** not to proceed. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

CORONATION Plans: well attended meeting taken place and progressing.

20mph & SID: Cllr C Jay working positively with DC SID team to find a second location site.

Working with Community Speedwatch team on data to support 20mph application.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Okeford Fitzpaine School play equipment - discussed in Open Items

Okeford Fitzpaine School wooden cross - Clerk to write to SAST requesting it be returned to Parish Council for relocation at Church.

Wessex internet - **Josh**, Wessex Internet Manager for Okeford Fitzpaine advised roll out of full fibre for village will commence in Spring for both broadband & telephone. Community session for sign up and more information to be held 15th March 6pm to 8pm at The Royal Oak.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

7.1 Applications:

P/NMA/2023/00793 Proposal: Non Material amendment - to amend the position of fence lines to plots 1-4, 6-10 and 40-42 to planning permission P/RES/2021/05461 (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: Land On The North Side Of Shillingstone Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RB

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P/TRC/2023/00994 Proposal: T1 & T2 Maple - Crown lift to a height of 5.2m over road, 2.5m over lawn and clear power line by 1m.

T3 - Rowan - Fell as tree is dead.

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T4 - Cherry Fell due to decay at 1.6m high and base of stem/limb unions.

T5 - Maple - Remove co-dominant stem as per annotated photograph and crown lift to a height of 5.2m over road and 2.5m over lawn. Location: Land South of 89 Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RQ

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P/TRC/2023/00995 Proposal: T1 - Cherry - Fell. Location: The Cottage Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RQ

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P/TRC/2023/00996 Proposal: T1 - Yew - Fell. T2 - Rowan - Fell. T3 - Holly - Reduce in height by 2m. Location: Highclere Shillingstone Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RB

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P/TRT/2023/00809 Proposal: T1 - Common Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) - Fell. Tree is growing on a loose bank, growing over adjacent building and water mains directly under root system.

T2 - Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) - Remove 2x stems growing closest towards customer's house.

T3 - Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) - Fell. Growing towards customer's house and TV aerials

Location: Willow Brook Darknoll Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset

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7.2 Planning Decisions:

P/PAAC/2022/01587 planning appeal in respect of Change of use and conversion of agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling (Class C3). at Barn East of Castle Lane, Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford Forum, DT11 0RL

APPEAL DISMISSED

7.3 Other Planning Matters

Castle Lane footpath – still waiting for confirmation of what will be done and timescale from Contracts Manager and Dorset Highways.

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE: No meeting has taken place

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

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

Emails from parishioners

Email Parishioner re correction in draft minutes re electric box cover

Email Parishioner re equipment at school

Email Parishioner re 20mph limit application and how to access minutes

Email Parishioner reporting footpath Ridouts to Little Lane blocked

Email Parishioner re mobile phone mast update

Email Parishioner re dog fouling and bin request

Email Parishioner re state of Shillingstone Lane

Email Parishioner re rec ground and update on footpath

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DAPTC re Councillors networking event 9/3/23 x 3
DWP re dog bin enquiry
DAPTC working together webinar invite in Feb
DAPTC re Coronation celebrations
DAPTC re NPPF Consultation
DAPTC re requesting councils to have agenda item re area committee
Open License Applications x 2 – Woolland, Ibberton & Belchawell Village Hall
Wessex Water re Angers Lane closure 24/4/23
DC re Planning Service and Councillors meeting 19/4/23
Play park meeting notes

10 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben. Reported under Open Items
Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben: Nothing to report.
Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside: meeting to be arranged Rangers and landowner to try and resolve the blocked footpath behind the Facenda site.
Transport: Nothing to report.
Village Hall: Cllr Rowe: AGM 24th April.
Football Club: Cllr S Corben: all going well
DAPTC: email requesting area committee nomination on future agenda
Village Community Group (VCG): Sue Finklaire nothing to report
Church Matters: Cllr Jay: electrical rewiring is the next phase of Reordering Project. Tenders being obtained

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of £3333.90 as the accounts for payment for March 2023. **Proposed Cllr N Plummer Seconded Cllr R Rowe. ALL IN FAVOUR**

Payee	DD/Chq No	Details	Amount £
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	60.50
Southern Electric	DD	Electric – Pavilion	485.96
British Gas	DD	Gas bill no 988601593	536.09
Clerk	1559	Salary – Feb 23 £465.20, exps £24.74	489.94
Jethro Legard	1560	The Pound fence post repairs	250.00
Parish Mag Printers	1561	Feb/Mar Fippenny News	288.00
Jerry Ellis	1562	Mower repairs	385.00
Jethro Legard	1563	Concrete base for bench	300.00
Fippenny Garage	1563	Mower tyre	138.41
Fidei Holdings	1564	Allotment annual rent	400.00
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11.2 Accounts to be Paid:

Goddard Landscapes Ltd – Village Hall Car Park works £22,029.60. Balance due £12,029.60. After discussion under Open Items, it was agreed to make a further interim payment of £6014.80.

11.3 Receipts:

£30 cheque Fippenny news advertising

11.4 Any Other Financial Matters:

Bank statements still not being received. Cllr Plummer to visit Nat West Blandford. Clerk to contact SSE to request a meter for unmetered supply to Museum, with offer of a site visit. Seiretto – email migration. It was agreed to accept offer of £99 +VAT to assist with email migration and increased storage space. The £9 + Vat per email to migrate will now not be charged. Proposed Cllr N Plummer Seconded Cllr Rowe ALL IN FAVOUR

12 NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

DAPTC – Area Committee document and nomination

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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