

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm.**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Karen Rhys, Parish Clerk.

**Also present:** 5 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr S Corben, Dorset County Councillor P Batstone

**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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Proposed: Cllr R Corben Seconded: Cllr Rowe ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**4. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** no report given – apologies received.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** parishioner asked if the raised beds in the front playground of the Okeford Fitzpaine school building could be used by another community group.

**5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:**

**Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe** ongoing, draft planning statement available – adapting to make more readable

**Darknoll Lane: Cllrs Rowe & Cllr Light** ongoing

**Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Cllr Rowe** ongoing. DC have agreed to extend 30mph beyond existing limit

**Museum: Cllr S Corben** ongoing

**Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response: Cllr S Corben** ongoing

**Availability of Appropriate Grants: Cllr Rowe** ongoing. Prince's Countryside grant identified and shared on facebook page.

**Blocked Drains/flooding/issues in Village: Cllr F Light** reported concerns of Castle Lane surface and hedges over hanging the carriageway. Cllr Light to report to DC Highways Dept.

**Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben** – further improvement in surface. **Proposed by Cllr R Corben and Seconded by Cllr F Light** that the outstanding balance of £6,014.80 be paid. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**New Play Area Working Party:** Family day 17 June - plans progressing well. Chairman thanked the working committee for all their hard work. Clerk to investigate alcohol/ music licence and food hygiene certificate for the event.

Jubilee bench not yet installed. Cllr Hunt to speak with Cllr S Corben.

**Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe** Apr/May issue about to be distributed.

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**The Village School: Cllr Rowe** advised application for Asset of Community Value for the school building & grounds had been submitted. It was understood that ownership of the school site has now passed to Salisbury Diocese and that a representative has been charged with disposing of the site. Playground equipment – Bob Stacey from SAST has confirmed play and gym equipment will be returned to the Parish Council for the benefit of village. Cllr Hunt to ask Clive Jarvis for opinion on its suitable condition and removing equipment. Cllr R Corben has received an offer of a free digger if required.

**Noticeboard: Cllr R Corben** 2 options were offered and after discussion it was Proposed by Cllr Plummer and Seconded by Cllr Jay that model SKU 9925 be ordered in green with round posts and header board. Cost circa £1,400. VCG will be making a donation in support of this. Clerk to action

**Coronation Plans:** All known events are in Fippenny News. The Parish Council does not intend to light the beacon and has received no requests to do so. Discussion took place on commemorative stone – possibly flagstone in church and/or at the Cross. Cllr Jay & Cllr R Corben to investigate options and pricing.

**20mph & SID:** Cllr C Jay has now met with Dorset Council SID team. Castle Lane site approved. Higher Street on the edge of the Village had been considered as a possible second location for a SID but this had to be discounted due to the refusal to grant permission for this siting by the landowner and therefore Shillingstone Lane would now be surveyed as a possible second location site. DC need to carry out a speed survey and agree to this second SID location. Cost £275 + Vat which will not be payable if site for SID found not to be suitable. Proposed by Cllr Jay, Seconded by Cllr Hunt to pay this. ALL IN FAVOUR Community Speedwatch team have been very helpful with providing data to support 20mph application which was being progressed.

## 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Hedgehog Highway Project.** After discussion, it was agreed that this is a project the Parish Council wishes to support. Proposed: Cllr Plummer Seconded: Cllr Rowe to purchase hedgehog highway surround box for £150. ALL IN FAVOUR. To be advertised in Fippenny News.

**DAPTC Northern Committee** Cllr Plummer is the parish council representative on the DAPTC Northern Committee. Ideally a deputy needs to be appointed. Clerk to recirculate details to Councillors.

**Seiretto** – website and email server migration now taken place. Old server available only until 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS:

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#### 7.1 Applications:

- P/LBC/2023/00039 Proposal: Install full height glazed doors to garden and partial removal of internal partition. Location: Pleydells Farm Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RQ. Listed Building consent.
- P/FUL/2023/01528 Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building, Land At E 381365 N 110780 Pound Lane Okeford Fitzpaine
- P/VOC/2023/01573 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 (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2022/00841 to amend approved plans)  
Location: Banbury Cross Boarding Kennels and Cattery Angers Lane Fiddleford Dorset DT10 2BY

#### 7.2 Planning Decisions:

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P/FUL/2022/04938 Location: Hartcliff Farm Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford Forum DT11 0EF  
 Proposal: Change of use and conversion of barn to form a dwelling (use class C3) Decision:  
 Refused Decision Date: 06/03/2023

P/HOU/2023/00420 Location: 27 Lower Street Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RN Proposal: Erect Single  
 Storey Rear Extension With Pitched Roof Decision: Granted Decision Date: 13/03/2023

[P/LBC/2022/07921](#) Location: Okeford Cottage 52 The Cross Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford Forum  
 DT11 0RF Proposal: Remove single skin of brickwork and re-instate doorway. Decision: Withdrawn

[P/VOC/2022/07552](#) Location: Well Cottage Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RQ  
 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). Decision:  
 Granted Decision Date: 12/03/2023

[P/NMA/2023/00096](#) Location: Land At E 380667 N 111316 West Of Castle Lane Okeford Fitzpaine  
 Dorset. Proposal: Non-material amendment - changes to planting scheme; to Reserved Matters  
 Approval No. 2/2020/0345/REM (to erect 27 No. dwellings). Decision: Granted Decision Date:  
 31/03/2023

### 7.3 Other Planning Matters

- P/OUT/2022/04243 Location: Wessex Park Homes Shillingstone Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford  
 Forum DT11 0RB Description: Demolish existing industrial buildings and erect 47 dwellings (outline  
 application to determine access only) This is for information only informing us that the application  
 will be considered by Planning Committee on 11 April 2023.

The meeting will be held at: Stour Hall - The Exchange, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton, DT10  
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**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 voicing concerns about outdoor play equipment possibly going to  
 Shillingstone school (open items)
- Email Parishioner re ordering of noticeboard (open items)

#### Other

- DC re temp closure of Little Lane
- Email Bob Stacey SAST re play equipment and wooden cross decision (open items)
- DC re reminder for Planning Engagement 19 Apr
- DAPTC re training survey
- DAPTC scam alert
- DAPTC re Permitted Development Rights – reply deadline 6<sup>th</sup> May
- DAPTC – Low Carbon Dorset Webinar notes
- DAPTC Infrastructure Levy
- DC Licence applications
- DC re car park charges changing
- DC re temporary closure of A357 Thornhill Rd, Stalbridge
- Wessex Internet re duct under road and cable by Pavilion

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- Hedgehog Highway Project
- ROSPA Play Safety re annual inspection
- Email from Goddards Landcapes re car park invoice balance

**10. REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS:**

**Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben.** Grass cutting underway. Supplier has been found for paint for repairs – awaiting quotation. Spider net swing has arrived and awaiting installation.

**Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben:** Wessex Internet had requested permission to put full fibre cable in field for future use if required at no cost. Proposed: Cllr Plummer Seconded: Cllr Hunt ALL IN FAVOUR

**Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside:** meeting held with rangers and landowner to try and resolve the blocked footpath behind the Facenda site. Update expected at next meeting.

**Transport:** Nothing to report.

**Village Hall: Cllr Rowe:** AGM 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Football Club: Cllr S Corben:** all going well

**DAPTC:** It was agreed to renew membership for 2023/24.

**Village Community Group (VCG): Sue Finklaire** Recent auction raised £715 towards playpark repairs. Next auction after Easter – recipient to be agreed at next VCG meeting. Planning a children’s clothes & toy sale in June to raise funds for new play park.

**Church Matters: Cllr Jay:** Those who contribute to new floor by purchasing a flagstone will have their names displayed in a frame in the church. A meeting has been arranged with Vodaphone & Cllr Jay to discuss the mast following a letter written by him to the CEO of Vodaphone.

**Tree Warden:** Cllr Plummer suggested a tree survey for the PC land in the village be carried out. Cllr Plummer to speak with Cllr S Corben to ascertain requirement and potential costs involved.

**11. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**11.1 Accounts for Payment:**

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of **£2212.85** as the accounts for payment for March 2023.

Payee	DD/Chq No	Details	Amount £
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	60.50
Southern Electric	DD	Electric unmetered supply museum	231.04
Southern Electric	DD	Electric Pavilion	221.76
British Gas	DD	Gas - Pavilion	162.70
Clerk	1567	Salary – Mar 23 £372.16, exps £9.99	382.15
Seiretto	1569	Email migration	118.80
Huck Nets	1568	Birds nest swing	975.90
DAPTC	1570	Training Finance & VAT Clerk	60.00
			<b>2212.85</b>

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**11.2 Accounts to be Paid:**

Goddard Landscapes Ltd –village hall car park invoice balance £6,014.80 (£16,014.80 paid)

**11.3 Receipts:**

£25 cash Okeford Fitzpaine Local History Group  
£550 cheque Okeford Fitzpaine Allotments, rent for 2022

**11.4 Any Other Financial Matters:**

Bank statements still not available – Cllr Plummer speaking with Nat West  
Auditors – correspondence receive re 2022/23 audit. Clerk to action  
On line banking – correspondence received.

**12. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA:**

Local parishioner has raised concerns over the condition of Rose Cottage, Higher Street, Okeford Fitzpaine.

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the AGM and next meeting as **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

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