

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 2nd May 2023 at 7.30pm. (meeting commenced 7.42pm following Annual General Meeting).

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. Dorset County Councillor P Batstone

Also present: 9 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

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 4th April 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

- 4. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Cllr Batstone made reference to the Dorset Council April 2023 report and an email regarding an alleged breach of planning control regarding extraction of minerals, Land at Hazel Farm, Higher Street, both of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Parishioner raised concern over completed developments and subsequent ditch/hedge responsibility. Cllr S Corben to engage with DC Planning Team and request response.

Parishioner thanked Council for progress on 20sPlenty for village. Advised of a Zoom meeting on 3rd May which may be helpful – Cllr Jay informed he has registered to attend. Site visit taken place with contractor regarding flooding in Little Lane, Wessex Internet are to repair french drain. Dog walkers are using allotments as a walking circuit, despite it not being a public right of way. Cllr Plummer is already engaged with Wessex Internet on this.

Parishioner asked if the Council had been approached re the naming of the chicken shed site. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk to write to the planning team to state the Council did not support the chosen road names.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS:

Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe work in progress draft Planning Statement produced and circulated. It looks at identifying gaps in needs and also impact on infrastructure as a result in increase in parish population. Cllr Rowe to continue to develop Statement with benefit of data from Dorset Council.

Darknoll Lane: Cllrs Rowe & Cllr Light ongoing

Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Cllr Rowe ongoing. DC have agreed to extend 30mph beyond existing limit at the Shillingstone end. Wessex Internet to investigate potential damage by their works to the french drain.

Museum: Cllr S Corben ongoing. Costs increased on re-painting so obtaining new quotes. Missing roof tile - Cllr Corben to speak with local roofer.

Okeford Fitzpaine Climate Emergency Response: Cllr S Corben new contractor to be contacted for quotes on LED lighting.

Availability of Appropriate Grants: Cllr Rowe ongoing

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. Ongoing

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben – ongoing review of resurfacing works.

New Play Area Working Party: Cllr Plummer gave financial overview of Village Day (Fitz Fun and FitzFest) and confirmed that it was running well below agreed costs. Clerk advised food hygiene recommendations and application process for a TEN - Cllr Plummer to apply for later. Cllr Rowe has had success in attracting sponsors to offset some of the costs. Interest in trade stalls & car boot pitches. Totem pole being erected shortly. Spider swing seat now installed. Report of accident. Chairman confirmed seat was purchased from a reputable supplier.

Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe June/July issue in progress. Finances to be reconciled with benefit of bank statement.

The Village School: Cllr Rowe Cllr Hunt reported that following a site visit, the gym equipment at the school is in bad state of repair and it is not considered cost effective to remove and repair it, to an appropriate standard and then relocate. Similarly, the wooden play equipment is rotten in parts and not deemed safe. Cllr Hunt recommended we do not progress with this. Asset of Community Value for the school building & grounds had been acknowledged by Dorset Council and outcome expected end of May. Cllr Jay to speak with Salisbury Diocese about timing of auction of the site premises.

Noticeboard: Cllr R Corben New board for General Notices ordered. VCG will be donating in support of this.

Coronation Plans: All known events are in Fippenny News. Further discussion took place on possibility of a commemorative stone – possibly flagstone in church and/or at the Cross. Cllr S Corben to investigate price for 1 or 2 stones approx. 18” x 12” in size.

.20mph & SID: Cllr C Jay Shillingstone Lane has been surveyed and speedwatch survey carried out – awaiting results. DC advise community speedwatch 2yrs data in support of 20mph application is not sufficient. A possibility that data obtained for SID may be used.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Rose Cottage, Higher Street - owners of Rose Cottage have made contact with the owners of The Corner Cottage. It was noted that the owners of Rose Cottage have had health issues and members of community have offered to give the family assistance with maintenance. No further action.

S106 Wessex Homes Site - discussion took place and it was agreed Clerk to write to suggest that the S106 document used for planning at Land At E 380667 N 111316 West Of Castle Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset – planning ref 2/2017/1952/OUT would still be relevant for S106 contributions from the Wessex Homes site.

Annual Parish Meeting - It was agreed this would take place on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

Okeford Fitzpaine Council – Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday, 2nd May 2023.

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

..... Date:

7.1 Applications:

P/HOU/2023/01777 Proposal: Erect conservatory (demolish existing) Location: Downes Cottage Shillingstone Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford Forum DT11 0RB **NO OBJECTIONS**

P/LBC/2023/01778 Proposal: Erect conservatory (demolish existing) Location: Downes Cottage Shillingstone Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RB **NO OBJECTIONS**

P/LBC/2023/01699 Proposal: Demolish existing outbuilding. Carry out external alterations to annex to replace slate roof incorporating PV panels on south west elevation. Location: The Old Farmhouse Darknoll Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RP **NO OBJECTIONS**

P/FUL/2023/01698 Proposal: Demolish existing outbuilding. Erect carport & garage with associated landscaping. Works to annex to replace slate roof incorporating PV panels on south west elevation. Location: The Old Farmhouse Darknoll Lane Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0RP **NO OBJECTIONS**

7.2 Planning Decisions:**[P/PAAC/2022/07125](#)**

Fiddleford Mushroom Farm Darknoll Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Sturminster Newton DT10 2BY
Proposal: Change of use & conversion of agricultural buildings to two Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), Decision: **Prior Approval Refused**

[P/PAAC/2022/07124](#)

Fiddleford Mushroom Farm Darknoll Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Sturminster Newton DT10 2BY
Proposal: Change of use & conversion of agricultural buildings to three Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), (units 1-3). Decision: **Prior Approval Refused**

[P/PAAF/2022/07126](#)

Fiddleford Mushroom Farm Darknoll Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Sturminster Newton DT10 2BY
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to hotel/guesthouse use (Class C1). Decision: **Prior Approval Refused**

7.3 Other Planning Matters

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Various newsletters – DAPTC, Volunteer Centre, Dorset Council, NALC, DCA, CEE

- Email Parishioner re update on table tennis table vandalism
- Email Parishioner re accident in playground on new swing
- Email parishioner re 20 is Plenty meeting on 3rd May
- Email parishioner re magazine article about camouflaging speed detection van
- DC Community Planning Team re Blandford Neighbourhood plan submission
- DC re consultation Planning Climate change – deadline 8 June
- DAPTC re Stress Awareness Month offer
- DAPTC re Northern Area reps and annual DAPTC AGM
- DAPTC re Leisure Strategy survey
- DAPTC Infrastructure Funding statement 2021/22
- DC Copy of formal notice, Traffic Management Order
- DC Senior Technical Officer re food safety guidelines at Village day

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- DC re environment Protection re public consultation Public Spaces Protection Order
- DC re temporary closure Angers Lane
- DC re temporary closure of A357 Thornhill Rd, Stalbridge postponed
- DC re Asset Community Value application acknowledgement
- Zurich re SLCC Community Building Summit 24/5/23
- Cllr Batstone re extraction of minerals, Land at Hazel Farm
- Zurich re insurance renewal
- Sovereign re grant funding available
- Dorset Council report May 2023

10. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben. Painting in progress thanks to VCG

Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben: Mower has been taxed

Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside: meeting taken place with rangers and landowner to try and resolve the blocked footpath behind the Facenda site. Ongoing.

Transport: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Cllr Rowe: AGM taken place. Cllr Rowe is Vice Chair. Vacancy for Secretary.

Football Club: Cllr S Corben: Presentation evenings coming up.

DAPTC: Nothing to report

Village Community Group (VCG): Sue Finklaire Sophie Pearce appointed secretary. £504 raised at latest auction. Clothes & Toy Sale as fundraiser for new play park on June

Church Matters: Cllr Jay: Interviews taken place for Priest in Charge of Okeford Benefice. A meeting has taken place with Vodaphone contractors re mast. Starting work early June and may possibly need to site portaloo on Village Hall car park or in church grounds. Flagstones still available for sponsorship.

Tree Warden: Cllr S Corben to ascertain requirement and potential costs involved of due diligence report on trees on or overhanging Council land.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of **£2,735.50** as the accounts for payment for April 2023.

Proposed by Cllr Rowe, Seconded by Cllr S Corben that these be paid. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Payee	DD/Chq No	Details	Amount £
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	60.50
Clerk	1576	Salary and exps	386.90
Earth Anchors Ltd	1573	Noticeboard	1794.00
Alan Frampton	1572	Swing repairs/Grass cutting exps	48.60
Parish Mag printers Ltd	1574	Apr/May Fippenny News	288.00
Linda Cook	1575	Hedgehogs R US	157.50
			2735.50

11.2 Accounts to be Paid:

- Bounceabout £160 - 2 bouncy castles hire
- Silver Street Loos £546 portaloo hire x 6
- Zurich Insurance £1,068.99
- £13.14 INC vat Defibrillator masks .

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11.3 Receipts:

Precept £14,090 – remittance advice received.

11.4 Any Other Financial Matters:

Zurich insurance renewal £1,068.99 (was £978.59 22/23)

Bank statement now received for current account to 14th April

12. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- Completed developments and subsequent ditch/hedge responsibility.

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane.**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.30pm.