

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY, 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Karen Rhys, Parish Clerk,

Also present: 11 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES Dorset County Cllr Pauline 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 5th September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Light Seconded: Cllr R Corben ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: apologies received from Cllr Batstone

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Parishioner asked if there was to be a school in the village. Rumours heard the Shillingstone School is full.
- Parishioner asked for clarification of advertised temporary road closures in village. Would access to Village Hall via Greenhayes be impacted? Clerk to write to DC to clarify.
- Parishioner noted that the stream near the footpath in Shillingstone Lane nr pumping station has almost disappeared.

5. UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS

Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe. Stand in village hall planned for 4th & 18th November to gather Parishioners feedback on Neighbourhood Planning Statement, playpark and school building. To be manned by Councillors.

Darknoll Lane: Cllrs Rowe & Cllr Light. Advised by DC repairs now agreed to make passable and Clerk to ascertain anticipated start date.

Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Cllr Rowe. Cllr Plummer to chase Wessex Internet re drain repair.

Museum: Cllr S Corben Clerk to chase decorator for start date.

Availability of Appropriate Grants: Cllr Rowe a grant for vulnerable young people was identified

Blocked Drains/flooding/Highways issues in Village: Cllr F Light./Cllr Rowe. DC advise hedges trimmed back in Castle Lane. Horse signs locations identified. Highways offer will go out with horse riders to check suitability.

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben – Letter received from contractor. After discussion it was agreed the surface is still not satisfactory and Clerk to request a site visit with Contractor and Cllr R Corben & Cllr N Plummer in next 2 weeks.

New Play Area Working Party/Bowey Proposed tender document had been circulated by Cllr Hunt and was discussed. Funding to come from S106 monies, fundraising and grants. **Proposed: Cllr Hunt Seconded: Cllr Rowe ALL IN FAVOUR** to accept and publish tender once Clerk has clarified with DAPTC where tender should be advertised/published according to regulations. Further accident in playpark had been reported. The RoSPA latest report has been reviewed and Council satisfied that all mandatory action has been carried out. Cllr R Corben to visit Bowey to investigate possibility of weighted gate.

Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe 44 page Oct/Nov issue now out. Clerk reported costs of increasing website capacity. Editor will look at ways of reducing data and will readdress at IT Review

The Village School: Cllr Rowe Salisbury Diocese have been notified about feasibility study in progress with a view to purchase. Dorset Council have advised they are interested in selling land used as playing fields. They wish to obtain their own valuation. Cllr Rowe to send formal email stating Council's interest to purchase. Sale of land is subject to Secretary of State approval – may be lengthy. Discussion took place re next steps in feasibility study. It was **Proposed by Cllr Rowe Seconded Cllr Light** to authorise expenditure of up to £2,000 to progress with land searches and survey. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Coronation Plans, a discussion took place regarding the wording options which the stonemason had confirmed was at the same quoted cost. It was proposed by Cllr S Corben Seconded by Cllr C Jay **ALL IN FAVOUR** of **THIS STONE WAS INSTALLED IN 2023 TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III**

20mph & SID: Cllr C Jay Good progress with 1st SID post now installed on Castle Lane and 20mph speed survey date logs now on High Street and Lower Street. Clerk to get the S72 License signed and returned.

Shillingstone Lane Development – Dorset Council advise the Parish Council has no power to change Contractors decisions re development and/or road names. Can only make suggestions. They will only intervene in extreme circumstances e.g. Illegal or offensive words etc. Also confirm Shillingstone Fields is development name only and does not feature in registered postal addresses.

Contractors Utilisation of Rec Car Park: Cllr N Plummer 2 quotes now received and after discussion it was agreed that Clerk write to accept the £5,000 contribution, to be ringfenced for new car park surface. Proposed: **Cllr S Corben Seconded Cllr R Corben ALL IN FAVOUR**

NOTICE BOARDS – Cllr S Corben to revisit board on The Cross to look at lock. Other boards to be looked at.

TREE SURVEY Cllr S Corben Cllr S Corben to cut down branches on tree causing issues nr village hall.

D Day Celebrations: Cllr S Corben will be away during the event but will liaise with parish groups for these celebrations to form a plan and report back at next meeting.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Gym Equipment at School –Gym Equipment at School – a discussion to place to the viability of relocating the gym equipment for public use in the village. Previously advised by industry expert that it was not in a good condition and therefore not viable or suitable for relocation and its reinstatement would likely bring risks that would be difficult to be mitigated against. **Cllr R Corben Proposed** a written quote is obtained to remove it and relocate to near The Pavilion, **Seconded by Cllr Light 2 IN FAVOUR 5 AGAINST NOT PASSED.**

Car In Village Hall Car Park – owner identified and will be removed by end of October.

Remembrance Day Wreath – Proposed by Cllr Rowe Seconded Cllr S Corben a wreath be purchased as in previous years Cost £35. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

7.1 Applications:

P/FUL/2023/04809 Proposal: Erect 19 No. dwellings, form amenity space, create vehicular access and 43 No. parking spaces. Location: Pleydells Farm Lower Street Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RQ **No Objections**

P/VOC/2023/05101 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 No. 2 of Planning Permission No. P/VOC/2023/01573 to amend the approved plans). Location: Banbury Cross Boarding Kennels And Cattery Angers Lane Fiddleford Dorset DT10 2BY **No Objections**

7.2 Planning Decisions:

P/HOU/2023/04330 Location: 4 Fippenny Hollow Okeford Fitzpaine DT11 0SD
Proposal: Demolish existing side lean-to conservatory and erect single storey extension
Decision: Granted Decision Date: 27/09/2023

P/HOU/2023/04065

Location: Beech House Castle Lane Okeford Fitzpaine Blandford Forum DT11 0RL Proposal: Demolish open porch and replace with new enclosed porch
Decision: Granted Decision Date: 11/09/2023

7.3 Other Planning Matters:

Planning Application Number: P/OUT/2022/04243

Location: 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) due to be heard on 26 September 2023 committee meeting was postponed.

Report of hedge cutting in Shillingstone lane received by a Parishioner. Clerk contacted Contractor and reported to Dorset Council Tree Environmental Team & Planning enforcement, to ensure no breaches of planning conditions.

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

9. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

Various newsletters - DAPTC, Volunteer Centre Dorset , Dorset Council, NALC,DCA,CEE, Dorset CPRE, Flood Wessex News, What's Happening in Stur, Fields in Trust, Active Places, Slow Ways

Other information received:

- DC re road closure Shillingstone Lane
- Dc re temporary closure Castle Lane and subsequent postponement
- DC re temporary road closure Dark Land, Fifehead Neville
- Mike Burt re change of Tel number
- Flood Wessex re resilience event at Wincanton 5th Oct
- DC re various road closures

Open Items:

- Email reply Roland Skeats, DC re Darknoll Lane

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- Email re revised quote Coronation stone
- Play Park minutes Sept 23
- Goddard Landscapes reply re car park concern and action required
- Email from Village Hall Committee re cherry tree east of Village Hall
- Emails from Parishioner/Hurst Estates/Tree & Environmental Team re hedge cutting in Shillingstone Lane
- Quote AJC re car park at Pavilion
- Emails from Parishioners re naming of Shillingstone Fields Development (direct and/or copied in) x 10, plus replies

Other:

- Seiretto re quote to increase capacity of Fippenny News website
- Blandford Youth & Community Centre re possible funding
- Total Energy – reminder of boiler service due 30/11

10. REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS:

Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben. Nothing to report

Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben:. Mower taxed.

Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside: Need to remind contractor that footpath behind chicken shed site is to be reinstated upon completion of development next Spring. Cllr Jay reported footpath to side of Village Hall was getting overgrown.

Transport: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Cllr Rowe: Nothing to report

Football Club: Cllr S Corben: Nothing to report,

DAPTC: Clerk attended Clerks Conference

Village Community Group (VCG): Sue Finklaire leaking noticeboard being looked at by supplier next week. £906 raised at last auction for Hedgehog Rescue. Current auction raising money for playpark.

Church Matters: Cllr Jay:. 14th Oct recorder and flute music event. Remembrance Service 29th October. Electrical contractor now selected. More progress with mobile mast, hopefully will be completed in next month or so.

Tree Warden: Cllr S Corben – update given in Other Items

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of **£906.64** as the accounts for payment for September 2023. **Proposed Cllr Jay, Seconded Cllr Rowe ALL IN FAVOUR**

Payee	DD/Chq No	Details	Amount £
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	27.50
Southern Electric	DD	Electric museum Aug 23	45.73
Southern Electric	DD	Electric Pavilion 13/5 – 18/8	195.58
British Gas	DD	Gas Pavilion 2/8 – 1/9	92.13
Clerk	001636	Salary £471.01 Expenses £74.69	545.70
			906.64

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11.2 Accounts to be Paid: BDO – external audit fee £210 + Vat £252 **Proposed Cllr Jay, Seconded Cllr Rowe ALL IN FAVOUR**

11.3 Receipts: £20 donation, £30 Fippenny news

11.4 Financial Review

Bank statement – c/a received to 14/6/23 £15,335.48. Print out of reserve statement to 1/6/23 £36307.62. Still no bank statements! Cllr Plummer to speak with Nat West

11.5 Any other financial matters

Conclusion of external audit – confirmation received, and notice posted.

12. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- Budgets for 2023/2024 (finance)
- VJ Day
- D Day (open items)
- Anti Virus renewal (finance)
- Waste Bin
- Elections and other info from Clerks Conference

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

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.35 pm.