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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024.**

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

**In attendance:** Dorset Councillor P Batstone

**Also present:** 8 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr S Corben, Clerk – Karen Rhys

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 Councillors 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr C Jay **Seconded:** J Hunt **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. **DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** update report received. Cllr Batstone reported that a section of the North Dorset Trailway at Fiddleford is in a poor condition and that there may be a request for Section 106 funds to match fund with other grants to repair it. Cllr Plummer will check whether the land is within the parish boundary.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – no items raised

5. **UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS**

**Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe.** Cllr Rowe updated the council on the redrafted neighbourhood planning statement. Minor amendments will be added following feedback, and then the document will go online. A copy will also be sent to Dorset Council.

**Darknoll Lane: Cllrs Rowe & Cllr Light.** Awaiting start date.

**Little/Mill Lane Crossing: Cllr Rowe. Cllr Plummer** met with Wessex Internet who have agreed for remedial work to be carried out in late Spring.

**Museum: Cllr S Corben** tile replacement update required. **Cllr R Corben** to chase.

**Availability of Appropriate Grants: Cllr Rowe** ongoing

**Blocked Drains/Flooding/Highways issues in Village: Cllr F Light/Cllr Rowe.** There are still concerns about the water flowing onto Lower Street. Significant work is required including hedge trimming and clearing the ditch. The meeting with Dorset Highways has not taken place as no date has been given. Action: A meeting is to be arranged between the parish council, Dorset Highways, and Sovereign Housing to discuss the issue. (Clerk to arrange).

**Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben** continue to monitor and review over the winter.

**New Play Area Working Party/Bowey.** Cllr Hunt reported that the contractor will need trees cutting back to enable them to gain access to Bowey field with machinery. He had found someone to do the work for £50. Cllr R Corben advised that the ownership of the trees to be checked before work commences. **Proposed by Cllr Hunt and Seconded by Cllr R Corben** that £50 be allocated to the job once the tree ownership had been verified. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

In addition, the placing of a box on the grass verge by an internet fibre company was raised as it had been done on parish council land without permission and left in a mess. Cllr Plummer to investigate and contact Gigalear.

Several households currently had worse internet coverage and were advised to report this to their provider.

**Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe** Nothing further to report.

**The Village School: Cllr Rowe.** Cllr Rowe reported that over 50 people attended the open event on 10 Feb at the school. A business case was due at the end of March. Cllr Rowe has spoken to the team working on the purchase of Winterborne Stickland school and as a result advised that a document search on the ownership of Okeford Fitzpaine school was advised which may require legal support. Dorset Council had also been in contact to say they were looking for purchase details. Cllr Rowe to contact the Hinton St Mary Estate.

**Coronation: Cllr S Corben** . Still trying to contact the builder. Clerk to chase.

**20mph & SID: Cllr C Jay** Dorset Council will be taking the 20mph speed limit to a formal public consultation later this year. Cllr Jay to find out whether data on speeding can be retrieved from the data logger on the SIDS and report.

**Notice boards – Cllr S Corben** Cllr Plummer to speak to contact about repair of board at The Cross

**Tree survey. Cllr S Corben** A third quote is still outstanding.

**IT Review.** Cllr Plummer to report in May.

**D Day/VJ Celebrations.** Volunteers are still required. Catering needs to be confirmed. Cllr Light reported on VJ and was advised to wait until the pageant master had released 2025 plans.

**Rose Cottage.** Dorset Council is working with the persons liable for the condition of Rose Cottage. The building may need to be logged as empty on the Dorset Council review.

**Poor Lands Trust.** Nothing further to report.

## 6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- MUGA – Cllr Hunt has spoken to two companies who advised on costings. The type of sporting activities also needs confirmation.
- Paving stones on the Cross. Following an issue raised by a resident, the stones on the cross need re-morticing. This may be a job for the builder working on the coronation stone so to be discussed with him once contact is made.
- Parish Clerk vacancy. Unfortunately the parish clerk has resigned. A replacement post has been advertised.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS:

### 7.1 Applications:

P/VOC/2024/00263.

Location: Banbury cross Boarding kennels and cattery, Angers Lane, Fiddleford, Sturminster Newton, DT10 2BY

Proposal: Erect 2 dwellings, create new vehicular access with brick piers, sliding metal gate, and 1.8m boundary wall. Create 4 parking spaces (with variation of Condition No.2 of planning permission P/VOC/2023/01573 to amend the approved plans of unit A.

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**Decision:** No objections. All in favour.

P/HOU/2024/00543

Location: Oke Apple House, Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0RS  
Proposal: Demolish lean to, erect single storey side extension, convert garage to living accommodation, and external alterations to ancillary building.

**Decision:** No objections. All in favour.

P/NMA/2-23/06744

Location: Pleydells Farm, Higher St, Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, DT11 0RQ  
Proposal: Non-material amendment: for changes to fenestration, pv panels and boundary treatment to plot 5, following grant of Planning Permission P/NOC/2021/05141 (erect 5 dwellings, form new vehicular access roads and create 14 parking spaces (demolish existing farm buildings).

**Decision:** No objections

## 7.2 Planning Decisions

None

## 7.3 Other Planning Matters:

Diversion of footpath 46 (planning)

The parish council objected to the diversion of footpath 46 as it was deemed inconvenient for the public and would also worsen the link to Darknoll Lane which is planned for improvement by Dorset Council.

Proposer: Cllr R Corben Seconder Cllr J Hunt. All in favour.

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

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

### Newsletters including

DAPTC E-News, Volunteer Centre Dorset, Dorset Council, NALC, DCA, CPRE, Dorset Climate Action Network, Dorset Council report, Zurich News

### Other information received:

- DAPTC re Gov.uk emails
- DAPTC re Local Transport Plan
- DAPTC re training x 2
- DAPTC re drop in with DC and SLCC x 3
- DAPTC re long serving councillors stepping down
- DAPTC re Councillors Network event
- DAPTC re Candidates & agents webinar 6<sup>th</sup> March
- DAPTC re Buckingham Palace nomination
- DAPTC re Hustings
- DAPTC re Northern Area meeting postponement
- DAPTC re personal safety briefings
- Gigagclear update
- Arts Development Co re County of Culture
- DC re temp closure A357
- DC re road closure Glue Hill
- DC re road closure Fifehead Common to Garlands Lane
- DC re road closure B3143 Alton Pancras

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- DC re road closure A357 Lydlinch
- DC re Transport & Travel survey x 2
- Dorset & Wilts Fire & Rescue re draft community safety plan
- DAPTC Election Resources
- Cllr Batstone re RBL flags D Day
- Cllr Batstone re DC additional signage to reduce speeding
- DC re consultation re diversion of footpath 46 (planning)

**Emails from parishioners/action required if not covered elsewhere:**

- Email from Parishioner re paving stones at The Cross (agenda item)

**10. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:**

**Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben.** Cllr R Corben obtained a quote to clear the mole problem at Bowey. Proposed to accept the costs of £100 + £45 per mole by R Corben Seconded: F Light. All in favour.

**Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben:** NFTR

**Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside** No update.

**Transport:** Nothing to report.

**Village Hall: Cllr Rowe:** Village Halls week is from 18-24 March and the village hall is inviting local groups to display what they do at the Mud pie cafe on 23 March. No Fippenny Fair this year.

**Football Club: Cllr S Corben:** May 12<sup>th</sup> tournament fundraiser for youth side and to promote club.

**DAPTC:** nothing to report

**Village Community Group (VCG): Sue Finklaire.** current auction raised £752 funds for 2 local pre schools. Woof will visit Blandford Fashion Museum in March. Films will be shown using the new village hall equipment.

**Church Matters: Cllr Jay:** The flooring is being relaid as part of the church reordering and services are currently taking place in the village hall.

**Tree Warden: Cllr S Corben:** NFTR

**11. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**11.1 Accounts for Payment:**

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of **£1080.54** as the accounts for payment for February 2024. **Proposed Cllr F Light, Seconded Cllr R Corben. All in favour**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>DD/Chq No</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	27.50
Fidei Holdings		Allotments annual rent to 28/2/25	450.00
Clerk		Salary £505.20 Expenses £44.99	550.19
Andrew Vickers		Repairs to memorial bench	52.85
			<b>1080.54</b>

11.2 **Accounts to be Paid:** Seiretto – additional space £99.00 - agreed

11.3 **Receipts:** £30 for parish mag ad

**11.4 Financial Review**

Still awaiting current account from 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 inclusive.

11.5 **Any other financial matters**

**12. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

- D Day flag purchase
- Fitz Fun Day

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.00 pm.