

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OKEFORD FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, CASTLE LANE ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024.

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

In attendance: Dorset Councillor P Batstone, Karen Rhys - Clerk

Also present: 8 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr C Jay,

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 23rd January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

4. **DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** update report received.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – no items raised

5. **UPDATES ON OPEN ITEMS**

Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Rowe. Draft plan to be updated and circulated before next meeting.

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. Water on Lower Street concerns. DC Highways have agreed to meet resident on site and Cllr R Corben to also attend. Clerk to contact DC.

Resurfacing of Village Hall Car Park: Cllr R Corben reviewing over the winter as surface improving.

New Play Area Working Party/Bowey. Contractor happy with project to be completed in phases.

Finance discussed and it was **Proposed by Cllr Hunt** and **Seconded by Cllr Light** that £10,000 be allocated from reserves for the project **ALL IN FAVOUR**. Remainder to come from S106 monies, and fundraising from donations, VCG and Fitz Fun day.

Fippenny News: Cllr Rowe Feb/Mar edition now out. Editor has recovered space on website.

The Village School: Cllr Rowe. Open morning 10th February so parishioners can see the site. The working group has now met. Cllr Rowe trying to contact DC re land at rear of site and will work on a paper outlining all options as Diocese require decision by 31 March 2024.

Coronation: Cllr S Corben advises stone mounted on a plinth may be easier option. Will get quotes. **Cllr S Corben Proposed** and **Cllr J Hunt seconded** that if quote is below £200 to proceed to avoid further delay. **ALL IN FAVOUR.** Clerk to contact Cllr Jay re contact for wall repairs
20mph & SID: Cllr C Jay SID moved from Castle Lane to Shillingstone Lane on 1 February and will alternate between the two. Having desired effect of slowing down the traffic.

DC has confirmed that at its recent 20mph Panel meeting, it was agreed to take the application to formal public consultation (Stage 2) within the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process. DC aim to conduct this consultation in the 2nd quarter of 2024/25 financial year. There is one final Stage (3) the outcome of which is dependent on whether there are any objections raised in Stage 2.

Contractors Utilisation of Rec Car Park £5,000 received, ringfenced for new car park surface.

Notice boards – Cllr S Corben Cllr Plummer to speak to contact about repair of board at The Cross
Tree survey. Cllr S Corben 2 contractors now visited and quoted. Agreed Cllr S Corben to obtain a 3rd quote. New tree planted in Mary Gardens.

D Day/VJ Celebrations. Volunteers are still required. Catering needs to be confirmed. Cllr Light will report back about VJ day at next meeting.

Rose Cottage. No further updates

Poor Lands Trust. Discussion re request received re registration of unregistered piece of land in name of Parish Council or charity. Cllr Plummer agreed to meet with Trustees to discuss.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Bowey Drainage – it has been agreed to clear ditch when weather conditions improve. Cllr R Corben to meet with Cllr Plummer on site to look at drain and hedges.
- Review of S106 monies. Cllr Plummer distributed a breakdown of available S106 monies and allocation as at Jan 2024.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

7.1 Applications: None Received.

7.2 Planning Decisions

P/FUL/2023/06741

Location: Pleydells Farm Higher Street Okeford Fitzpaine Dorset DT11 0RQ

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential, to extend the garden of Norton House.

Decision: Withdrawn

Decision Date: 25/01/2024

7.3 Other Planning Matters:

None

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 Feb 24 report

Other information received:

- DC Democratic Services – election poster
- DAPTC re Multi Sports Grass Roots Funding

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- DAPTC re Buckingham Palace Garden Parties . It was **Proposed** by Cllr S Corben, **Seconded** Cllr Rowe that Cllr R Corben be nominated to attend in recognition of his 50 years service. **ALL IN FAVOUR**
- DAPTC re Highways team
- Gigaclear – current work permits & on line event 22 February
- DAPTC re election resources
- Fowler Fortescue re increase in allotment charge £400 to £450 **PROPOSED** to accept Cllr Hunt, **SECONDED** Cllr S Corben **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Emails from parishioners/action required if not covered elsewhere:

- Email from Parishioner re email delivery failure
- Email from Parishioner re Stop the Defibrillator tax petition
- Email parishioner re info on prospective candidate’s promotion
- Tel calls from SSE about Smart meter

10. REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS:

Bowey Field: Cllr R Corben. Gate possibly repaired – will check. Cllr R Corben to contact pest controller re humane way of mole removal.

Recreation Ground/Pavilion: Cllr S Corben: Donation from History Club £25 received.

Rights of Way/Footpaths: Jeremy Gartside No update.

Transport: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Cllr Rowe: Nothing to report

Football Club: Cllr S Corben: May 12th tournament fundraiser for youth side and to promote club.

DAPTC: nothing to report

Village Community Group (VCG): Sue Finklaire. current auction raising funds for 2 local pre schools. Thanks to Cllr Rowe for speaking at recent WOOF meeting.

Church Matters: Cllr Jay:.No update

Tree Warden: Cllr S Corben: see open items

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

11.1 Accounts for Payment:

Okeford Fitzpaine resolve to approve the sum of **£1496.24** as the accounts for payment for January 2024. **Proposed Cllr S Corben, Seconded Cllr R Corben. All in favour**

Payee	DD/Chq No	Details	Amount £
Water 2 Business	DD	Water - Pavilion	27.50
Southern Electric	DD	Electric Pavilion	543.71
Seiretto	001655	domain hosting renewal	162.00
SSE	DD	Electric Museum	56.96
British Gas	DD	Gas - Pavilion	248.67
Clerk	001656	Salary £404.16 Expenses £53.24,	457.40
			1496.24

11.2 **Accounts to be Paid:** Parish Mag Printers £240.00 Feb/March magazines £52.85 Andrew Vickers – repairs to war memorial seat damage. **Proposed Cllr S Corben, Seconded Cllr R Corben. ALL IN FAVOUR**

11.3 **Receipts:** £25 History Club Donation. £5,000 AJC re Pavilion Car Park

11.4 Financial Review

Bank statement – Current account balance as at 02.01.24 £24,441.43

Deposit account balance as at 31.12.23 £36,600.08. Print outs/statements now received with exception of current account from 1st – 10th July 2023 inclusive. This will be required for year end balancing.

11.5 Any other financial matters

Precept submitted and acknowledged.

12. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

MUGA possibilities & costings

Okeford Fitzpaine Council resolved to note the date of the next meeting as **Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm to be held in The Pavilion, Castle Lane**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.11 pm.