

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 5th. MARCH 2018 held in the Community Centre at 7pm

Attendance and approval of Apologies for Absence

Present: Cllr Martin Rudd (Chairman), Cllr Kirsty Baird, Cllr Philip Blake, Cllr James Chetwode, Cllr Michael Hepburn, Cllr Sylvia Holdeman and Cllr Robert Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mary Giles and Cllr. Sherry Jespersen

In attendance: Mal Derricott– Clerk to the Council
7 Members of the public were present

To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

17.398 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th. JANUARY 2018

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th. January 2018, subject to the following amendment:

Min. No. 17/397 – Re: Pilgrim Fryer – It was noted that Cllr. Holdeman did not state that the water contained oil but fish debris.

17.399 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising

17.400 Councillor Reports

District and County Council January Report - Cllr Sherry Jespersen

The report was noted and will be available on the website.

17.401 Public Participation

- (a) A member of the public asked if the council has considered full access online banking. The Chairman, Cllr. Rudd, reported that the Clerk and he had already discussed this.

REFER To the next Meeting of the council on 26th. March for consideration.

17.402 Footpaths

The footpath officer, Alan Blundell, reported as follows:

The footpaths are generally in poor condition due to the weather and more so since the snow. Footpath 13 – A fallen tree has been removed.

Funding for Village Walks Booklet re-print. It was noted that the council is aware that this will need funding in the next financial year and requested that a formal application to release the funding is made.

Shillingstone to Child Okeford Trailway link – request for this to be considered.

ACTION Cllr. Chetwode and Footpaths Officer, Alan Blundell, will consider route and funding options and bring back to the council.

17.403 Tree Matters

QE11 Trust - Application for tree works on the recreation ground is approved

ACTION Clerk to obtain 2 quotes for the work from Leo Tandoh and Stuart Carter. Also, contact Mark Downie for the actual tree and its location.

17.404 Planning

Decisions on planning applications:

The Ark Nursery P/App. 17/1096 Mobile Classroom NDDC Approved 19.02.18

Planning applications:

5 Melway Lane P/App. 18/0175 Installation of rear dormer window and 2 No. roof lights to front to form bedroom in existing roof space.

Parish Council Observation:

No Objection

17.405 Finance

- (a) The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the cheque schedule and total amount of £602.30 - attached on page 53
- (b) The monthly statement of accounts to 31st. January 2018 was noted – attached on page 54
- (c) Grant request from QE11 Trust – The Council **RESOLVED** to grant the QE11 Playing Field Trust £200 towards the cost of the partial removal of the playground fencing.
- (d) Grant request from QE11 Trust – The Council **RESOLVED** to grant the QE11 Playing Field Trust £150 towards the cost of repairing the boundary hedge.

17.406 Highways Update

Cllr Hepburn reported:

(a) A report and summary regarding the village speed solutions and options has been received from the Community Highways Officer. It is a very comprehensive and helpful report. The Community Highways Officer will be present at the planned public meeting on 6th. April.

See report attached on Appendix (6 pages)

Also, the documents will be posted on the village website prior to the meeting on 6th. April.

ACTION Clerk to produce posters for the meeting on 6th. April to be distributed around the village and on the notice boards.

(b) The Council discussed the problem of the damage be caused to the verges and road edges around the village. It is hoped that when the weather dries the edges will harden and become less of a problem.

17.407 Consultations

No consultations have been received.

17.408 Back Up and Support for Village Website

It was noted that the Village Website Domain is held by the Parish Council. A website is necessary for the Parish Council to cover its legal obligations for transparency and information. It was felt that most of the requirements of the council and the community are currently met by the website and is free of charge. The back-up and updating are dealt with by Cllr. Rudd and the recent problems were not related to that but a more technical issue which Cllr. Rudd solved. Some investigations had been made into other providers and the likely costs.

The Council agreed to explore other options with due regard to the financial implications.

17.409 Village Map situated at The Cross needs attention – Cllr Smith

Cllr Smith reported that he is awaiting a quote for cleaning and tidying up the village map but is unable to deal with this until the weather improves.

17.410 Signage on The Cross

REFER Contacting a member of the Royal British Legion for advice/approval of the wording for the notice to the next Meeting of the Council.

17.411 Correspondence and Information

1. DAPTC – Office staffing update – Lisa Cooper (Training Co-ordinator) is absent on sick leave for at least 2 months.
2. North Dorset Community Networking Opportunity – Event at Gillingham on 19 March 10 – 11.30am
3. NFP Workshops – Bid Writing for Charities, Schools, Associations and Not-for-Profit Organisations
4. Hannah Snowden – Letter from Dorset Youth Association
5. Dorset Community Action – Best Village Competition 2018 – Applications open.

ACTION Forward email to Wendy Addley – the Co-ordinator

CIRCULARS

1. Rural Services Network – Rural Transport
2. Rural Services Network – News Digest 5.2.18
3. Civic Voice – War memorial News 6.2.18
4. Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin 7.2.18
5. Rural Services Network – News Digest 12.2.18
6. Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerable Service – Rural Broadband – February 2018
7. Rural Services Network – News Digest 26.02.18
8. Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Services – Fuel Poverty – February 2018
9. Rural Services Network – News Digest 5.3.18
10. DAPTC E-Newsletter No. 6
11. DAPTC – How to Open your E-Newsletter
12. DAPTC – Minutes of 16.01.2018
13. DAPTC – Secretary of State’s announcement – Support of LGR Proposals for Dorset
14. Civic Voice – War Memorials News – 20th. February 2018

17.412 Matters of Interest

- (a) Cllr. Hepburn – Amazing community involvement in clearing the snow this week
- (b) Cllr. Hepburn – Church bells have been rung
- (c) Cllr. Hepburn – Reported that the grit bins need checking for content and positioning.
There are 3 grit bins at Greenway, Jacobs Ladder and Shaftesbury Road.

ACTION Clerk to contact Dorset County Council to re-fill the grit bins.

REFER Review of grit bins to the next meeting.

- (d) Cllr. Holdeman – Reported that the War Memorial is looking very dirty and needs cleaning.

It was noted that it needs specialist cleaning with water and only minimal pressure.

REFER Refer to the next meeting of the council.

- (e) Cllr. Smith – Reported that the road salting routes need extending.
- (f) Cllr. Rudd – Reported that he was very pleased to see such community spirit during the snow. Dorset County Council did a good job keeping routes open and a local farmer cleared the routes on behalf of Dorset County Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed Dated

Please note that the foregoing do not become minutes until approved by Council and signed to that effect by the Presiding Chairman at the next meeting