

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 10th. September 2018 at the Community Centre, Station Road, Child Okeford DT11 8EL at 7.00pm

Attendance and approval of Apologies for Absence

Present: Cllr Martin Rudd (Chairman), Cllr. Mary Giles (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Kirsty Bair, Cllr. James Chetwode, Cllr Sylvia Holdeman, Cllr. Sherry Jespersen and Cllr Robert Smith

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. Michael Hepburn and Cllr. Philip Blake

In Attendance: Parish Clerk – Mal Derricott
6 Members of the public were present

Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest

18/45 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd. JULY 2018

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd. July 2018, subject to the following amendment:

Min. 18/34 It was noted that it was reported incorrectly in the minutes. The Chairman of the Badminton Club is not in a position to offer the use of the village hall but what he actually offered was that the Badminton Club would forego an evening occasionally on a Tuesday if it were for an important public meeting.

Min. 18/42(e) Delete Manston Parish Council and amend to Manston resident.

18/46 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd. JULY 2018

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd. July 2018, as a true and correct record of the meeting

18/47 Matters arising from previous minutes

Min. No. 18/44 - 3rd. July – It was noted that there has been no decision yet on P/App. 18/0595 (Outline) – Dorset Self Storage Company, Gold Hill Business Park.

18/48 Councillor's Reports

The report was circulated and will be on the website

Cllr. Sherry Jespersen reported as follows:

The current business of the councils is mainly preparing for the new Unitary Authority.

Steam Fair – A meeting will be held to review the Fair between Councillors and Steam Fair representatives.

18/49 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident reminded the council that it is the policy of this council that public comments are anonymous.
- A question was asked regarding the positions and speed limits of the SID installation – the council hope that the SID will support both 20 and 30mph zones.
- Question was raised whether the National Trust should be contacted re; how to get to Hambleton Hill.

The Clerk was requested to write to the National Trust to request that it gives visitors to Hambleton Hill directions and parking advice and maybe install some signs in the village for walkers to the hill.

It was noted that there is information on the village website.

18/50 Footpaths

The Footpaths Co-ordinator, Alan Blundell reported as follows:

Firstly, thanks are due to all the people who submitted notes to confirm that they had regularly used the permissive footpath between Netmead Lane and Legal Lane. The footpath has now been dedicated as a legal public footpath. Carol Mckay, the Senior Definitive Map Officer, made a site visit on 24th. August and took photographs and measurements. She has consulted aerial photographs and drawn an accurate map of the route, which will in due course, be added to the Ordnance Survey map. The landowners will be approached about the possibility of the path becoming a permissive cycle route. Sustrans will be consulted as it constitutes a safe route to school. Senior Ranger, Stuart Cauldwell, will be making a site visit on Thursday 13th., September with a view to upgrading the path's width and surface. It is possible that a grant will be required to pay for the surfacing, possibly from Sustrans.

The Council will be consulted about adding this path to the DCC Rangers service level agreement.

The stile on footpath 14 (to Shaftesbury Road) has been mended. The only stile on Footpath 12 (Crate Cottage to Common Drove) is broken and the landowner has agreed to have it replaced with a metal kissing gate. He has agreed to pay the £100 excess. With the Council's approval I will ask the Rangers to order one.

The Council approved the purchase of the new kissing gate and the funding will be taken from the Stiles Grant Fund

There is a broken post supporting the gate on the Wilson Haines bridge – the Rangers have been notified.

The council is delighted at this public footpath confirmation which forms part of the safe routes to school. Thanks, were given to Alan for all his work on our behalf.

The Clerk was requested to write to the landowner of the newly designated footpath to thank him and his family for their cooperation and help in allowing the permissive path to be made a public footpath. Also, request that the landowner confirms in writing his agreement to pay the £100 excess for the metal kissing gate on footpath 12.

18/51 Tree Matters

None

18/52 Planning Matters

a) **Decisions on planning applications:** None

b) **Planning applications:** None

c) **Planning Appeals**

P/App No. Saxon Inn, Gold Hill DT11 8HD – Appeal/0009/2018

Change of Use from A4 Public House to C3 Residential

Appeal Dismissed

18/53 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

(a) The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the cheque schedule and total amount of £1146.90. See attached list on page 94.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Smith

SECONDED Cllr. Holdeman

(b) **The monthly statement of accounts and budget to 31.08.2018 was reviewed –**
See attached on page 95

PROPOSED Cllr. Smith

SECONDED Cllr. Holdeman

(c) **Request for Grant from QE11 Playing Field Trust-**. A Formal request for a grant has been received to contribute towards the installation of a Pump Track, other recreational facilities and a track around the recreation ground. There have been several contributions to the CORGI Fund Raising efforts and to date the funding amounts to £5329.

The estimated cost of the project is not yet finalised but an application for a full grant of £50,000 will be submitted to The Community Asset Fund (Sport England) and a contribution from the Council will greatly improve the possibility of a grant being agreed.

PROPOSED Cllr Baird

SECONDED Cllr. Chetwode

The Council APPROVED a grant of £5000 to be taken from the General Reserve of the Council, subject to the success of the grant application to The Community Asset Fund.

(d) **Review of the Financial Regulations**

A draft Updated Financial Regulations was circulated to all Councillors.

The Council Approved the draft updated Financial Regulations, subject to 3 amendments agreed by the council.

The Clerk to amend the draft and send out to all Councillors.

PROPOSED Cllr. Rudd

SECONDED Holdeman

(e) **To Consider the Purchase of a Silhouette Soldier**

There has been a request to the Council to fund the cost of a Silhouette Soldier to commemorate the ending of the First World War. The amount requested is £100. It was noted that this has been purchased by a local resident who will be re-imbursed and it will not be an asset of the council.

The Council Approved the Re-imbusement of the Purchase of a Silhouette Soldier at a cost of £100, subject to Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Section 137 enables a Local Council to incur expenditure which is *'in the interests of and will directly benefit its area or any part of it and some or all of its inhabitants'*.

18/54 Update on Highways Matters

Speed Indicator Device – Follow Up

A SID has been ordered at a cost of £ 1000 + a bracket at £40.

The poles and installation have also been ordered at a cost of £738.16 + VAT

The poles will be erected soon. When the work on the installation of the poles is completed then the SIDs will be installed. Training will then be given regarding the moving of the SID from one pole to another

A meeting is requested by the Highways Officer and the council agreed to meet on Wednesday 18th. Sept. 11am.

Village Walkabout – Signs and road markings

The Clerk has been unable to make contact to date with a representative of Dorset County Council to enable this to go ahead. The previous officer has moved area and the officer appointed in her place has yet to make contact.

The Clerk was requested to contact the officer again as the Council is very keen to have this walkabout.

18/55 Correspondence and Information

- a) Annual Report of the Village Website Co-ordinators – Councillors thanked the co-ordinators for all their work and an excellent annual report.
- b) DAPTC – Minutes and Reports of the Northern Area Committee of 17th. July 2018.
- c) Grahame Downer Re: Proposed merger of Whitecliff and Eagle House Surgeries.
- d) Transport Action Group – Report of a meeting to resurrect this group. This council will keep a watching brief for the time-being as the village maintains an interest in this subject,
- e) Shaping Dorset Council – Town and Parish Councils Briefing – August 2018

18/56 Matters of Interest

- (a) Cllr. Mary Giles - Re: Haywards Lane Closure – Whilst the road is closed it would be an idea to do a litter pick prior to the opening of the section currently closed. Agreed date **22nd. September 10am**. Cllr. Giles will put notices around the village.
- (b) Cllr. Sherry Jespersen – Remembrance Sunday and the 100th. Year commemoration. The council requested the that the Clerk write to local organisations to encourage groups, school etc. to participate on the day.**
- (c) Cllr. Holdeman expressed concern that village map refurbishment has not yet taken place.

(d) Cllr. Holdeman – Road works in Haywards Lane (pot holes etc) - After reporting for 2 years has still not been carried out.

The Clerk was requested to contact Highways and remind that in 2 – 3 weeks this road will be heavily used when the water works phase 2 begins and Station Road will be closed.

(e) Cllr. Holdeman expressed her concern that overgrown hedges are not being cut back.

The Council was reminded that residents should be aware that it is their responsibility to keep their hedges cut back, especially where it is encroaching on the road obscuring the visibility.

(f) Cllr Rudd – Gave thanks to Footpaths Officer for all his work.

(g) Cllr. Rudd – Gave thanks to the Council for the grant to the QE11 Recreation Ground fund raising.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th. October 2018

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed Dated

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