

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 8th. OCTOBER 2018 at the Community Centre, Station Road, Child Okeford DT11 8EL following the QE11 Trust Meeting at 7.45pm

Attendance and approval of Apologies for Absence

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

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr, Mary Giles, Cllr. James Chetwode, and Cllr. Sherry Jespersen

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

Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest

18/57 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th. Sept. 2018

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th. September 2018, subject to the following amendment:

18/58 Matters arising from previous minutes
None

18/59 Councillor's Reports

The District Councillors report was circulated and will be on the website.

18/60 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Footpath near Markstone Cottages has been cleared and oak trees and hawthorn have been cut down – possibly National Trust and have planted some saplings.

ACTION Write to the National Trust to clarify why the oak and hawthorn trees have been cut down. Also, enquire whether the National Trust have ownership of the layby (used to access Hambledon Hill) in Shaftesbury Road.

18/61 Footpaths

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

- The Rangers have mended the gate at the Wilson Haines bridge
- An order has been placed for a metal kissing gate on footpath 12 (from Crate Cottage to Common Drove) to replace the broken stile.
- The Rangers have removed the fallen tree on footpath34 (the back of Homefield)
- Sustrans has been contacted regarding the possibility of a grant to help resurface the newly designated footpath, as it is a safe route to school. However, Sustrans is unable to offer funding for this. The DCC Rangers are looking for alternative funding.

- The DCC Rangers have now given a quote for the increase in the cost of the annual Service Level Agreement (SLA) to include the new footpath, which is £58.74.

The Council APPROVED the cost of £58.74 to be added to the DCC Rangers Annual Service Level Agreement.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Smith

SECONDED: Cllr. Blake

The Council discussed the possibility that there may be other footpaths that could be added to the SLA in the future.

18/62 Tree Matters

None

18/63 Planning Matters

- a) **Decisions on planning applications:** None
- b) **Planning applications:** None
- c) **Planning Appeals:** None

18/64 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- (a) The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the cheque schedule and total amount of £762.82 See attached list on page 93.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Smith

SECONDED: Cllr. Rudd

- (b) **The monthly statement of accounts and budget to 31.08.2018** was reviewed at the meeting on 10th. September 2018

- (c) **Request for Grant from The Ark Nursery**

The letter received from the Chairman of the Ark Nursery was circulated to all councillors.

ACTION After consideration the Council agreed to contact the applicant for further information and to establish what is the amount of the grant applied for.

- (d) **2019/2024 Budget – Financial Plans/Vision.**

The Council discussed the budget for the year 2019/2020 and the possibility of considering projects/plans for the following 4 years. The Clerk advised councillors that the term for councillors after the election next May will be 5 years instead of 4 years. Also, the following election will be for 5 years. After that the election dates will synchronise with the other councils in the new Dorset Council and return to 4-year terms.

ACTION The Clerk will Draft a basic budget, circulate to councillors for discussion at the next Council Meeting on 5th. November.

18/65 Update on Highways Matters

- (a) **Update on Highways Walkthrough –** Cllr. Rudd and others met with 3 officers from DCC Highways. Cllr. Rudd drew up a report of the meeting and the proposals for traffic calming that were discussed and considered.

The Council APPROVED some of the elements as discussed at the walk through the village, as follows:

- Repaint all existing road markings throughout the village, including the 20mph and 30mph areas where the markings are worn to less than 75% (as per our understanding of policy).
- Paint new 'SLOW' road markings on the four entrances to the village.
- Clear the foliage from the 20mph roundel sign opposite the Cross Stores.
- Replace the 30mph roundel sign and post by the farmer's field on the Duck Street entrance to the village.
- Replace all road signs throughout the village including 20mph and 30mph areas where worn by more to less than 75% (as per our understanding of the policy).
- The Parish Council will contact the various landowners to clear foliage obstructing existing road signs and roundels throughout the village. Should it be required the council will take the relevant escalation steps. However, the initial contact will be a request from the Parish Council.
- The Council takes the position that it will assess the impact of the above measures and the deployment of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on the speed and traffic in and around the village before undertaking any further work discussed or other options available. In this way the council hopes to take effective, holistic and measured action regarding the concerning issue of traffic speed in Child Okeford.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all who attended this walk through.

(b) The Speed Indicator Device (SID) is arriving tomorrow and training will be given – Cllr. Smith and Hepburn will be present to undertake the training.

(c) Wessex Water Main Replacement – An email was received from Wessex Water to inform that Phase 1 is almost complete and Phase 2 is to start within the next week. Also, that there are no issues with the new water main, however there are issues regarding the existing main and services.

ACTION Clerk to write to Wessex Water to report that there are still signs denoting road closed which is adversely affecting road users and business' negatively causing a severe impact on the commercial activity of the village.

(d) Dorset County Council – It was noted that there will be a partial closure on Station Road until 31st. October.

ACTION The Clerk to write to report that there are still signs denoting road closed which is adversely affecting road users and business negatively causing a severe impact on the commercial activity of the village.

(e) Dorset County Council - Salt Bin refill and supply of Salt Bags

(f) Dorset County Council Salt Bags

ACTION Contact Church to see if a salt bag can be located in the car park for their and the council's use at a cost of £60 + VAT

18/66 Consultations

The Council Agreed to accept the QE11 Trust Annual Report as discussed at the QE11 Trust Meeting prior to this meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Rudd

SECONDED: Cllr. Baird

18/67 Correspondence and Information

- (a) **The Bronze Memorial Plaque** has been delivered and it needs to be installed on the War Memorial at The Cross.

ACTION Cllr. Holdeman to contact a local contractor to install it.

18/68 Matters of Interest

- (a) Fantastic evening on Saturday at the October Fest raising funds for the Community Centre.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th. November 2018

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

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