

# CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 24<sup>th</sup>. JUNE 2019 at the Community Centre, Station Road, Child Okeford DT11 8EL at 7.00pm**

## **Present**

Cllr. Martin Rudd (Chairman), Cllr, Mary Giles (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Kirsty Baird, Cllr. Mark Kerridge, Cllr. Karen Knapton, and Cllr. Robert Smith

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

**Apologies were received from:** Cllr. James Chetwode

**Declarations of Interest** in any Matter on the Agenda - None

## **19/14 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup>. May 2019**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2019.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Martin Rudd                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Kirsty Baird

## **19/15 To Discuss Matter Arising from the previous Minutes**

There were no Matters Arising.

*Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman arrived at 7.02pm*

## **19/16 Dorset Councillor's Report – None received**

## **19/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a) Member of the public asked about the public participation session and queried about commenting on matters on the agenda. He asked if matters could be discussed at a later part of the meeting. The Chairman replied that unless there were exceptional circumstances this was the allocated time for the public to speak.
- b) Concern Re: lack of signing at the A350 to note that the diversion route (due to the closure of Durweston Bridge) could lead to many more vehicles, including heavy Goods Vehicles, to divert through Child Okeford. It was noted that Dorset Council had been requested to display signs at the entrances to the village, to prohibit HGV's using the

**ACTION** route through the village as a short-cut to avoid the long diversion.

Clerk to contact Highways at Dorset Council.

- c) The new footpath between Legal Lane and Netmead Lane needs some remedial work but mechanical issues has delayed maintenance work on the footpaths.
- d) **Speed watch team – High Street and The Hollow –**It was thought that there were going to be extra road marking, indicating 20mph, in High Street and The Hollow. Since the Speedwatch began over 4 years ago here has been little or no change in the way drivers use the lanes through the village.

There were 2 items for council to consider:

The Speedwatch Team Would like to see more 20mph road markings on High Street and The Hollow.

Secondly, a request that a Parish Councillor is appointed to the Speedwatch Team. The council agreed to review the agreements that were made previously with Dorset Council regarding the road markings.

- e) Planning Application Re; dwelling north of the village hall. A letter of objection has been sent to Dorset Council. The objections were outlined by a member of the public and a request that the parish council refuse the application. Concern that the application is similar to previous applications on this site and they were refused and some of the reasons for refusal still apply to this application.

It was noted that the council will be considering this application later in the meeting.

- f) Electrical vehicle points – A letter asking for expressing of interest has been received from Dorset Council and this will be considered by the council later in the meeting.

#### **19/18 Footpaths and Tree Matters**

There was no report. Alan Blundell sent his apologies.

#### **19/19 Planning Matters**

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

- b) **Planning applications:**

**P/App. 19/0469/FUL - Land North of the Village Hall. The Hollow** – Erect dwelling with associated parking.

The following matters were considered by the council:

- There is no objection from Dorset Council Highways regarding the entrance on to The Hollow
- Concern re: Trees with TPO's
- Adjacent to the Conservation Area – is it in keeping the character of the area?
- Changes have been made to the plans since the previous refusal.
- Only legitimate objection remaining is possibly the character of the area.
- It is speculative about how the application would affect the Village Hall.

#### **COUNCIL OBSERVATION: OBJECTION**

- The council do not feel that this dwelling is in keeping with the character of the area, which is adjacent to the conservation area.
- There are still concerns that were noted in the appeal decision, which dismissed the appeal.
- The council value the village hall as an important community facility, which is increasingly used and popular. We are not prone to support anything that could jeopardise the future of the village hall.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Martin Rudd**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman**

**P/App. 19/0616 – St. Nicholas Church, Church Road** – Remove and replace boiler, install flue and carry out associated internal and external alterations.

**COUNCIL OBSERVATION: No Objection**

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Bob Smith**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Mary Giles**

**P/App/ 19/0768 – Walnut Croft, Rectory Lane** – Form pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage.

**COUNCIL OBSERVATION: No objection**

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Bob Smith**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Mark Kerridge**



19/21 Update on Highways Matters (continued)

Duck Street – Agricultural contractors left the road in an appalling condition and very dangerous. Another access was noted as also in very muddy condition. The Chairman of the Council agreed in the first place to have an informal conversation with the landowners.

**19/22 To Consider Dorset Council’s Project to Install Electrical Vehicle Charging Points**

In principle this Council, depending on cost, is very interested

**The Council PROPOSED that Dorset Council is contacted, and an interest is shown**

**ACTION for a location at the Community Centre Car Park and a request is made for further information to facilitate this request.**

**19/23 To Report on Consultations - None**

**19/24 Correspondence and Information**

The Ark – Invitation to the Opening of The Raft on 10<sup>th</sup>. July 2019 – Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman will represent The Council.

**19/25 Matters of Interest**

- ACTION**
- a) The Chairman, Cllr. Martin Rudd reported on a fantastic Hey Day Event. The Council will send a thank you to the committee
  - b) The Chairman noted that some local councils are going to stop single use plastics. The Chairman will discuss with the councils to see if there is anything this council can do.
  - c) Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman noted that some young people’s groups have made a greenhouse from single use plastic bottles.
  - d) Cllr. Mark Kerridge asked if there is any follow up on pending applications. It was suggested that Dorset Councillor, Sherry Jespersen is contacted.

**The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. July 2019**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....  
Chairman of the Council

*Please note that these minutes are draft minutes until approved by Council and signed at the next meeting of the Parish Council*