

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 9th. DECEMBER 2019 at the Community Centre, Station Road, Child Okeford DT11 8EL at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr. Martin Rudd (Chairman), Cllr. Kirsty Baird, Cllr. Karen Knapton, Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman, Cllr. Robert Smith, Cllr. Mark Kerridge, Cllr. Leo Tandoh and Cllr. Tim Cotton

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

Apologies were received from: Cllr. Mary Giles

Declarations of Interest in any Matter on the Agenda – None

19/75 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Tim Cotton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and it was Countersigned by the Clerk of the meeting.

19/76 Resignation of Councillor Martin Rudd

The Council accepted the resignation of Councillor Martin Rudd and agreed that the notices of Election will be displayed. Cllr. Rudd continued as Chairman for this meeting.

19/77 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th. NOVEMBER 2019

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th. November 2019,

19/78 To Discuss Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

There were no Matters Arising.

19/79 Dorset Councillor's Report

Not received yet.

19/80 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alan Blundell – The Hollow – the 20mph sign has been damaged and Cllr Knapton has reported it.

There is also a damaged school sign in Haywards Lane.

19/81 Footpaths and Tree Matters

Alan Blundell Reported on Footpath Matters

ACTION

FP N35/12 (See Nov. Minute 19/68ii) – no reply from Dorset Council – The Clerk was requested to contact the Environment Agency.

It was agreed to add the footpaths in Legal Lane and to the rear of Mulberry Cottage to the current SLA. It was noted that Alan Blundell will walk the footpaths with the Rangers

Generally, the footpaths are very muddy due to the very wet weather.

Trees – it was noted that behind Malabar House there is a notice to the effect that the elms and holly trees are to be felled. Cllr Tandoh agreed the work is needed to be done.

19/82 Planning Matters

a) Dorset Council Decisions on planning applications:

- **19/0891/FUL The Old Bakery, Upper Street** - Erect No. 1 dwelling (demolish existing derelict cottage and garage).

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: OBJECTION

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

- **19/0892/LBC The Old Bakery, Upper Street** - Erect No. 1 dwelling (demolish existing derelict cottage and garage).

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: As above (P/App: 19/0891)

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

- **19/1275/HOUSE 30 Greenway, Child Okeford, DT11 8DZ** - 1 No. two-storey extension alter drive and erect 1 No. double bay carport with store.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

- **19/1224/HOUSE The Dower House, Lower Common Road to Fontmel Farm**
To extend and alter dwelling as drawing indicate – to incorporate 1 No. single storey sunroom, 1 No. 2 storey extension to main dwelling and 1 No. 2 storey extension to annex.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

- **19/1397/FUL Dovecote Farm, Common Drove, Child Okeford, Dorset, DT11 8QY.**
Erect agricultural livestock and storage building.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

- **19/1038/HOUSE Two Ways, The Hollow**
Demolition of single storey lean-to structure and erection of single storey extension to the rear. Part demolition of existing boundary wall.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: No Objection

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

b) Planning Applications

2019/1405/HOUSE Five Chimneys, Duck Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8ET

Erect rear porch remove window and form new entrance doorway. Brick up existing door to store, remove non load bearing internal wall and erect replacement wall.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

• **2/2019/1406/LBC Five Chimneys, Duck Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8ET**

Erect rear porch remove window and form new entrance doorway. Brick up existing door to store, remove non load bearing internal wall and erect replacement wall. Main building, form doorway between kitchen and dining room and take down stud walls and form a cupboard. Carry out all internal and external alterations in association to this.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

• **2/2019/1590/FUL Holdway House, Shaftesbury Road, DT11 8EQ**

Erect 2 No. Dwellings

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

b) Planning Appeals: None received

c) Consultations: None received

19/83 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

a. Approval the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments schedule and total amount of £3472.25 as attached on page 185.

Proposed: Cllr. Robert Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. Leo Tandoh

b. The statement of accounts to 31.10.2019 was reviewed and approved – See attached on page 186.

Proposed: Cllr. Karen Knapton **Seconded:** Cllr. Robert Smith

c. Annual Budget – 2020/2021

The draft budget for 2020/2021 was examined by the councillors and it was agreed to increase the budget for the Clerk's salary by £500 due to the Clerk's resignation. And the appointment of a new clerk. (see below)

The Council **recommended APPROVAL** of the **2020/2021 budget**, and the **precept will be £21410** as attached on page 187.

Proposed: Cllr. Martin Rudd **Seconded:** Cllr. Robert Smith

d. Resignation of the Clerk to the Council

The council accepted the resignation of the Parish Clerk. She will finish at the end of February to allow the council to appoint a new clerk with an overlap for training.

Councillors considered that there may be extra costs associated with the employment of the clerk. The overlap will cost extra salary, possible pension contributions and training costs. Therefore, the council agreed to increase the budget for the Clerk's salary by £500.

The Council authorised the Employment Committee to undertake the selection and interviews of applicants and to appoint, if there is a suitable applicant.

e. Annual Inspection of Council Property

Cllr Tandoh Agreed to undertake the inspection and refer the next inspection to the meeting in December 2020.

f. Annual Calendar 2020 was approved as attached on page 188.

Refer Annual Public Meeting to the agenda for March 2020

19/84 Update on Highways Matters

- **BT Proposed temporary closure of Haywards Lane** – Closure between Greenaway and Chalwell on 16th. January 2020 between the hours of 9.30 to 15.30 to renew decaying telegraph pole.
- Cllr Holdeman reported a leak on Haywards Lane near the school and drain on the way to Haywards Bridge is overflowing and dangerous on the bend.
- Cllr. Tandoh reported the leak in Gold Hill (Dorset Council report no. 37440628001)

19/85 Consideration of a Village Plan

Cllr. Kerridge has done some research on Village Plans. He has spoken with someone who has been involved in Neighbourhood Plans. Several options to examine. The community must agree to have a neighbourhood plan and it could take a few years. There are some grants available.

Cllr. Kerridge feels that the council should have a say in what happens within it's community.

Cllr. Smith reminded councillors that the Dorset Councillor noted that the village could be part of the Dorset Council plan. The production of a village/neighbourhood plan is an enormous undertaking, and there's a need to have an idea what the village needs/wants from a plan.

Concern that a village/neighbourhood plan will take a large amount of time and effort and needs many people to be involved. Also, concern that it could cause divisions within the village.

The meeting was suspended for a member of the public to inform the council of a previous attempt to have a Parish Plan in 2004, which was a lot of work but ultimately unsuccessful.

The meeting was re-convened.

Cllr. Kerridge agreed to undertake some more research and meet with people who have knowledge and then refer the idea of Village/Neighbourhood Plan to the meeting of the council in February 2020. Councillors felt that they needed to have time to consider this more fully and have more information regarding time, effort and costings.

19/86 Welcome to the Village Event

It was noted that In June there will be a marquee in the playing field for the wedding and the Hey Day that could maybe be used.

Village Hall has always been the venue for this event.

Refer to the February 2020.

19/87 To Report on Consultations - None

19/88 Correspondence and Information

- a) Dorset National Park – The Clerk was requested to contact the Dorset National Park **ACTION** Team to enquire how long the talk will take to establish if it is viable at a regular council meeting.
- b) Village dog bins – Replacements – Contact Dorset Council – Waste Partnership

19/89 Matters of Interest

- a) Cllr. Tandoh reported that someone was hit by a car this week in Haywards Lane. Request that Haywards Lane outside school should be 20mph rather than 30mph but it was noted that the council has requested this on several occasions, but the Dorset Council has not approved this. Any accidents should be reported to the Police.
- b) Cllr. Kerridge – Melway Gardens reported that a hedge may have been removed and replaced by a fence and it was in the original planning permission that the hedge should remain.
- c) The Council thanked Cllr Rudd for his Chairmanship, gave him a gift and wished him all the best. A member of the public also thanked Cllr. Rudd too.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 6th. January 2020**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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