

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 3rd. February 2020 at the Community Centre, Station Road, Child Okeford DT11 8EL at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr. Kirsty Baird (Acting Chairman) Cllr. Mary Giles (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Karen Knapton, Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman, Cllr. Robert Smith & Cllr. Mark Kerridge.

In Attendance: 4 Members of the public were present

Minute silence for ex-councillor Graham Downer

In the absence of the clerk Cllr. Karen Knapton agreed to minute the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Cllr. Leo Tandoh and Cllr. Tim Cotton

Declarations of Interest in any Matter on the Agenda – None

19/104 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th. January 2020

The Council **RESOLVED** approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th. January 2020.

19/105 To Discuss Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

There were no Matters Arising.

19/106 Dorset Councillor's Report

A copy of the Dorset Councillor Report will be put on the website. The budget is the main discussion at the moment, with the integration of all previous Councils Council Tax still being developed.

19/107 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) District Councillor, Cllr Sherry Jespersen discussed the Dorset Wide Local Plan (DWLP) which is due to be published in April 2024. This is a set of planning policies to guide planning over the 15-20 years. The DWLP is put together by all sectors of the Council and residents of Dorset and will be approved by referendum. It is required to be pro developed. It is a guide to ensure that there is the best development plan possible. It is not a tool to stop development. A Neighbourhood Plan is a supplementary planning document that sits alongside the DWLP, the Neighbourhood Plan must fit into and conform with the DWLP. Cllr Sherry Jespersen explained that the Neighbourhood Plan can state how many houses are needed but it cannot stop development. Most villages are not putting together a Neighbourhood Plan, but there are 7 villages that are putting plans together. A team of about 8 to 10 people is required and it will take about 5 years and although independent of the Parish Council, they do work alongside the PC. A grant is available for the planning consultants. Advantages are that it identifies preferred sites from landowners and it is also an opportunity to identify any important green spaces. The Neighbourhood Plan can

dictate the look and design of any development. Disadvantages are it may force landowners to come forward with their available land. There is a misapprehension that the Neighbourhood Plan may stop speculative development. Many communities have found it very divisive, however it must be understood that the DWLP will be published before any Child Okeford Neighbourhood Plan is completed. An alternative to a Neighbourhood is to focus on the DWLP as it evolves over the next few years. DWLP will do all the research about development in villages. We can use the DWLP to designate the suitable sites. A suggestion was that we work with other local villages to pressure the community requirements.

- b) Andrew Stephenson Hamilton explained that he and his daughters are planning to take over the village shop and Post Office on the 3rd April. Andrew will be seen in the shop over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition. The Council expressed its thanks to Andrew and looks forward to working with him.

19/108 Footpaths and Tree Matters

Alan Blundell Reported on Footpath Matters. Alan met with the Rangers and did a complete walk about through with the Rangers of the village footpaths. The Rangers have agreed to take over the footpath as previously discussed. They are footpath 10 from Netmead lane to Mulberry Cottage at an additional cost of £41.00 pa and Footpath 8 along side the Cross's field to the river for an additional £19.80 pa. The fallen tree at the bottom of Legal Lane was cleared in a timely manner after a call from Alan. Winter clearance will be happening on the footpaths over the next few weeks. The Council thanked Alan for his work on the footpaths.

The Council agreed to add this extra cost to the current Service Level Agreement (SLA).

19/109 Planning Matters

a) Dorset Council Decisions on planning applications:

19/0834/FUL Abergavenny Farm, Ridgeway Lane - Convert barn into No.1 dwelling

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: Strongly Object
DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

19/0382 1 Cowshed Studios, Gold Hill Organic Farm, Ridgeway Lane

Change of Use of livestock building to glass blowing and art studios and erect solar panels (part retrospective).

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION
DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

19/1598/HOUSE Chalk Pit Farm, Sandy Lane- Single storey extension

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: No Objection
DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: APPROVE

a) Planning Applications

2/2019/1726/HOUSE 11 Homefield DT11 8EN

Erect single storey side and rear extension, additional porch roof to the front and rear elevations (demolish existing conservatory and porch).

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION

NO OBJECTION

2/2019/0469/FUL – Land North of The Village Hall the Hollow Child Okeford Dorset

The Council resolved to suspend the meeting for discussion of this planning application. The meeting was re-convened.

PREVIOUS OBJECTION STILL STANDS

b) Planning Appeals: None received

c) Consultations: None received

19/110 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

a. Approval the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments schedule and total amount of £563.25, See attached on page 191.

Proposed: Cllr. Leo Tandoh

Seconded: Cllr. Karen Knapton

b. The statement of accounts to 31.12.2019 was reviewed and approved – See attached on page 192.

Proposed: Cllr. Mary Giles

Seconded: Cllr. Kirsty Baird

c. The Council approved engagement of Rosie Darkin-Miller for the annual accounts 2019/2020. The Clerk was required to sign and return the terms of engagement.

19/111 Update on Highways Matters

a. SID – Upgrade Solar Panel. The solar panel for the SID in The Hollow cannot hold its charge for the 6 weeks. The current solar panel is small and is in a shady location due to the overhanging trees and homes

The Council have been offered a new panel for approximately £140.

The Council RESOLVED that to approve the purchase of a new solar panel with a limit of £200.00 for the new panel and fitting.

- b. Cllr. Holdeman met with Highways and they have filled the potholes, but it was emphasised that The Hollow repairs are failing again.

19/112 Consideration of a Village Plan – Follow Up from Public Participation (if any).
Cllr Mark Kerridge attended the workshop on today – Refer to the next meeting

19/113 Welcome to the Village Event – The Council decided that this was not required as the Hey Day has really taken over the day.

19/114 Repairs to the Millennium Bench and General Street Furniture Cleansing
Cllr. Holdeman suggested that Hugh Lewis, who works for Dorset Council, be asked to clean the benches and Millennium Notice Board.

19/115 To Report on Consultations - None

19/116 Correspondence and Information - None

19/117 Matters of Interest

- a. Finger Posts – Cllr. Robert Smith would like to request approval to obtain a quotation for a repair of a finger post in Haywards Lane. The Council agreed to this.

- b. Cllr. Kirsty Baird asked about the ownership of the current dog bins. The Council own the dog bins. They will not put a bin in the church yard due to access issues. Cllr. Robert Smith suggested that the Church put up signs telling people to put dog mess in the bin near the bus stop. It was commented that DWP need to replace the broken bins, however they no longer provide just dog bins but general waste bins for all waste.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 2nd. MARCH 2020**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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*