

# CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 04<sup>th</sup>.JANUARY 2021 by Zoom video conferencing at 7.00pm

### Present

Cllr. Kirsty Baird (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Tim Cotton, Cllr. Karen Knapton, Cllr. Susan Case, and Cllr. Mark Kerridge.

### In Attendance:

Parish Clerk – Philippa Tandoh

Cllr. Sherry Jespersen

1 members of the public were present

### Apologies were received from:

Cllr. Robert Smith

Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman

Cllr. Mary Giles

Cllr. Karen Knapton

Alan Blundell – Footpath Officer

**In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Kirsty Baird chaired the meeting.**

**Declarations of Interest in any Matter on the Agenda** – No Declarations of Interest to report.

### **20/59 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**Proposed:** Cllr. K Baird **Seconded:** Cllr. T Cotton

### **20/60 To Discuss Matters Arising from the previous Minutes**

The Clerk reports that existing contractor Mark Downie is happy to complete the regular maintenance of the Cross area. The Clerk needs to confirm the regular works completed.

### **20/61 Dorset Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Jespersen's report had not yet been received however as she was present at the meeting, she advised that Dorset Council had recently focused on three main areas: Dorset's new position as a tier 3 area, Brexit, and winter weather. Regarding Brexit, Cllr. Jespersen discussed General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) as it is a regulation of the European Union. She advised the parish council to continue adhering to GDPR guidelines until Dorset Council reports otherwise. Secondly, she discussed winter weather and reports that most rough sleepers are now under cover.

Cllr. Jespersen also reported on the consultation for the plans for a new waste management site on the Sunrise Industrial Estate in Blandford. She encouraged both Councillors and the public to get involved with the consultation which is a questionnaire available online.

### **20/62 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public wished to discuss application P/OUT/2020/00177 (Hambleton Cottage) which was to be considered at the meeting. The individual is a neighbour of Hambleton Cottage and reports that his and one neighbouring property share a communal septic tank with Hambleton Cottage. The member of the public reports that the tank is at or exceeding its limit and has previously overflowed. He has discussed with the applicant for an amendment to the application for its own waste management system. The individual has no objection to the application on the condition the property does not use the existing septic tank.

### **20/63 Footpaths and Tree Matters**

A report from Alan Blundell was received prior to the meeting, he reports:

The newly surfaced footpath has been very well received and I am hoping that the surface will last through the winter until the top gravel surface can be applied in the spring. It will not be tarmacked. Our thanks go to Dorset Council and the Parish Council for funding this project. It should be noted that it is a footpath, not a bridleway and should not be used by horses.

## **20/64 To Consider Planning Matters**

### **a. Dorset Council decisions on planning applications:**

- **2/2020/1248/HOUSE Brackenhurst, High Street, DT11 8EH.**

Erection of studio and first and second floor extensions. Formation of parking area and external alterations to include re-cladding of walls.

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: OBJECTION**

**DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: WITHDRAWN**

### **b. Planning applications:**

#### **i. P/FUL/2020/00074 Dairy House Barn, Olivers Mead, DT11 8HT**

Change of use and conversion of office building and separate outbuilding to 4 no. residential units

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

#### **ii. P/FUL/2020/00183 Bloomfield Camping, Common Drove, DT11 8QY**

Erect a steel portal frame building with basic toilet and kitchen facilities, to provide classroom or meeting room space.

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

*The Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle but raised concerns that the building may be used for alternate uses than a classroom or meeting room space.*

*The Council would therefore ask Dorset Council to seek projections for the intended use and satisfy themselves to its viability.*

#### **iii. P/OUT/2020/00177 Hambledon Cottage, Shaftesbury Road, DT11 8EQ**

Develop land by the erection of 1 No. dwelling & form vehicular access. (Outline application to determine access).

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

*The Parish Council raised no objection to this application. However, the Council raised concerns over the use of the existing septic drainage for Hambledon Cottage as it also serves neighbouring properties and has previously exceeded capacity. The Council would suggest an alternative option to the current septic tank serving Hambledon Cottage for waste management.*

#### **iv. P/HOU/2020/00233 10 Portman Drive, DT11 8HU**

Erection of single storey extension.

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

*The Parish Council raised no objection to this application. However, would suggest that the new elevations be in the same reconstituted blockwork, rather than render, in keeping with the surrounding properties within Portman Drive.*

#### **v. P/TRC/2020/00395 Prides Cottage, High Street, DT11 8EH**

T1 – Apple – Reduce crown to 4m high and 3m wide.

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

### **c. Planning Appeals: None**

### **d. Consultations: None**

## **20/65 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters**

### **a. Approval the Schedule of Payments**

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £585.57 for DECEMBER 2020.

**Proposed: Cllr. K Baird                      Seconded: Cllr T Cotton**

### **b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

The statement of accounts to 31.12.2020 was reviewed and approved -

**Proposed: Cllr. M Kerridge                      Seconded: Cllr. T Cotton**

- c. To consider the Annual Calendar of Meetings for 2021.  
The Council were agreeable with the dates for meetings in 2021. A date for the Annual Public Council Meeting will be agreed at the next meeting. The meeting is expected to take place by video conferencing due to the current pandemic and social distancing requirements.

**20/66 Update on Highways Matters**

Cllr. Case apologised for not being to focus on Highways Matters in detail in recent weeks due to personal matters and thanked Cllr. Cotton for his assistance.

Cllr. Case reports that after viewing old highways correspondence all suggested options such as an extension of the 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures have been explored previously. These options were rejected by Dorset Council with the main reasoning being that the road through the village is not typically straight. Despite evidence of previous Councillors attempting to challenge Dorset Highways, the issue is still prevalent.

Cllr. Cotton has been corresponding with a journalist at the local Blackmore Vale Magazine for an article regarding speeding and recent accidents within the village. The article is due to be published on 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. The Parish Council hoped that they could follow up with a further feature to raise further attention to the issue.

Overall, Councillors agreed that despite the 20mph speed limit within the centre of the village, the speed limit is not adhered to and discussed that the driver’s mindset also requires changing to allow for safer speed throughout the village. Councillors suggested thanking drivers for driving safely and adhering to the speed limit.

**20/67 To Report on Consultations**

The Clerk reports she has not received any correspondence regarding the consultation for the new waste centre in Blandford previously raised by Cllr. Jespersen.

**ACTION: Clerk to find and distribute information regarding this consultation.**

**20/68 Correspondence and Information**

Nothing to report.

**20/69 Matters of Interest**

A councillor raised concerns about the water leaking at the junction of Haywards Lane and Station Road, particularly as the weather becomes colder. One councillor recalls that Wessex Water reported that this was a natural spring rather than a water leak.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Wessex Water and contact Highways.**

**The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.48pm.

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*