

# CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Child Okeford Parish Council held on 01<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021 by Zoom video conferencing at 7.00pm

### Present

Cllr, Mary Giles (Chairman), Cllr. Kirsty Baird (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Tim Cotton and Cllr. Mark Kerridge.

### In Attendance:

Parish Clerk – Philippa Tandoh

Cllr. Sherry Jespersen

0 members of the public were present

### Apologies were received from:

Cllr. Robert Smith

Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman

Cllr. Susan Case

Cllr. Karen Knapton

Alan Blundell – Footpath Officer

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

### 20/81 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

**Proposed:** Cllr. M Giles

**Seconded:** Cllr. M Kerridge

### 20/82 To Discuss Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

- The road surface at Haywards Lane/Station Road reported to community highways officer as sunken. The officer visited and advised there were slight undulations but not of significance.
- Dorset Council have been contacted regarding overflowing dog waste bins and the purchase of a new dog waste bin, no reply has been received.
- The Clerk contacted DAPTC regarding the potential to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting until restrictions allowed for groups to meet to allow for a greater presence. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June and current legislation only permits virtual meetings until 7<sup>th</sup> May. In the current climate, DAPTC suggested holding the meeting virtually to adhere with the 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June timeframe. The meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.
- The council discussed 'No Horses' signs at the entrances of the Netmead to Legal Lane footpath. As the current sign is being ignored at the Legal Lane entrance, it will be moved to the opposite entrance at Netmead lane to discourage riders, quotations are required for a new sign on the other entrance.

### 20/83 Dorset Councillor's Report

Councillor Jespersen's report was circulated prior to the meeting. It will be uploaded to the village website.

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### 20/84 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

### 20/85 Footpaths and Tree Matters

The footpath officer reports after a meeting with the landowner, the style of gates to be fitted either side of Southfield Lane was agreed. The Rangers hope to fit these soon and will also be fitting a new gate to the Wilson Haines footbridge.

## 20/86 To Consider Planning Matters

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

#### i. P/HOU/2020/00233 10 Portman Drive, Child Okeford

Erection of single storey extension granted.

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

**DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED**

#### ii. 2/2019/0469/FUL Land North of the Village Hall, The Hollow, Child Okeford

Erect 1 no dwelling with associated parking

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: OBJECTION**

**DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED**

The Clerk notes this application was approved in December 2020, however due to the Dorset Council planning portal update applications are no longer able to be tracked.

### b. Planning applications:

#### i. P/LBC/2020/00283 The Olde House, High Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8EH

Replacement of boot room roof with slate

**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION**

### c. Planning Appeals: None

### d. Consultations:

- A pre-planning application was received after the agenda was circulated. The application is for a telecommunications mast at the entrance of Greenway, reference number TEF088183. The council raised strong objections to the proposed site due to the height, locality within the centre of the village and proximity to residential properties. The pre-application will be added to the village website and the Child Okeford Facebook page to encourage community comment despite the very limited time available for response.

## 20/87 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

### a. Approval the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £596.18 for FEBRUARY 2021.

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

### b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

The statement of accounts to 28.02.2021 was reviewed and approved -

**Proposed:** Cllr. M Kerridge **Seconded:** Cllr. M Giles

### c. To Consider a request from the Child Okeford Defibrillator Project to fund the cost of one defibrillator battery

The council agreed to fund the cost of the defibrillator batteries and for the funds to be taken from Grants within the budget.

**Proposed:** Cllr. M Giles **Seconded:** Cllr. K Baird

## 20/88 Update on Highways Matters

An email update was received from Cllr Case regarding highways matters:

- The speed camera has been in the village at least twice, once outside the school catching people speeding into the village and also along Duck Street.
- Cllr Case is still waiting to attend a meeting with Dorset council with regards to the speed in which vehicles drive through the village and the number of tractor/trailers speeding through the village which, firstly has a weight limit of 7.5 tons and secondly is for access only. Both highway rules are being broken on a regular basis, and she believes this is not as a result of the diversion due to the Shillingstone closure. The meeting with Dorset Council is unlikely to happen until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

## 20/89 To Report on Consultations

### a. Dorset Local Plan Consultation

The council spoke at length regarding the local plan. The council believe the plan is favourable for Child Okeford however, they felt it is important to comment on potential development on

the outskirts of Blandford and the Rixon side of Sturminster Newton particularly focusing on traffic, employment and infrastructure. The council felt they supported that development should remain in the suggested larger towns such as Dorchester and Weymouth where there is suitable infrastructure and employment for additional development. For development in smaller towns, the council felt it was important to reinforce that development should only happen should it meet local need.

The council also discussed implementing a Neighbourhood Plan but after review this may not be considered until 2023 when the Local Plan is implemented.

**20/90 Correspondence and Information**

- An email received from a member of the public regarding horses using the Netmead footpath. The individual was advised this was discussed in the last meeting.
- The invoice was received from Dorset Council for the Netmead footpath resurfacing, it totals £2357.00 excluding VAT, within the expected invoice amount of £2500.00.

**20/91 Matters of Interest**

No matters of interest.

**The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.14pm..

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*