

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 7th JUNE 2021 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr. Mary Giles (Chairman), Cllr. Karen Knapton, Cllr. Robert Smith, Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman, Cllr. Tim Cotton, and Cllr. Susan Case.

In Attendance: Philippa Tandoh – Parish Clerk
Alan Blundell – Footpaths Officer

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. Kirsty Baird & Cllr. Mark Kerridge

21.6.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

None to report.

21.6.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 10TH May. 2021.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2021.

Proposed: Cllr K Knapton **Seconded:** Cllr M Giles

21.6.03 To Discuss Matters arising from the previous Minutes

- a. The Clerk contacted the Dorset Council Planning Enforcement team regarding the report from a member of the public of potential unauthorised development at Dovecote Farm. The Planning Enforcement team advised that simply a report of potential unauthorised development is not sufficient enough to warrant investigation and further evidence would be required.

21.6.04 Public Participation

None to report.

21.6.05 Footpaths Report and Tree Matters

- a. Further discussion regarding the diversion of footpath N35/10

The public have historically used the southern edge of the field as a shortcut between footpath N35/10 and N35/56 creating an unofficial footpath, this is a well-used circuit for dog walkers. The landowner has approached the Council asking that footpath N35/10 is blocked and diverted to the unofficial footpath. This is due to the landowner wishing to safeguard their field as an organic field and stop the public crossing it. It is a long administrative process for the landowner to divert the footpath and there is a cost of £3000, the landowner has requested a contribution towards this administrative cost. The Council discussed that there are three options:

1. Block off and divert footpath N35/10 to the new unofficial footpath.

2. Fence the access to the unofficial footpath and retain the existing footpath N35/10
3. Retain footpath N35/10 and fence a 2m strip along the unofficial footpath so the field cannot be accessed by the public.

The Council agreed that they would be unable to financially support the diversion of the footpath. They would support the landowners decision to block access to the unofficial footpath and field, with footpath N35/10 being retained. The Council considered the final option to approach the landowner to see if they would consider retaining footpath N35/10 and fence a 2m strip along the unofficial footpath, they felt this would be the best option and may consider financial support towards fencing.

ACTION: Cllr. Knapton to discuss options with the landowner, particularly the third option to fence a 2m strip along the unofficial footpath.

- b. Footpath Officer's Report - The Footpath Officer reports that all footpaths appear in good order. There is erosion present on footpath N35/10 at the Mill Stream where dogs appear to be accessing the stream, the Footpath's Officer has reported this to the Rangers.
- c. Councillor Smith wishes to clarify with the Council that there is money reserved within the budget for footpaths, however, this was agreed it was to be used for gates within the village and therefore must go towards gates in the future.
- d. The Chairman, supported by the Council, wish to offer their thanks to the Footpath Officer and Dorset Rangers for their assistance.

21.6.06 Highways Matters

- a. The Council received a consultation from Dorset Highways regarding the Okeford Road, Hanford closure – 3rd July 2021 between 08:30-15:30. The Council have no objection.
- b. Cllr. Holdeman reports that Highways are investigating the leak at the junction of Station Road and Haywards Lane with a camera.
- c. Cllr Case reports that, alongside Cllr. Cotton, they have contacted St Nicholas School regarding the creation of the '20 is Plenty' posters. The School is very enthusiastic and the local PCSO's are hoping to create a short video for the students.
- d. As the Councillor responsible for Highways, Cllr Case also reports that she has received an email from Michael Potter at Dorset Council regarding the extension of the 20mph speed limit throughout the village, he has recorded the request. Additionally, he reports that The Department of Transport has encouraged highway authorities to introduce 20mph limits in urban areas and residential village streets and Dorset Council supports this in principle. Cllr Smith reminds the Council that the police are unable to send speed camera vans to 20mph areas.
- e. The Council discuss the ongoing issues with tractors speeding through Child Okeford. The tractors appear to be coming from Hanford Farm and to be young

contractors. Although they may not be speeding, their driving style if not appropriate or mindful for the village roads.

f. The school warning sign is currently covered in branches. Cllr. Case volunteers to cut the branches back.

21.6.07 Planning Matters

a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council

i. P/HOU/2020/00486 2, The Hollow, Child Okeford, DT11 8EX

Erect single storey rear extension. Enlarge existing parking area, (demolish rear extensions and outbuilding).

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED

ii. P/HOU/2021/00013 Orchard Cottage, Duck Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8ET

Erect front porch (demolish existing)

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED

iii. 2/2020/0749/OUT Land East of Gold Hill Business Park, Lower Common Road, Child Okeford

Develop land by the erection up to 65 No. dwellings (custom and self-build homes(plots)) including a 40% provision of affordable housing; form vehicular access, public open space with play space and landscaping. (Outline application to determine access).

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: OBJECT

DORSET COUNCIL DECISION: REFUSED

b. To Consider Planning Applications

i. P/HOU/2021/00801 Joiners, High Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8EH

Proposal: Form vehicular access and driveway

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: OBJECT

The Council feel there is sufficient access to the High Street with the current available access.

ii. P/HOU/2021/00700 Ham View, Shaftesbury Road, Child Okeford, DT11 8QY

Proposal: Demolish existing single storey side extension and front porch and erect two storey side & front extensions.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

iii. P/HOU/2021/00767 Prides Cottage, High Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8EH

Proposal: Alterations to garden studio, erection of roof, extension and small veranda.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

iv. P/LBC/2021/00768 Prides Cottage, High Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8EH

Proposal: Carry out internal and external alterations to garden studio, erection of roof, extension and small veranda.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION

c. To Consider Planning Appeals - None

d. To Receive Consultations – None

21.6.08 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £7016.79 for MAY 2021.

Proposed: Cllr. K Knapton

Seconded: Cllr. M Giles

- b. To Approve the Statements of Accounts to 31.05.2021
The statement of accounts to 31.05.2021 was reviewed and approved.
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. K Knapton
- c. To Consider the Appointment of an Internal Auditor for the next 3 years.
The Auditor appointed for 2020/21 offers a discounted rate of 2.5% off their hourly rate.
The contract can be terminated with 3 months' notice from either party. The Council resolved to approve the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the next three years.
Proposed: Cllr. M Giles **Seconded:** Cllr. B Smith
- d. A&J Chick Donation to QE11 Trust
The contractors who previously maintained the area of The Cross have kindly requested that their invoice amount be donated to the QE11 Playing Field Trust. The Council sincerely thank them for their donation to the Trust and their help to maintain The Cross for many years.

21.6.09 Correspondence and Information

- a. Four reports by email from members of the public regarding Highways Issues as implemented in the last meeting.
- b. Dorset Waste Partnership – changes to waste collection days. Letters have already been circulated to affected households.
- c. DAPTC – The Queen's Green Canopy, plant a tree for the platinum Jubilee in 2022. Local Councils are encouraged to plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Council discussed locations for the tree and agreed that a tree may not be suitable on the Playing Field due to it potentially encroaching on the playing area in the future.
ACTION: Cllr Knapton to approach a village landowner regarding planting a tree on their land.

21.6.10 Matters of Interest

- a. S Case – house in Chalwell, protected tree removed as was diseased. On Signpost land, contact signpost.
- b. The village Hey Day is planned to go ahead on the 4th of September 2021 just for a day event. Depending on restrictions at the time, CORGI may make use of the marquee for an evening event. Cllr. Giles reports the Hey Day Committee suggested a Cherry Tree to be planted as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Council thank the Hey Day Committee for their consideration and offer of the tree but politely decline due to a lack of available locations.
- c. The Clerk reports that the laptop is very slow and could quotes be obtained to repair if necessary. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotations.**
- d. Cllr. Holdeman advises the Council that the Millennium Bench has now been repaired and replaced.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th July 2021.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed Dated

Chairman of the Council

Please note these are draft minutes until signed by the Chairman of the Council at the next meeting of the Parish Council.