

# CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

### Present

Cllr. K Baird, Cllr. K Knapton, Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman, Cllr. Tim Cotton, Cllr. Mark Kerridge and Cllr. Robert Smith

**In Attendance:** Philippa Tandoh – Parish Clerk  
Ward Cllr. Sherry Jespersen  
Alan Blundell – Footpaths Officer  
6 Members of the Public

### Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. M Giles

Vice-Chairman Cllr. Baird explains in the absence of the Chairman, she will chair the meeting. She wishes fellow Councillors and public a Happy New Year.

### 22.01.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

None to report.

### 22.01.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Proposed:** Cllr. T Cotton                      **Seconded:** Cllr. R Smith

### 22.01.03 To Discuss Matters arising from the previous Minutes

- a. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) that was agreed to purchase in the previous meeting has failed tests and is no longer approved by Dorset Council. Cllr. Smith requests that the funds be assigned as a SID Reserved Fund. **ACTION: Clerk to add to the Agenda for February meeting.**

### 22.01.04 Public Participation

- a. A member of the public asks the Council for further information regarding access during The Hollow road closure in the next week, no vehicle or pedestrian access will be available between Portman Drive to the junction of Upper Street. The individual notes the map provided by Dorset Council was very poor quality, Cllr. Jespersen will feedback to Highways. Cllr. Jespersen also notes that the road cannot be resurfaced at the same time because drainage works are taking place rather than resurfacing. **ACTION: Clerk to put alternative routes for pedestrians on the village website and Facebook page.**
- b. The Chair of Amenities from Sturminster Newton Town Council introduces himself and advises that he is very happy to assist with funding towards the Village Hall roof. The Council suggest contacting the Village Hall Secretary to further assist.
- c. The Village Hall Secretary updates the Council that a survey has been completed by an RICS accredited surveyor and reports it is satisfactory, she feels the Village Hall have fulfilled the requirements needed. Cllrs. Cotton and Kerridge asked to see a copy of the written survey report, the Village Hall Secretary advises that the Village Hall does not need to provide a written report or prove the survey results. She refers to a document from 2008, which notes that the Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees of the Village Hall and should comply with any reasonable requests the Trust make. The Council agree if no written survey is available for the Council to view, they request a letter or email from the RICS surveyor to confirm the survey has been completed and is satisfactory. Once received, payment can be made.

### 22.01.05 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr. Jespersen's report was circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. It is available on the council website for public viewing. She updates the Council that Dorset Council is currently busy deciding on the next financial year budget.

#### **22.01.06 Footpaths Report**

- a. The Footpath Officer notes there is not much to report other than muddy footpaths. He welcomes questions from the Council. Cllr Baird notes a tree that may require attention at Footpath N35/15 (Nutmead Close to Apple Acre), the Footpath Officer is aware. Cllr. Cotton advises a further deadwood branch at N35/21 (Markstone Cottages to Coach Lane) the Footpath Officer will contact the Rangers. Cllr Smith reports a stile that is hard to navigate, the Footpath Officer notes there is a hand post to support climbing over.

#### **22.01.07 Tree Matters – None to report.**

#### **22.01.08 Highways Matters**

- a. Closure of The Hollow  
The Council received confirmation to close The Hollow between 13<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> January. It is a 24 hour closure but will be open at the weekend.
- b. Consultation of closure of Shaftesbury Road on 31<sup>st</sup> January between the hours of 09:30-15:30.
- c. Consultation of closure of Okeford Road, Hanford on 1<sup>st</sup> February between the hours of 09:30-15:30.

Funding for planning – up to £500.00 – remaining from projects and contingency. MK & TC. -

#### **22.01.09 Funding for Planning**

For assistance with the Leaper Land planning appeal, up to £500 is requested to pay for Planning Consultant fees.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve funds of up to £500 for Planning Consultant fees. The funds will be taken from the remaining funds in Projects and Contingency within the budget.

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

#### **22.01.10 Planning Matters**

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council
  - i. P/RES/2021/03578      Hambledon Cottage, Shaftesbury Road, DT11 8EQ  
Proposal: Erect 1 NO. dwelling & form vehicular access (Reserved Matters application to determine access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following the Outline Planning Permission No. P/OUT/2020/00177)  
**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION:                      NO OBJECTION**  
**DORSET COUNCIL DECISION:                      GRANTED**
- b. To Consider Planning Applications
  - i. P/NMA/2021/05625      Chisel Farm House, Little Hanford, DT11 8HH  
Proposal: Non material amendment against planning permission P/FUL/2021/00486 to allow minor adjustment to windows, the introduction of some English Bond brickwork, the installation of solar PV panels within the south elevation pitched roof (set within the roof and flush with the adjacent natural slates), the omission of the chimney from the dining hall and upgrade of the original flue to a chimney in the drawing room.  
**PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION:                      NO OBJECTION**
- c. To Consider Planning Appeals  
The Leaper Land appeal was dismissed by the Inspectorate in December. The Parish Council would like to thank Nigel Eveleigh and Cary Knapton for their assistance with the Leaper Land appeal and Cllr. Knapton for her presence and assistance at the hearing.
- d. To Receive Consultations – None
- e. Other Planning Matters
  - i. Two Planning Enforcement issues was reported, one within The Hollow and another at Gold Hill.
  - ii. Cllr. Kerridge updates the Council that despite their comments, no changes have been implemented in the Reserved Matters application for the Haywards Lane/Allen Close

development. Cllr. Baird suggests that the Planning Group may wish to meet with the Planning Consultant.

## **22.01.11 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters**

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments  
The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £800.15 for DECEMBER 2021.  
**Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. S Holdeman**
- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.12.2021  
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.12.2021.  
**Proposed: Cllr. R SMith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge**
- c. To Approve the Budget and Precept for 2022/23.  
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Budget and Precept Increase of 3.5% for 2022/23.  
**Proposed: Cllr. R SMith Seconded: Cllr. K Knapton**
- d. To Consider an additional Grant Request of £1500 from Child Okeford Village Hall for Roof Repair  
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the additional grant of £1500 on the condition of written confirmation from the RICS surveyor instructed by the village hall to confirm a satisfactory survey. Once received, payment will be entered into the next payment schedule.  
**Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. K Baird**
- e. Playground Repair Fund  
As set aside in the reserves budget, £5000.00 is required to repair the playground flooring. The QE11 Playing Field Trust have received quotations for £5975.00 and the Council **RESOLVED** for the reserved funds to be transferred to the Trust for the repair to take place.  
**Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge**

## **22.01.12 Correspondence and Information**

- a. A Correspondence Report was circulated prior to the meeting and no further discussion was needed. Please see attached on page 53
- b. Cllr. Baird references correspondence received regarding water and damage to the road at Station Road/Haywards Lane Junction. As this is an ongoing issue, the Council suggest a formal letter to Highways. **ACTION: Clerk to send letter.**

## **22.01.13 Matters of Interest**

- a. Cllr. Holdeman opens discussion about the Queen's Jubilee in June. Cllr. Knapton reports there is a lack of interest from volunteers despite various attempts. **ACTION: Clerk to add Jubilee to the Agenda for the next meeting.**
- b. It is reported that Oasis Garden Centre is now being surveyed for a telephone mast.
- c. Cllr. Knapton reports the village landowner who requested assistance for funding fencing along an unofficial footpath would like written confirmation from the Council. The Clerk notes that the Council were awaiting quotations from the landowner to agree the amount to be given.
- d. The Clerk advises the Council that one of the doors on the Council noticeboard at the shop is no longer opening. Paul Corbett to be contacted to fix.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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.***

## **Correspondence Report**

***Correspondence received to the Clerk between 01/12/2021 – 31/12/2021.***

Date:	Received From:	Regarding:
07/12/2021	Dorset Planning	Consultation Response from AONB (P/RES/2021/01582)
08/12/2021	Manston & Hammoon Parish Council	Response to SID Purchase
08/12/2021	Dorset Highways	Road Closure Notice (Duck Street)
10/12/2021	Dorset Precepts	Precept Request Reminder
08/12/2021	Resident	Water and Potholes at Station Road/Haywards Lane junction
13/12/2021	Norris & Fischer	Insurance Renewal
20/12/2021	Dorset Planning	Confirming Receipt of Comments
23/12/2021	Dorset Highways	Road Closure Notice (The Hollow)
27/12/2021	Dorset Highways	Road Closure Proposal (Shaftesbury Road)
29/12/2021	Dorset Highways	Road Closure Proposal (Okeford Road, Hanford)