

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2022 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr. M Giles, Cllr. K Baird, Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman, Cllr. Karen Knapton and Cllr. Robert Smith

In Attendance: Philippa Tandoh – Parish Clerk
Alan Blundell – Footpaths Officer
2 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. M Kerridge, Cllr. Knapton and Cllr. T Cotton, Ward Cllr. Jespersen

22.03.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

None to report.

22.03.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10TH JANUARY 2022.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2022.

Proposed: Cllr S Holdeman **Seconded:** Cllr. M Giles

22.03.03 To Discuss Matters arising from the previous Minutes

- a. There has been some work completed at Haywards Lane/Station Road junction however it appears water is still leaking.

ACTION: Clerk to check with Dorset Highways to see if works are completed or if further works are due to take place.

22.03.04 Public Participation -Nothing to report.

22.03.05 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr. Jespersen sent her apologies prior to the meeting.

22.03.06 Footpaths Report

- a. The fallen branch at Coach Drive has been removed and the footpath is safe. The footpath officer advises the Council that he would like to install up to 6 gates, throughout the Parish, however a large quotation of £2364 plus VAT was received from the Rangers, so this requires further consideration. He suggests that one redundant gate was removed from footpath 13 and there are two further redundant gates that could be removed from footpath 10, the Landowner has given their permission for the gates to be moved. These redundant gates could be moved to footpath 14 between Shaftesbury Road and the Ham Knapp field and another to the top of footpath 10. Only two new kissing gates would be required at a cost of approximately £400 plus VAT which seems more achievable as there is currently £742 remaining in allocated reserves for Residual Styles. A new quotation is required for the two gates for consideration at a future meeting.

22.03.07 Tree Matters – Nothing to report.

22.03.08 Highways Matters – Nothing to report.

22.03.09 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- a. Cllr. Cotton who has been organising the Jubilee events is not present to update the Council.

22.03.10 Planning Matters

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council

No decisions were received to 28.02.22

- b. To Consider Planning Applications
 - i. **P/FUL/2022/00758 Fernhayes, Duck Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8ET**
Proposal: Convert barn and erect extension to form 1. No. unit of holiday accommodation.
PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: NO OBJECTION
The Planning Group feel that the application would not affect any view from Hambledon Hill and therefore have no objection.
- c. To Consider Planning Appeals – Nothing to report.
- d. Other Planning Matters
Prior to the meeting, correspondence was received from a resident with concerns regarding the visibility splay at the development on Shaftesbury Road. The individual has already reported to Dorset Council.

22.03.11 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments
The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £852.49 for FEBRUARY 2022.
The Clerk advises the Council that due to a tax code change; PAYE tax is now payable. This was not anticipated prior to the agreement of the 22/23 budget. There is expected to be an overspend within the Tax heading within the 22/23 budget but an underspend withing the Salary heading.
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Giles
- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 28.02.2022.
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 28.02.2022.
Proposed: Cllr. S Holdeman Seconded: Cllr. R Smith
- c. To Allocate a Reserve towards updating the village website.
Work is required to update the village website. There is still remaining funds of £270.00 within the 21/22 budget that Cllr. Smith proposes to allocate towards a reserve to be spent.
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve a total cost of £270.00 for 'Village Website Fund'
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. S Holdeman
- d. The Clerk advises the Council that correspondence was received from the Internal Auditor with a quotation for the 2021/22 audit. The Council confirm that Darkin-Miller Ltd was appointed as the Internal Auditor for the next three years in May 2021.

22.03.12 Correspondence and Information

- a. A Correspondence Report was circulated prior to the meeting and no further discussion was needed. Please see attached on page 65.

22.03.13 Matters of Interest

- a. Cllr Smith advises the Council that neighbouring properties are no longer notified of neighbouring planning applications by Dorset Council and suggests planning applications can be publicised by the Parish Council on the website.
ACTION: Clerk to create Planning Applications page within the Parish Council section on the website.
- b. Cllr Baird reports 'The Hollow' sign has fallen off the posts.
ACTION: Clerk to report.
- c. Cllr. Giles suggests a village litter pick over the Easter holidays, a date is to be confirmed.
- d. Cllr. Giles notes that as the hedge alongside the pavement of the recreation ground has been trimmed, soil has built up onto the pavement.
- e. Cllr. Giles was approached by a new member of the village regarding contact information for the village allotments. The Council are unsure but once found, the Clerk will post on the village website.
- f. Finally, Cllr. Giles advises that the next meeting of the Parish Council will include the Annual Parish Meeting where the public are warmly encouraged to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th April 2022.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.27pm

Signed Dated

Chairman of the Council

Correspondence Report

Correspondence received to the Clerk between 01/02/2022 – 28/02/2022

Date:	Received From:	Regarding:
03/02/2022	Resident	Information regarding bell ringing at Queen's Jubilee
03/02/2022	Resident	Query regarding application P/FUL/2022/00197
06/02/2022	Resident	Agenda query
07/02/2022	Dorset Planning	Comments regarding P/RES/2021/01582
07/02/2022	Resident	Meeting query.
10/02/2022	Dorset Tree Team	Confirmation of TPO
10/02/2022	Landowner	Correspondence regarding footpath.
13/02/2022	Resident	Comments regarding P/RES/2021/01582
14/02/2022	Dorset Highways	Proposed Closure Okeford Road, Hanford
16/02/2022	Dorset Planning	Notification of P/FUL/2022/00758
17/02/2022	Resident	Comments regarding P/RES?2021/01582
17/02/2022	Footpaths Officer	Update regarding footpath matters