

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 4th July 2022 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. M Giles (Chairman)

22.07.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

None to report.

22.07.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 6TH JUNE 2022.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6th June 2022.

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

22.07.03 To Discuss Matters arising from the previous Minutes

- a. The Clerk contacted Buckland Newton Parish Council who advised it took a significant amount of time and perseverance to get the virtual pavement. They started talking to the Highways Safety Team as their first action. The Council discuss how this would be beneficial to the village. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Dorset Highways Safety Team.**
- b. The reported fly tipping at Haywards Lane has been collected.

22.07.04 Public Participation

- a. A resident who lives locally to the site of application P/RES/2022/03207, hopes that the Parish Council continue to oppose the new application. They feel that only small adjustments have been made in this new application. They appreciate that it could be a good development, if sympathetically completed.
- b. A further resident wishes to oppose application P/RES/2022/03207. They support the views of the previous speaker and further highlight concerns around the access of the development, particularly being opposite the school. There are additional concerns that the affordable housing is grouped together.
- c. Regarding application P/RES/2022/03207, a resident notes that the developer had not addressed any of the issues that the previous reserved matters application was rejected on.
- d. Two members of the public agree and support the comments of the previous speakers.

22.07.05 Ward Councillors Report

None to report.

22.07.06 Footpaths Report

- a. The Rangers have completed the Service Level Agreement (SLA) of all footpaths. The A map of SLA footpaths is circulated. The footpaths within the SLA are the most utilised by walkers. Paths over fields are not needed to be cut by rangers. Footpath 25, Coach Road to Markstone Cottages has recently been fenced and is not part of the SLA but the landowner has recently cleared it after communications with the footpaths officer.
A broken post at a gate at Abergavenny Farm has been temporarily fixed but should last for some time. The footpaths officer discusses footpath 14, Shaftesbury Road to Gold Hill, and is requesting funds from the Council to put four gates along the footpath.
The landowner has agreed to a permissive path through the wood rather than the barn.

22.07.07 Tree Matters – Nothing to report.

22.07.08 Highways Matters

- a. Melway Gardens will be closed 5th-9th August for resurfacing. Access to residents will be maintained where possible.
- b. Okeford Road, Hanford will be closed between 09:30-14:30 on the 11th July for pole testing.
- c. Ridgeway Lane will be closed between 14th – 21st July between 07:00-17:00 for resurfacing.

22.07.09 Planning Matters

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council
 - i. **P/PABA/2022/02900 Chalk Pit Farm, Sandy Lane, Child Okeford, DT11 8EQ**
 Proposal: Erect 1 No. agricultural building for the storage of hay, straw, other bedding and machinery.
Decision: Prior Approval Not Required COPC Comment: Notification Purposes Only

- b. To Consider Planning Applications
 - a. **P/RES/2022/03207 Land off Haywards Lane (west of Allen Close), Child Okeford, DT11 8DX** Proposal: Erection of 26no. dwellings. (Reserved matter application to determine the layout, scale, appearance & landscaping, following the grant of Outline Planning Permission no. 2/2019/0318/OUT)

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: UNANIMOUSLY OBJECT

The Council reminds the public that outline permission has been granted for 26 houses. This decision by Dorset Council still stands and cannot be changed.

The Council discuss that their objections to the initial Reserved Matters application still stands as nothing has fundamentally changed. They note that the developers have not considered Dorset Council Planning Committee's reasons to reject the initial application. The Council suggest this application should go back to the Planning Committee.

The meeting is suspended at 19.25 to allow a member of the public to speak.

The meeting re-opens at 19.29.

- ii. **P/FUL/2022/03368 Hambledon Cottage, Shaftesbury Road, Child Okeford, DT11 8EQ** Proposal: Erect 1 No. dwelling & form vehicular access.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION: No Objection

- c. To Consider Planning Appeals – Nothing to report.
- d. Other Planning Matters – Nothing to report.

22.07.10 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments
 The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £1389.65 for JUNE 2022.
Proposed: Cllr. B Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge
- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.06.2022.
 The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.06.2022.
Proposed: Cllr. B Smith Seconded: Cllr. K Baird
- c. To Rename Budget Head E3 from 'DCC Rangers SLA' to 'Footpaths'
Proposed: Cllr. K Baird Seconded: Cllr. B Smith
- d. To Consider Replacement Footpath Gates at a Cost of £1965
 The Council **RESOLVED** to approve a total amount of £1045.00 for replacement gates. This sum is to be taken wholly from the allocated reserve 'Residual Styles Grant' and the remainder from 'Footpaths' within the budget.
Proposed: Cllr. B Smith Seconded: Cllr. K Baird
- e. To Consider Draft Financial Risk Assessment
 The Council were satisfied with the draft Financial Risk Assessment and the final document will be approved at the next meeting in September.
Proposed: Cllr. B Smith Seconded: Cllr. K Knapton
- f. To Consider a Grant Request from Child Okeford Defibrillator Project

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £137.39 to the Child Okeford Defibrillator Project. The payment will be made from 'Grants'/H1 within the budget, The Council also discuss allowing a budget head for defibrillator maintenance in the next budget.

Proposed: Cllr. K Knapton **Seconded:** Cllr. B Smith

- g. The Clerk updates the Council that the invoice was received from the contractors who completed the fencing at the boundary of the Old Dairy for £2382.00 The Parish Council agreed to pay this amount at the meeting on 2nd November 2020 (minute reference 20/32(d)). The amount is due to be paid from General Reserves.

22.07.11 Correspondence and Information

- a. A Correspondence Report was circulated prior to the meeting and no further discussion was needed. Please see attached on page 16.
- b. Additional correspondence since report was sent:
 - i. A voucher code for 50% off Great Dorset Steam Fair tickets was received by the Steam Fair team. Residents of the village can contact the Clerk directly to receive the code. 50 free tickets were also received, these will be distributed between the school PTFA, The Ark nursery, Village Hall and Hey Day to use for fundraising.
 - ii. A resident contacted the Clerk regarding verge cutting around the electricity substation at Greenway. They have been cutting it themselves but saw in the Dorset Council Weekly Newsletter that Dorset Council may do this in certain areas. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Dorset Council to enquire.**

22.07.12 Matters of Interest

- a. Concerns were raised about the height of trees in a field adjoining a property.
- b. After the beacon lighting at the Jubilee event, some chairs were thrown onto the bonfire. These chairs belonged to Shroton Church. They have been replaced but it has been requested that the Parish Council pay half of the bill, which would be £82. The Council unanimously agreed that it should be repayed. **Action: Clerk to contact Shroton Church/Parish Council and add to the agenda for the next meeting if required.**
- c. The signs at Jacobs Ladder have still not been updated with numbers. The Hollow sign is still fallen. **ACTION: Clerk to chase Dorset Council case for both Jacobs Ladder and The Hollow signs.**
- d. The grass bank at The Hollow to the upper left of Portman Drive is overgrown. **ACTION: Clerk to report to Dorset Council for verge cutting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th September 2022.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.55pm

Signed Dated

Chairman of the Council