

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllr. Mary Giles (Chair), Cllr. Karen Knapton, Cllr. Mark Kerridge, Cllr. Tim Cotton, Cllr. Robert Smith and Cllr. Fran Griffiths.

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

Apologies for absence were received from: Ward Cllr S Jespersen

22.11.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

None to report.

22.11.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3RD OCTOBER 2022.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2022.

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

22.11.03 To Discuss Matters arising from the previous Minutes

- a. White lines outside the surgery have been reported to Dorset Council.
- b. The fence at Chalwel has been reported to Sovereign.
- c. The signs were replaced at Jacobs Ladder however they are incorrect. The incorrectly numbered signs have been reported to Dorset Council.

22.11.04 Public Participation

- a. Two members of the Child Okeford Defibrillator Project seek support from the parish council for ongoing defibrillator maintenance costs. The project was started in 2017 and has four defibrillators have since been installed across the village to ensure accessibility to all households. The ongoing costs are required are replacement batteries every four to five years and replacement pads every two years. The project requests an annual contribution of £400, approximately £1 per household.
- b. A resident introduces himself as a previous chartered town planner who wishes to discuss the benefits of a neighbourhood plan. He has previously worked with Sturminster Newton council to assist with their neighbourhood plan. Although resource intensive, he believes that it is a worthwhile activity and a complimentary and collaborative exercise with Dorset Council planning. The residents notes that there is clearly demand for development in the village and the neighbourhood plan can determine what the village would like to preserve and protect and what design the village would like to see. He feels there is a need for the parish council to lead with the neighbourhood plan.

22.11.05 Ward Councillors Report

Ward Councillor Sherry Jespersen sent her apologies prior to the meeting. I have received her Ward Report which will be circulated and uploaded to the website.

22.11.06 Highways Matters

- a. Closure of Duck Street on 16th November for pole testing, closure between 09:30-14:30.
- b. Closure of Shaftesbury Road, 21st to 23rd November 09:30-14:30, it will be open overnight and at weekends.
- c. Our area has a new Community Highways Officer (CHO), Lee who has taken over from Paul. He invites a member of the Parish Council to walk around the parish with him to raise any concerns. The Clerk has re-raised the “virtual footpath” along the road as no reply was received from the previous CHO. **ACTION: Clerk to organise Mark Kerridge and Fran Griffiths to meet with new CHO.**

22.11.07 Footpaths Report

- a. The footpath officer reports that the rangers have now cleared the Service Level Agreement footpaths. Two new gates has been fitted along footpath 14 from Gold Hill Organic Farm to Shaftesbury Road. The landowner of the shortcut between footpath 10 to the river and Apple Path are now intending to make the shortcut a permissive path. Unfortunately, dog walkers have been exercising the dogs within the field next to the shortcut despite it being fenced. The footpath officer has organised a large amount of woodchip to be dumped at the end of the organic farm field by the river to avoid the footpath becoming incredibly muddy. The gaps caused by Wessex Internet at the Gold Hill Organic Farm footpaths are still open. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Wessex Internet again.**

22.11.08 Tree Matters

- a. Correspondence received the day of the meeting regarding a dead elm tree in gaps. on public footpath connecting the High Street to Homefield. This was reported to Dorset Council by the resident. Confirm where it is.

22.11.09 To Discuss Neighbourhood Plan

The parish council spoke at length regarding the positives and negatives of a neighbourhood plan. The benefits discussed consisting of allocating housing for local young families and creating a good working relationship between the Dorset Council planning team and the parish council. The negatives discussed consisting of Dorset Council overriding the plan and being potentially divisive for residents. Councillors all agree that implementing the plan would require time commitment from a group of individuals and the parish council discuss that all Councillors work and cannot commit more time, particularly as there are currently vacancies within the parish council.

The meeting is suspended at 19:50 for a member of the public to speak.

The meeting reopens at 19:54

The parish council discuss speaking to local parishes who have recently implemented a neighbourhood plan and request their independent thoughts on the process. A presentation can also be given free of charge by a local planning consultant.

ACTION: Clerk to email Shillingstone and Pimperne parish councils.

22.11.10 Planning Matters

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council
 - i. **P/HOU/2022/04787 Seville House, Upper Street, Child Okeford, DT11 8EF**
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension (remove existing conservatory and replace). Remove existing tree and plant a new tree, associated landscaping works.
Decision: Granted COPC Comment: No Objection
 - ii. **P/FUL/2022/04426 Manor House, Child Okeford, DT11 8EE**
Proposal: Conversion & extension of 2no. agricultural buildings to form 2no. unit of residential accommodation & garage, including landscaping & associated works. Conversion & extension of 2no. agricultural buildings to form 2no. unit of residential accommodation & garage, including landscaping & associated works.
Decision: Granted COPC Comment: No Objection
 - iii. **P/RES/2022/03207 Land off Haywards Lane, (west of Allen Close), Child Okeford, DT11 8DX**
Proposal: Erection of 26no. dwellings. (Reserved matters application to determine layout, scale, appearance & landscaping, following the grant of outline planning permission no. 2/2019/0318/OUT)
Decision: Granted COPC Comment: Object
- b. To Consider Planning Applications
 - i. **P/HOU/2022/06017 Hambledon View, Shaftesbury Road, Child Okeford, DT11 8EQ**
Proposal: Erect single storey extension.
COPC Comment: No Objection
- c. To Consider Planning Appeals
 - i. Appeal for Planning Application P/2021/RES/01582. There is no update regarding this appeal.
- d. Other Planning Matters – Nothing to report.

22.11.11 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments
The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £2702.98 for OCTOBER 2022.

Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Giles

- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.10.2022.
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.09.2022.
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge
- c. To Consider the Draft Precept and Budget for 2023/24.
The Council reviewed and the draft budget and a final copy will be put forward for approval at the next meeting.
- d. To Consider the Draft Calendar of Meetings for 2023
The May meeting is to be changed due to a recently announced bank holiday for HRH King Charles III coronation. The final calendar will be approved at the next meeting.
- e. To Consider a Budget Allocation for Child Okeford Defibrillators
Councillors will consider the suggestion over the next month and this will added to the agenda at the next meetings.

22.11.12 Correspondence and Information

- a. A Correspondence Report was circulated prior to the meeting and no further discussion was needed. Please see attached on page 32.

22.11.13 Matters of Interest

- a. Cllr. Smith has taken over as liaison for the village archive as Cllr. Holdeman resigned at the last meeting.
- b. The village Newcomers Day is requested by a village club. Councillors discuss that the parish council have not previously organised this.
- c. The parish council will hold a celebration of service for previous Cllr. Sylvia Holdeman following her resignation after 43 years of service at the last meeting. This will be held after the next meeting on Monday 5th December.

22.11.14 Confidential Matters

- a. The National Association of Local Council pay scales were released for 2022/23. The Council **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's pay to meet the released scales.

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.23pm

Signed Dated

Chairman of the Council