

# CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

### Present

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

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

**Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. Mark Kerridge**

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

None to report.

### 23.02.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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

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

- a. The SID has now been added to the insurance schedule.

### 23.02.04 Public Participation – Nothing to report.

### 23.02.05 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr. Jespersen's report was circulated prior to the meeting, which focuses on the Police and Crime Panel for Dorset Council. Cllr. Jespersen advises that when there is an increase in precept to parishioners, she raises value for money on behalf of residents. Cllr. Cotton raises concerns about telephone and online scams and encourages an effort to prevent scams. On the discussion of crime, there has been another flurry of criminal break-ins in surrounding villages.

### 23.02.06 Highways Matters

Station Road is due to be closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, between 09:30-14:30 for pole testing.

Concerns were raised again about the Haywards Lane/Station Road spring with ice on the road.

**ACTION: Cllr Griffiths to speak with CHO and raise concerns.**

### 23.02.07 Footpaths Report

Two dead elms behind old post office were cut down and disposed of by rangers. The hedge has been laid at footpath 10 by Gold Hill Organic Farm, walkers can continue to walk behind the fence. There is a significant amount of mud on footpath 12 by Dovecot Farm, this is made worse by young male cattle on the Gold Hill Organic Farm land.

The Chair thanks the footpaths officer for his assistance with footpaths.

### 23.02.08 Tree Matters – nothing to report.

### 23.02.09 Planning Matters

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council
  - i. **P/HOU/2022/04329 1 Knotts Close, Child Okeford, Dorset, DT11 8ES**  
Proposal: Retain zip line platform and raised platform for children's slide.  
**PC Observation: No Objection DC Decision: Granted**
- b. To Consider Planning Applications
  - i. **P/FUL/2022/07753 Fontmell Farm, Lower Common Road to Fontmell Farm Lane, Fontmell Parva, DT11 8HW**

Proposal: Demolition of existing agricultural buildings (including those with Class Q approval for conversion to 1 No. dwelling.) Erect 1 No. dwelling (to replace the consented Class Q approval).  
**PC Observation: No Objection**

- c. To Consider Planning Appeals  
The Reserved Matters appeal for outline planning application number 2/2019/0318/OUT, Reserved Matters planning application number P/RES/2021/01582 was withdrawn.
- d. Other Planning Matters -Nothing to report.

### **23.02.10 To Co-Opt a New Councillor to the Parish Council**

The Council unanimously **RESOLVE** to co-opt Barbara Ireland as a Councillor to Child Okeford Parish Council.

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

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

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments  
The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £803.84 for JANUARY 2023.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. R Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. F Griffiths
- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.01.2023.  
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.01.2023.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. R Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. M Giles
- c. To Consider a Google Workspace Subscription for the Parish Council at the Cost of £110 per year  
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve a Google Workspace Subscription for the Parish Council.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. R Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. T Cotton

### **23.02.12 Correspondence and Information**

- a. A Correspondence Report was circulated prior to the meeting and no further discussion was required. Please see attached on page 44.

### **23.02.13 Matters of Interest**

- a. The Council was reminded by DAPTC that the Digital Register of Interests was incomplete.  
**ACTION: Clerk to resend digital requests to those Cllrs who have not completed their digital register.**
- b. Wessex Internet would like to discuss laying of fibre cable throughout the village with the Council and have requested a brief session to talk at the next meeting.
- c. Cllr. Giles suggests a litter pick after the clocks have changed, the date is to be agreed.
- d. There has been another incidence of fly tipping on the Shaftesbury Road. Any reports of fly tipping can be sent directly to Dorset Council through their website.
- e. Bike trails are reported on Hambledon Hill by Markstone Cottages and Pine Walk by Chalk Pit Farm. **ACTION: Report trails in The Hill report to discourage use and Clerk to write letter to National Trust**
- f. The Council discuss the King's Coronation Plans. The bank holiday Monday is expected to be 'The Big Help Out Day' to encourage volunteering, suggestions include a litter pick with a bring-your-own picnic in the recreation ground.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.50pm

Signed ..... Dated .....

Chairman of the Council