

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 5th June 2023 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present

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

In Attendance: Philippa Tandoh – Parish Clerk
Laura Foulkes – New Parish Clerk
Footpaths Officer – Alan Blundell
0 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. Robert Smith & Cllr Fran Griffiths

At the opening of the meeting, the Chair of the Parish Council welcomes the new Clerk, Laura Foulkes, who is shadowing the current Clerk. The Chair advises that Laura will take over from the current Clerk in September.

23.06.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

None to report.

23.06.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 15TH MAY 2023.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2023.

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

23.06.03 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. An update was received from Community Highways Officer regarding the spring damage at Haywards Lane/Station Road. He requested a high pressure jetting lorry to attend and blast the pipe which cleared the perforated pipe. I have also asked him for further information for horse signs throughout the village.
- b. The Clerk investigated legislation regarding reports of an animal on a footpath at Ridgeway Lane. Individuals who notice any aggressive behaviour should report directly to Dorset Council.
- c. Speed data has been circulated. Due to the absence of Cllr. Griffiths, the 20mph speed limit will added to the next agenda.

23.06.04 Public Participation

Pins on all sides.

23.06.05 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr. Jespersen circulated her ward report prior to the meeting.

The Council highlight the section about the cost of living household support fund. **ACTION: Cllr Knapton to post on Facebook about next round of household support.**

23.06.06 Highways Matters

Duck Street Closure – 50m closure between Nestledown & Five Chimneys. 24 hour closure from 5th June for five days but the works are expected to be completed by 7th June.

23.06.07 Footpaths Report

On the Big Help Out Day after the coronation, with the assistance of Sara and Andrew Cross the footpaths officer placed woodchip down on the footpath to the river. Weather conditions have since been very dry and the footpaths are very dry. As noted in his Hill report, the footpaths officer reminds walkers to be wary as young cows in fields can be an issue. The Rangers have tried their best to organise a repair of the bridge before Bere Marsh Farm but it now is the responsibility of the Highways Structure Team. **ACTION: Clerk to write a letter to the highways structure team. Cllr. Knapton to take photos of the damage and send to Clerk.**

23.06.08 Tree Matters – nothing to report.

23.06.09 Planning Matters

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council
P/PABA/2023/02529 Land at Ridgeway Farm, Ridgeway Lane, DT11 8RG
Proposal: Erect agricultural building
Dorset Council Decision: Prior approval not required
- b. To Consider Planning Applications - nothing to report.
- c. To Consider Planning Appeals – nothing to report.
- d. Other Planning Matters
The Clerk is awaiting details from Cllr. Sherry Jespersen regarding the details of a contact at Dorset Council who can assist with a Neighbourhood Plan Discovery meeting. The Clerk will circulate the details of interested volunteers to Cllr. Cotton who is organising a meeting.

23.06.10 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments
The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £7489.23 for MAY 2023.
Proposed: Cllr. K Knapton Seconded: Cllr. T Cotton
- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.05.2023.
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.05.2023.
Proposed: Cllr. M Kerridge Seconded: Cllr. T Cotton
- c. **To Consider a Request for a Donation Towards Floral Decorations for Child Okeford & Manston Church Fete**
Cllr. Ireland explains that proceeds from the Fete will go towards the upkeep of the two churches and a new noticeboard at Child Okeford Church. There was in-depth discussion regarding a donation. Funds were donated outside of Parish Council funds.

23.06.11 Correspondence and Information

- a. A Correspondence Report was circulated prior to the meeting and no further discussion was required. Please see attached on page 8.

23.06.12 Matters of Interest

- a. Cllr. Knapton discusses the repair to the playground surface. She updates the Council that it may be more cost effective to remove and replace the existing equipment and install new equipment which requires less comprehensive and cheaper padding such as grass mats. She awaits a set of quotations ahead of the next Trust meeting.
- b. The footpaths officer offers his apologies ahead of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd July 2023.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.30pm

Signed Dated

Chairman of the Council