

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2023 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. Barbara Ireland, Cllr. Fran Griffiths, Cllr. Robert Smith, Cllr. Tim Cotton Cllr. Mark Kerridge (**Stand in Chair**) and Cllr S Jespersen

In Attendance: Laura Foulkes – Parish Clerk
Alan Blundell - Footpaths Officer
2 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. Mary Giles (Chair), Cllr. Karen Knapton Cllr. Tim Cotton

23.09.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda
None to report.

23.09.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd July 2023.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2023.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Kerridge **Seconded:** Cllr. B. Ireland

23.09.03 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. The Community Highways Officer, Lee, has now left Dorset Council. The new CHO is Nick Lenthall.

23.09.04 Public Participation

Resident raises concerns about planning permission for 26 dwellings at Haywards Lane. Glebe land 2 fields likely to come up for sale in March 2024 to be developed on. Cllr Smith explains that PC unable to raise comment until plans confirmed.

23.09.05 Ward Councillors Report Cllr Jespersen leads with the following:

- a. New litter bin ordered for at end of footpath and end of Bower, positioned on main road for ease of emptying
- b. Round 4 of Household Support Fund for qualifying households reopens at 10am Thursday 7th September
- c. No reports of 'RACK' concrete in any Dorset school buildings
- d. 24th September road closures on Butts Lane for re-surfacing
- e. Request of a PC member to attend the Dorset Police Rural Crime meeting along with other Parish Councils. Held at Bryanston. 6-8pm 22nd September. Suggested Cllr Karen Knapton to attend?

23.09.06 Highways Matters

Cllr. Griffiths leads the discussion on the potential extension of the 20mph speed limit through the village. Cllr Jespersen explained the matrix system used by council to decide changes. Reports back that speed data is now out of date. To apply for extension of 20mph speed limit the PC need to obtain new speed data at cost of PC. Cllr Jespersen believes a good case can be made for extension.

ACTION: Cllr Jefferson will ask Dorset Highways for some discretion to current speed data due to delays arising from Covid19

The council RESOLVED to agree in principle to spend a maximum of £750 on speed tubes to obtain new speed data (if necessary) to come from 'Special Projects' in the budget.

ACTION: Clerk to add approval at the next meeting

23.09.07 Footpaths Report

Footpath Officer confirmed that repair of the bridge before Bere Marsh has been completed. In need of the Rangers to attend, busy time for them, but they are booked in.

23.09.08 Tree Matters –

None to report

23.09.09 Planning Matters

- a. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council - nothing to report.
- b. To Consider Planning Applications

- P/HOU/2022/05494 3 Upper Street, Child Okeford Proposal: Erect 1st floor rear extension and internal alterations.

PC Observation: No objection

- c. To Consider Planning Appeals – nothing to report.
- d. Other Planning Matters The Clerk will contact Dorset Council to request an extension on planning application P/FUL/2023/04710 due to not receiving application in prior to September meeting. Clerk to add to October meeting agenda.

23.09.10 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments
The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £1720.74 for July & August 2023.
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge
- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.08.2023.
The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.08.2023.
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge
- c. To Approve the Final Financial Risk Assessment
The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve the final financial risk assessment for 2023-24.
Proposed: Cllr. R Smith Seconded: Cllr. M Kerridge

23.09.11 Correspondence and Information

None to report.

23.09.12 Matters of Interest

- a. Speed Comms Device is currently not working Cllr R. Smith has Solar Panel Company coming to look at it 6th September.
- b. Cllr R. Smith requests item for October agenda ; PC to consider 2024 Financial Budget
- c. Upcoming New Comers Event Cllr B Ireland will also act as PC representative. There will be a suggestions box for public.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd October 2023.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.16pm

Signed Dated

Chairman of the Council

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