

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2023 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. Mary Giles (Chair), Cllr. Barbara Ireland, Cllr. Robert Smith, Cllr. Tim Cotton Cllr. Mark Kerridge, Cllr. Karen Knapton,

In Attendance: Laura Foulkes – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public: x2

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. F Griffiths, Cllr S Jespersen, Alan Blundell

23.10.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

- Cllr. M. Kerridge declares interest in planning application P/FUL/2023/04710 and will refrain from discussion and observation in point 23.10.10 Planning Matters

23.10.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd September 2023.

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

Proposed: Cllr. M Giles **Seconded:** Cllr. T Cotton

23.10.03 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- Cllr. B. Ireland Newcomers event - very positive and enthusiastic feedback, need to establish clear objectives of event for next event in 2 years.
Visiter suggestions: Something for children in village - clubs, societies
- Cllr Bob - Speed Communications Device seems to be working now on the road next to Beehive Storage.

23.10.04 Public Participation

- Two members of the public were present. A planning applicant and his planning consultant who offered to answer questions if required regarding application: P/FUL/2023/04710.

23.10.05 Ward Councillors Report

- nothing to report

23.10.06 Highways Matters

- Cllr Jespersen sent report prior to meeting - stating 20mph application has been accepted. Speed data collection needed. **ACTION:** Clerk to email Cllr. Jespersen to arrange liaison between Joe Allen at Dorset County Council and Cllr. B Smith to discuss where the speed tubes will go and when.

23.10.07 Footpaths Report

nothing to report

23.10.08 Tree Matters

- TPO/2023/0060 New Tree Preservation Order
Land at The Stables, Long Mead, Melway Lane, Child Okeford, DT118EW
Parish Council have no objections

23.10.10 Planning Matters

- A. To Receive Decisions of Dorset Council - nothing to report.
- B. To Consider Planning Applications

Planning Applications Received as of 29/10/2023:

- P/FUL/2023/04710 Dorset Council have agreed to extend the date for us on the above planning application, to 5th October.

Parish Council Observation: Objection. *The council objects to this new application as the principles of our initial objections have now been extended, bringing in new concerns and points to our response.*

Proposed: Cllr. T Cotton

Seconded: Cllr. M Giles

- P/HOU/2023/05218 Proposal: Erect a two storey and single storey side extension to create an annexe, (remove existing conservatory and replace). Location: Seville House, Upper Street

Parish Council Observation: No objections but we request that the same 'in keeping' conditions on the previous planning (P/HOU/2022/4787) be retained.

Proposed: Cllr. T Cotton

Seconded: Cllr. M Giles

- P/HOU/2023/05323 Proposal: Retain single storey front extension Location: 1 Melway Gardens

Parish Council Observation: No objections

Proposed: Cllr. T Cotton

Seconded: Cllr. M Giles

C. To Consider Planning Appeals – nothing to report.

D. Other Planning Matters

- Cllr T. Cotton opens discussion regarding the Neighbourhood Plan
Councillors discuss what the objectives of the plan would be, who would run it. Cllr. T Cotton proposes to take this forward to create a blueprint of tasks and timeframes, Councillors agree.

23.10.10 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £3238.71 for September 2023.

Proposed: Cllr. M Giles **Seconded:** Cllr. B Smith

b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.09.2023.

The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.09.2023.

Proposed: Cllr. M Giles **Seconded:** Cllr. B Smith

c. To Approve the Final Financial Risk Assessment

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve the final financial risk assessment for 2023-24.

Proposed: Cllr. M Giles **Seconded:** Cllr. B Smith

d. Other financial matters

- PC to consider 2024 Financial Budget - carried forward to November meeting agenda
- Parish Council agree to accept insurance term of 3 years. **Action:** Clerk to reply to insurance company with confirmation
- Community Centre Playground Equipment:

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to agree to purchase new playground equipment, subject to QEII Trust agreeing. All payments will come from Child Okeford Parish Council reserves. The QEII Trust will also look at some fundraising events and potential donations to help finance this too.

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

23.10.11 Correspondence and Information

Correspondence report circulated

- **Action:** Clerk to reply to resident email regarding overgrown trees, ivy and rubbish clearance at the Community Centre shed - with apologies, and that the Parish Council are following up the matter.

23.10.12 Matters of Interest

- a. Village horse signs - Dorset County Council need addresses of village livery yards **Action:** Cllr M Kerridge to send Clerk these addresses.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th November 2023. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed
Chairman of the Council

Dated