

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 6th November 2023 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from: none received

23.11.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda none received

23.11.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd October 2023.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2023.

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

23.11.03 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. Village horse signs - Contact has been made with Dorset County Council to proceed with signs. **Action:** Cllr. M Kerridge & Cllr. F Griffiths to arrange meeting with Highways Officer at Dorset County Council to discuss position of signs. Cllr. M Giles pass on thanks from residents with horses for organising the signs

23.11.04 Public Participation

- a. A.Blundell 20mph limit duck street (from Blandford) there is only one 20mph sign, where there should be two. **Action:** Cllr. F Griffiths to look into this

23.11.05 Ward Councillors Report

- a. Report (to be circulated prior to the meeting)

23.11.06 Footpaths Report

- a. Rangers have done a good job in clearing the paths
- b. Allan and another resident have rebuilt step on footpath past doctors
- c. New gates - still in discussion

23.11.07 Tree Matters none to report

23.11.08 Highways Matters

- a. Speed tubes position ongoing. **Action:** Cllr. B Smith and Cllr. F Griffiths to discuss with Dorset County Council Highways Officer

23.11.09 Planning Matters

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

Planning Applications Received as of 29/11/2023:

P/TRT/2023/06415

Location: Malabar House Rectory Lane Child Okeford Dorset DT11 8DT

Proposal: T1 - Holly - Remove to ground level.

The Parish Council have no objections

- c. To Consider Planning Appeals – nothing to report.
- d. Other Planning Matters -nothing to report.

23.11.10 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £663.35 for October 2023.

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

- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.10.2023.

The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30.10.2023.

Proposed: Cllr. B Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. F Griffiths

- c. Other financial matters

- PC to consider 2024 Financial Budget

Cllr. B Smith proposes draft budget to counsellors. Decision needed at next meeting, added to agenda for December.

23.11.11 Correspondence and Information

Correspondence report circulated prior to meeting

- **Action:** Clerk to reply to resident email regarding overgrown greenery under border - the matter is in hand, the contractor has been scheduled but weather has put him back

23.11.12 Matters of Interest

- a. Road lines for outside the school and bus stop - **Action:** Clerk to contact Dorset County Council about who is responsible
- b. Cllr. T Cotton & Cllr. B Ireland are working on an informed decision to report back to Dorset County Council as to whether a Neighbourhood Plan is required
- c. Cllr. M Giles announces her resignation from Chair of Parish Council, giving 3 months notice.
- d. Three positions are now open for the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th December 2023. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.42pm

Signed Dated
Chairman of the Council