

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Child Okeford Parish Council Meeting held on 8th Jan 2024 at Child Okeford Community Centre at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Laura Foulkes – Parish Clerk
Alan Blundell - Footpaths Officer
Members of the Public: None

Apologies for absence were received from:

24.01.01 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda

24.01.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th December 2023.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2023.

Proposed: Cllr. Karen Knapton **Seconded:** Cllr. Barbara Ireland

24.01.03 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

24.01.04 Public Participation

- a. Resident noted the blocked drain in the Hollow causing floods and with cold weather this can be hazardous. Alan Blundell, Footpaths Officer has contacted Dorset Council Highways team to notify them. **Action:** Clerk & Footpaths Officer to chase up response

24.01.05 Ward Councillors Report

- a. 2024/2025 Dorset Council financial budget has been proposed and soon to be put to the scrutiny committee More info here:
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/dorset-council-budget-proposals-to-protect-essential-fr-online-services-for-residents>
- b. Gritters - Parish Council are aware that some roads have not been gritted recently, but acknowledge Dorset Council Highways team work hard to keep-up with demand, however it will be reported back.
- c. Potholes - residents please report them to the Dorset Council website - this is the fastest way to get them actioned. <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole>
- d. Household Support Fund - Round 4 will open for applications at 10am on 6th Feb 2024

24.01.06 Footpaths Report

- a. Officer is aware of wet and muddy conditions in some areas, chippings have been put down in some places.

24.01.07 Tree Matters

- a. Application below

24.01.08 Highways Matters

- a. 20mph limit - Resident petition received a great result! Thank you to all residents who completed the survey. More information to follow after the meeting later in January.
- b. 'Electric Vehicle Charging point proposal: Parish Council will be putting out a survey to Child Okeford residents - please take a few minutes to respond to this. (Facebook & Website)'
- c. 'No cycling' sign fallen down due to corrosion. **Action:** Clerk to contact Dorset Council Highways team to ask to have it replaced or removed (on footpath between Homefield and Highstreet)

24.01.09 Planning Matters

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

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

24.01.10 Finance, Accounting and Administration Matters

- a. To Approve the Schedule of Payments

The Council **RESOLVED** Approval of the Payments Schedule and total amount of £1572.90 for December 2023.

Proposed: Cllr. Bob Smith **Seconded:** Cllr. Karen Knapton

- b. To Approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.12.2023.

The Council reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31.12.2023.

Proposed: Cllr. Mark Kerridge **Seconded:** Cllr. Bob Smith

- c. Other financial matters

24.01.11 Correspondence and Information

24.01.12 Matters of Interest

- a. Residents please see the e-newsletter from Dorset Council including the survey on Walking, Cycling, and Wheeling on the website and the Child Okeford Facebook page. Villagers to express their views before the survey closed on **18th Jan.**
<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/transport-policy/active-travel-infrastructure-plan/>
- b. Four positions are now open for the Parish Council.
- c. **Action:** Clerk to chase request for a PCSO to visit during school rush hour to help with drop off parking.
- d. Notice to residents - please report potholes to the council website
- e. Parish Councillors Tim Cotton & Barbara Ireland are drawing a conclusion on the neighbourhood plan and more information to follow at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th Feb 2024.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed Dated Chairman of the Council