

# **OAKE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,  
on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.10pm**

- 1. PRESENT** - Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, D Roots, J Sharland, C Bishop & Mrs S Woodbury. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), SCC James Hunt, Tim Leach & 2 members of the public.
- 2. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - None
- 3. APOLOGIES** - None
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** –  
Cllr C Bishop declared an interest in all Planning issues stating that if he says anything in respect of planning issues he reserves the right to alter that opinion when the application is put to the planning committee and the full facts are available.
- 5. MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING:**
  - a) Dog Fouling Signs – these had been purchased and given to Cllr Dunn.
  - b) BT Superfast Broadband & Heathfield Triangle Action Group – The PC agreed to support the group's request, and to inform BT & SCC, that everything should be done to ensure this hamlet is given a better service that it is currently receiving due to the businesses they are running. Cllr Hunt stated SCC David Hall was also helping BT in trying to improve this service now and the future programme being planned out.
  - c) The verges in Hillfarrance along Frog Street had been partially repaired and swept recently.

## **7. MATTERS OF REPORT**

### **a) Police Report GT021 Beat Report for March 2015**

#### **Crime**

2 x Assault occasioning ABH – Oake Manor Golf Club – Incident at a late night venue  
1 x Malicious Communication – Hillfarrance

#### **Calls to police**

2 x Traffic/vehicle incident  
2 x Concerns for welfare – Nynehead & Bradford on Tone  
3 x Suspicious;  
Oake – male in vehicle stopped to speak to young females  
Oake - male selling tools from back of vehicle  
Langford Budville – female reported as hanging around in areas of the village  
1 x Harassment/Threat - Runnington

#### **Other**

The new Beat area for policing of Wellington Monument, including West Buckland, Sampford Arundle and Wellington Without has commenced, for PCSO Sharon Cridlin 9511.  
No calls of ASB in the area

Horsewatch - day of action on 05/03/15 where visits were made to equine members of our community, raising awareness of crime and prevention and security.

A Community Speedwatch event was held at the end of February and March along Hillcommon, with the team. A Speed Awareness Week is being held in April.

- b) **Shop management committee update** - Fern Dunn reported it had been a difficult year with the passing of Diane Rigby the Treasurer. Two Shop Managers have come and gone but a new Manager was appointed in March. The Shop has always been well supported by a loyal team of volunteers for which we are very grateful. The shop is 2 ½ years into the 5 year lease so hopefully we will soon have plans for the future.
- c) **Village Hall Committee** – John Sharland reported the repairs were still ongoing and all in order.

## 8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) New Councillors Term Update – it was noted Oake PC would have a Contested Election on 7<sup>th</sup> May, as there were more nominations submitted than positions available.
- b) Training re Community Infrastructure Levy – it was agreed an evening is more appropriate for this training being scheduled at TDBC by Rebecca Staddon.
- c) Somerset Emergency Community Contacts – Sally Woodbury agreed to be a contact. Clerk to copy letter for Cllrs to see who else would volunteer. Two more names were required.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL -

The following planning applications had been received:

- a) 27/15/0004 – erection of general purpose agricultural building at Dollings Farm, Heathfield, Norton Fitzwarren. It was agreed to support this application.
- b) 27/15/0007 – erection of two storey extension to link farm house, swimming pool building and barn and conversion works to provide holiday accommodation with ancillary facilities at Allerford Farm, Norton Fitzwarren, Oake, (amended scheme to 27/14/0010). It was agreed to attend a site meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am to discuss this application.

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY TDBC – UPDATE – None.

## 11. FINANCE

### Payments

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| Clerks Salary – March         | £ 200.85 |
| Clerks expenses – March       | £ 30.00  |
| Oake Village Hall – hall hire | £ 18.30  |

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

- a) **Balance of Accounts at 31 March 2015** – Current a/c £3,395.41, Deposit a/c £1,780.43, NS&I a/c £1,048.66. Balance £6,224.50. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation form as correct.
- b) **Budget vs Expenditure** – this was reported and showed the PC were within budget (92% expenditure) for this year with a balance of £6,224.
- c) **Internal Auditor** – it was agreed to ask P Archer if she would audit the accounts.

**12. SCC JAMES HUNT REPORT** – Cllr Hunt reported SCC now owns a boat to be used in case of flooding issues – as seen last year. All applications from the Health and Well-Being Fund had been allocated to those groups which had applied in time. The traffic calming scheme near the school was still being worked on via the Small Improvement Scheme dept. It was not known when this report would be finalised, as the dept was currently working on over 100 applications.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:** None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 which will be The Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_