

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Oake Parish Council held on **Thursday 10th January 2109**, commencing at 7.00 pm in the Oake Hall.

Present: Cllrs S.Davies; F.Dunn; I. Ramus; F.Gully; A.Dyke; C.Hillier; L.Peace; R.Habgood (TDBC); J.Hunt (SCC); Mr. D.Gliddon (Clerk); 8 members of the public.

1/19 **Apologies** - none

2/19 **Declarations/Interests** – Cllr Peace (Village Shop Committee)

3/19 **Minutes:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the **8th and 16th November**.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

4/19 **Electric Charging Points** - Cilla Owen with Cllr Peter Pilkington from West Somerset District Council spoke to the council on this initiative, explaining how they had installed charging points at various village locations at no cost. OPC agreed to contact Cllr Pilkington for further details should they be required.

5/19 **Planning:**

(a) **Case Ref: 27/18/0021 – Change of use of barn from agricultural to B1 use (light industrial) and A3 use (café/restaurant) at Heathfield Barn Workshops, Halse Rd. Oake.**

Councillors discussed this proposal and unanimously agreed to support the application.

(b) **Update/decision on Case Ref: 27/18/0015 Proposal: Replacement of dwelling at Manor Lodge, Oake Rd. Oake.**

The applicant spoke to the council, prior to discussion, after which councillors voted 5 for 2 against supporting the application. The Clerk was instructed to inform TDBC Planning dept that OPC were withdrawing their holding objection in the knowledge that changes had been made to the original applications and concerns re: bat habitats were being addressed.

(c) **Update on First Step Homes application for new housing in Oake.**

No further developments – the Clerk would contact TDBC again and request committee dates.

6/19 **Village Shop proposed plans updates:**

Alex Antill gave a comprehensive report highlighting areas of concern including: insufficient volunteers; resignation of the manager; loss making. More positive news had been received from the Lottery and SCF who may support the shop financially. The Chair agreed to contact the Solicitors Everys to obtain copies of the deeds/lease.

7/19 **Report SCC**

Cllr Hunt reported on: cancellation of proposed consultation on bus routes; improved council finances; business rate retention; reduction in public health funding; volunteers needed for the memorial wood; new school building; foster placements and need for more carers.

8/19 **Report TDBC**

Cllr Habgood reported on the new leisure contract; new Chief Executive appointment and the transformation project progress.

9/19 **Parish Council Elections May 2nd, 2019**

Cllrs Dyke and Peace indicated they would not be standing for re-election.

The Clerk explained the process involved for councillors standing in May and paperwork will be circulated once it is received from TDBC.

10/19 Meeting Dates 2019

After discussion it was agreed to change both the February and April dates; the Clerk would contact the Hall and circulate a list of final dates to members.

11/19 Training

The Clerk was thanking for attending the SALC AGM in December. SALC was now a limited company, limiting each council's liability to £1. Details had also been given on the forthcoming local elections.

12/19 Reports:

a) Police Report for November/December 2018

These were read and noted. It was hoped that our local PCSO would attend future meetings when here Diary allowed.

(b) Parish Plan

Cllr Gully updated the council on the latest meeting held on January 8th. Councillors agreed to fund costs of £52.50 for ecological searches; a volunteer from Hillfarrance has joined the group & the NPG are close to achieving what the consultant has requested. The new website is nearing completion which will help.

c) Footpaths

The footpaths officer updated the council on news that a sign had been replaced and the usefulness of the interactive mapping system.

(d) Traffic Calming

No further news – Cllr Hunt agreed to investigate this at SCC.

e) Village Hall

Cllr Peace had represented the PC at the last meeting. Discussion took place re: outdoor lighting and the need for hirers to be made aware of lighting up the Car Park area for Health and Safety reasons.

13/19 Finance - To discuss/agree the following:

- (a) Clerks Salary & expenses for December/January £469.22; HMRC £97.00; Oake Hall £198.00 (NP Hire) Playing Fields Subscription £15.00; Amy Shepherd £256.62 (NP work); Stuart Todd Associates Ltd £450.00 (NP Work); Fenton Pucket £285 (Hillfarrance Green); Oake Hall £86.40 (PC Meetings)
The payments were agreed.

- (b) **Donation Requests – Citizens Advice Taunton – it was agreed to donate £100.00**
Wivvy Link – no donation on this occasion.

- (c) **Finance update – the clerk circulated the latest financial details which were approved by the Chair.**

14/19 Matters of Report.

a) Chairman

Cllr Davies reported on her attendance at the Remembrance Day Service held in Taunton.

(b) Members of Council

- It was reported that the noticeboard needed urgent repairs and Cllr Davies agreed to contact a neighbour to instigate repairs
- It was reported that operatives are leaving villages in a very untidy state following recycling visits. The Clerk would contact SWP.
- It was noted – with great delight – that Christmas elves had been busy delivering presents to children in Oake. A wonderful gesture!

15/19 Items for inclusion on next meeting on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7 p.m.

- Outdoor gym equipment
- Memorial Wood financial support

The meeting Closed at 8:50 p.m.