

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
On Thursday, 8th January 2015 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT** - Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), D Roots & Mrs F Dunn. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), Tim Leach & 2 members of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - None
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Bishop, I McMath, J Sharland & Mrs S Woodbury
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** –
Cllr Dyke declared an interest in item 7(d) Hillfarrance Noticeboard
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2014 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) Highways Sign Training – SCC Highways were running a pilot scheme and would report back with their findings in three to four month time.
 - b) Bridge missing along footpath on Mr Bickham's land – Cllr Dyke had not spoken to him to date.
7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a) **Police Report - GT021 Beat Report for December 2014**

Crime

1 x Robbery of Business – Oake Manor Golf Club

PC Hooper apprehended vehicle, but persons escaped. An amount of money that had been stolen from the Club was retrieved and returned.

2 x Criminal damage to vehicle & 1 x Bladed Article – Bradford on Tone

Male under influence became very aggressive and caused damage to 2 vehicles, including Police vehicle. Male was arrested and charged to Court.

Calls to police

Several calls to Police regarding missing Female, that was sadly later found deceased in Longforth Farm area

1 x welfare concern/suicidal;

Male found deceased on train lines in the Nynehead area

1 x welfare/safety – male in wheelchair in dark clothing in Allerford

1 x Mud on Road – Bradford on Tone

1 x Animal – Shetland Pony appeared in paddock – issue now resolved

1 x Suspicious – vehicle lights on Farm in Langford Budville, police attended

1 x Driver under influence

Other

The rural areas have been targeted recently with non-dwelling breaks, including sheds and outbuildings.

Please secure yours well, and be diligent and report anything suspicious to 101 or your Beat Team.

Colour, make, model and registration number is extremely useful, together with any information on drivers and passengers that you may recall.

Please note the change of your Beat Team's telephone numbers;
PC Adrian Hopper
07889658015
PCSO Sharon Cridlin
07889655302

Please also note, new Beat Posters will be distributed shortly with Beat Surgery dates for 2015.

Monday 30 March 2015 signifies the start of a new shift pattern for your local Beat Team, so there will be some change to Beat Surgery dates. This will be advertised as soon as possible.

- b) **Shop management committee update** – Fern Dunn reported the shop manager was still on sick leave. There would be more news and information to come in the February meeting.
- c) **Village Hall Committee** – It was understood the committee required a new secretary.
- d) **Footpath Report** – Tim Leach reported that i) the bridge by The Anchor Inn was not owned by the Environment Agency as they had handed over ownership to SCC Rights of Way. This was being investigated by SCC legal department as there was some discrepancy here. ii) The issue with the missing bridge and Mr Bickham was still on-going. iii) Notices regarding a proposed diversion of footpath WG/9/39 part had been put up for comments until 20 January. It was agreed this diversion would not cause an issue along this footpath.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) **Extending white line outside Shop update** - SCC H/Ways have agreed to extend the white line to the end of the drop kerb.
- b) **Resignation of Cllr McMath** – Ian McMath had resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. He was thanked for his contribution on the council. After discussion, it was agreed not to co-opt a new member as it was an election year (May 2015) where the new term for the council would begin. Notices and Nomination forms would be sent in March and should be returned to TDBC in April.
- c) **Parking in Oake** – Cllr Dyke had received a letter from a resident along the main road regarding the issue of cars parking all day and problems getting in and out of driveways etc. After discussion it was agreed to write to the Headteacher at the school for his help and any solutions.
- d) **Footbridge at Hillfarrance** – under Footpath report.
- e) **New Church Noticeboard at Hillfarrance** – Cllr Dyke provided a background to the history of the Hillfarrance noticeboard. The PC could not make a financial decision as it was not quorate. It was agreed that Marcia Maunder would contact the clerk to find out if the PC could give a financial contribution to the church in return for continued use of the new noticeboard.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- a) **27/14/0029/T** – to fell one coniferous tree within Hillfarrance conservation area at Mansfield House, Hillfarrance - The PC agreed to make no comment on this application.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY TDBC – UPDATE

- 27/14/0026 – Annexe at Slough Farm – approved 21/11/14
- 27/14/0022 – two storey extension on outbuilding at Cannon Farm, Hillfarrance – approved 20/11/14
- 27/14/0027 – First floor balcony at Cherry House, Hillcommon – approved 18/11/14
- 27/14/0020 – solar panels at Calf House, Allerford Farm, Oake – approved 14/11/14.

11. a) FINANCE

Payments

Clerks Salary - Dec	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – Nov & Dec	£ 60.00

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

- b) **Balance of Accounts at 2 December 2014** – Current a/c £4,912.71, Deposit a/c £1,780.21, NS&I a/c £1,040.85. Unpresented cheques £850.85. Balance £6,882.92 The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation form as correct.
- c) **Draft Precept for 2015/16** – the clerk had circulated a revised draft precept for 2015/16 for discussion following the changes made at the November 2014 meeting. A Band D property would pay £15.52 next year down 10p on last year. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £5,000 – no change from last year. Clerk to inform TDBC and send off signed form.
- d) Review of Financial Regulations – it was agreed to read through the Financial Regulations for any changes. It was agreed in principle to keep to the two signatories on cheques system rather than move to internet banking as OPC did not have enough payments to process each month, which was being proposed under new regulations.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Rural Community Support Funding Under Threat Email – the clerk had forwarded an email from the Community Council for Somerset about reduced funding. After discussion it was agreed the councillors should respond individually.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 12th February 2015.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____