

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
on Thursday, 14th January 2016 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, J Sharland, D Roots & Sue Davies.
In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), SCC Cllr J Hunt and 3 members of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** – none
3. **APOLOGIES** - TDBC Cllr R Habgood & Cllr L Peace
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS:** Cllr Dunn declared an interest regarding the Community Shop.
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th November 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) WI 100 year celebration fund expenditure – Cllr Dunn to report at next meeting.
 - b) Defibrillator for Village update – it was agreed that this project required someone to take ownership and regularly maintain/check the unit if purchased. It was for outside the shop rather than the hall. It was agreed to review this after the future of the shop is more secure.
7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a) **Police Report** - December 2015 Bradford on Tone Beat

Bradford on Tone, Oake, Nynehead, Langford Budville, Hillcommon and Hillfarrance.

Date	Location	Details
12/12	Heatherton Park BOT	Harassment
22/12	Langford Budville	Criminal Damage - Fencing around Play area damaged
29/12	Langford Budville	Theft of Wooden Flower Tub

Calls to Police

There were 156 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 12 for this Beat area. This included a suspicious call to Bradford on Tone, where a bag of bones/carcass had been found in a gateway on the road to Hele. After examination it was deemed animal remains and the TDBC were called to collect and make clean. A concern for welfare in Bradford on Tone for an elderly female with Dementia, family are aware and have put suitable care in place. There has also been a report of a road traffic incident in Allerford/Hillfarrance area whereby a male in dark clothing is using the highway, without high-visibility clothing.

Reports of Antisocial Behavior

There were no reports of Anti-social behaviour this month.

Other News

High visibility patrol over the Festive period has been on-going, together with work around Op-Tonic, Avon and Somerset's Drink Drive campaign.

New dates have been set for 2016 Beat Surgery and posters will be distributed in due course.

- b) **Shop management committee update** - Fern Dunn reported the financial situation and forecast which was not positive. After discussion, it was agreed to carry out a door-to-door survey to find out what residents wanted from the shop and its future. The PC agreed they may be able to support the shop financially for a short period of time with the CiL funds received. No final decision was reached but the PC understood the situation fully.
- c) **Village Hall Committee** – The next hall meeting was at the end of January.
- d) **TDBC Report** – no report received.
- e) **SCC Report** - Cllr Hunt reported the Improvements Scheme for the school crossing was progressing but may not hear anything until spring 2017. Deadline for Health and Well-being grant was the end of January.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) **Casual Vacancy** – Sally Woodbury was co-opted onto the Parish Council following the passing of Cliff Bishop.
- b) **Solar Farm Funds** – after discussion, it was agreed by 4 votes for to 1 against for the Somerset Community Foundation to manage the New Rendy Solar Farm funds on behalf of the PC. Clerk to contact SCF to begin the Memorandum of Understanding document for discussion and approval for the next meeting.
- c) **The Neighbourhood Plan Meeting** had been arranged for Tuesday, 23rd February at 6.30pm. Stuart Todd to give a full presentation on Neighbourhood Plans and how this could affect Oake Parish. Bradford on Tone and Nynehead PC's had also been invited if interested.
- d) **Mobile Phone coverage** – following the email sent by EE it was agreed to place a notice into the local magazine to see if there were any requirements where there was poor mobile phone coverage to see if there was a need.
- e) **Heathfield Church Sign** – it was agreed unanimously to give a donation of £50 to Heathfield Church for the information sign they requested.
- f) **Bus Shelter repairs** – Cllr Davies reported the hedge required cutting behind the shelter, new Perspex glass for the window, to paint a lighter colour inside and to try and improve the floor which retained water after it rained. Agreed to get three quotes.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The following planning applications below were discussed:

- a) 27/15/0025 – change of use from agricultural and flexible use Class D2 (assembly and leisure) (retention of works already undertaken) at Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance Road, Hillfarrance: The Councillors voted to object for the following reasons:

Traffic - access to the property is along a single track lane with few passing places. Pedestrians and horse riders use this road on a regular basis, and having this event venue would increase the volume of traffic along this narrow lane. This lane is also part of the national Sustran cycling route and therefore heavily used by cyclists. Neighbours - thought should be taken into account with close neighbours in this quiet lane regarding noise disturbance late at night and privacy. Economic impact - there are two local businesses which offer functions so a further business may have a financial impact. Visitors will be passing through the small settlement of Hillfarrance.
- b) 27/15/0027/A – display of 1 non illuminated hoarding sign (retention of works already undertaken) at The Barn, Hillfarrance, Oake. The Councillors supported the application.
- c) 27/15/0030/T – Application to carry out management work to two oak trees included in TDBC (Oake 3) Tree Preservation Order 1996 at 39 Saxon Close, Oake, (TD677). The Councillors supported the application.

- d) 27/15/0031 – Erection of first floor extension to the side of Beams, Wiveliscombe Road, Hillcommon. The Councillors supported the application and agreed it would improve the property.

10. FINANCE

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council.

a) Payments

Clerks Salary – Nov/Dec	£401.70
Clerks expenses – Nov/Dec	£ 60.00
TDBC – election fees	£731.00
Tim Leach – handrail footpath	£ 51.10
Community Council for Somerset	£ 40.00
Magic Webs – hosting fee	£ 75.00

- b) **Balance of Accounts:** The balance as at 2 January 2016 was £22,173.52. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS: None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 11th February 2016.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____