

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, D Roots, & J Sharland. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), 2 members of the public, Heidi Davies – First Step Homes and Jo Humble – TDBC (part).
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME – None**
3. **APOLOGIES** - Mrs L Peace, Mrs S Davies, Mrs S Woodbury, TDBC Cllr R Habgood, SCC Cllr J Hunt
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS:** Cllr F Dunn – Community Shop.
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2016 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) Neighbourhood Plan Display Board – the board had been successful at the fete with people writing down their thoughts about the parish. Further discussion on how to go forward was required.
 - b) Cil Justification – the clerk had received notification that this had now been approved at TDBC.
7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

a) Police Report - June 2016 - Bradford on Tone Beat

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

Date	Location	Details
03/06/16	Langford Budville	Road assist mirror damaged
08/06/16	Langford Budville	Driver's door window and passenger window damaged
10/06/16	Nynehead	Theft of fuel from renovation/building site

Calls to Police

There were 221 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 19 for this Beat area. This included a vehicle being recovered in Oake after suspicions it had been abandoned, 3 road related incidents in Bradford on Tone, a road traffic incident in Nynehead, a loose dog reported in Oake, and a dog bite in Hillfarrance.

Please be aware that there has recently been a non-dwelling break in to outbuildings in West Buckland where tools and small machinery items have been stolen. There has also been a report of theft of Fuel in the Westpark business area of Wellington. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious incidents to Police.

Reports of Antisocial Behavior

There were 2 ASB type calls to the police, one relating to food being thrown over the pub roof at the Martlett Pub and one relating to males hanging around causing a nuisance with fire crackers.

Other News

The Beat Team and the ASB team are working together with staff at a private care home in Langford Budville to minimise incidents at the property together with reducing any fear these incidents may be causing to the community. Two young adult males have recently been involved in a Restorative Justice outcome, facing the consequences of their actions which involved a female victim.

Please keep reporting any incidents that require Police assistance on 101 so they are logged and dealt with.

- b) Shop management committee update** – The shop had raised funds of £100 at the fete. Committee were pleased the email about the Cil Justification had finally been approved at TDBC. Recent Quiz night had raised £565. Shop showing positive signs and the PC were thanked again for its support.
- c) Village Hall Committee** – It was reported that the play area equipment was now 6 years old and was getting tired. Weekly inspections and the Annual Inspection was costing around £2,000 a year. Replacing the wooden posts around the sand pit was expensive. Concerns were raised regarding the responsibility and liability the village hall and PC have over the play area and the costs involved in running this. It was thought this should be shared which was noted. **Fete** – not known yet how much money was raised. It had been successful in spite of 5 other fetes in the area.
- d) TDBC Report** – no report received.
- e) SCC Report** – no report received.

8. Affordable Housing Update

Heidi Davies reported the delay in getting a planning application into TDBC had been due to having an ecology study for bats, newts and dormice, which has taken time to complete. At the moment, a viability study of the project is being carried out to agree the best mix of houses. A new plan was shown and the PC agreed the two extra homes would be acceptable if it was necessary to get the project approved. It was hoped a planning application would be submitted early September.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) Clerk Resignation** – Interviews for the clerk's role would take place on 19th and 21st July. Agreed to a start date of 1st August. Existing clerk would carry out a handover and attend the September meeting to help the new clerk.
- b) Electoral Review of Taunton Deane** – agreed to email link to Cllrs for their thoughts and response if appropriate.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL -

- a) 27/16/0013/HR** - Notification to remove 60 metres of hedgerow on land to the south of Heathover and the B3227 at ST156 261. The Parish Councillors had no objections but regretted the loss of hedgerow and appreciated that an environmental compensation scheme be addressed in some way - ie new hedging of some description added in a more appropriate place, or similar.
- b) 27/16/0015** - Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plan) of application 27/15/0024 at Mayfield, Hillfarrance Road, Hillfarrance. The Parish Councillors had no objections and supported the application.
- c) 27/16/0014** - Demolition of office/dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at Baron House, Wiveliscombe Road, Hillcommon. The Parish Councillors had no objections and supported the application.

11. FINANCE

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council.

a) Payments

Clerks Salary – June	£ 160.65
Clerks expenses – June	£ 30.00
Tim Leach – bus shelter repairs	£ 181.70
J Loader – adverts refund	£ 476.16

Receipts: Nil

Balance of Accounts: As at 7 July 2016 £13,238.97

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Bus Shelter – still required boarding at the back and the ditch digging more to resolve any 'flooding' on to the floor. Agreed to monitor.
- b) Sally Woodbury had resigned from the Parish Council that evening by email. Clerk to contact TDBC. A casual vacancy was available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday, 15th September 2016.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____