

# OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,  
Held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, D Roots, Mrs L Peace, Mrs S Davies & J Sharland. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), Andrew Ridgewell from SCF (part)
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** - it was proposed and seconded that Adrian Dyke be elected as Chairman which he duly accepted.
3. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** – would be signed within the week as the clerk had left the form at home by mistake.
4. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** – None
5. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr S Woodbury, TDBC Cllr R Habgood, SCC Cllr J Hunt
6. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS:** Cllr Dunn declared an interest regarding the Community Shop.
7. **CIL JUSTIFICATION/SCF AMOUNT** – An issue has occurred over the expenditure of the CIL fund given to the Shop. Should this decision not be approved by the TDBC Levy Officer the money will have to come from PC Funds. After discussion it was unanimously voted to only give £8,000 towards The Sunshine Fund and to hold back £1,500 until this issue had been resolved.
8. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
9. **SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** – Andrew Ridgewell introduced himself as our contact for The Sunshine Fund management. He outlined how the fund would be managed again and the publicity proposed. Grants would be available in May and November for local groups. He was presented with a cheque for £8,000 to be placed in the Sunshine Fund account.
10. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - a) Bus Shelter – it was agreed unanimously the quote from Tim Leach to repair the bus shelter for £181.70. It was agreed to review the floor issue and if necessary carry out some works.
  - b) Street Lamp in Saxon Close – this would be replaced before 20<sup>th</sup> May, as per confirmation from TDBC Street Lighting Department.

## 11. MATTERS OF REPORT

### a) Police Report - April 2016 - Bradford on Tone Beat

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

Date	Location	Details
06/04/16	Langford Budville	Malicious Communications
08/04/16	Westford	Non-dwelling burglary – forced bolts on a stable door – nothing stolen
13/04/16	Nynehead	Public Order – dangerous driving

27/04/16	Langford Budville	Non-dwelling burglary – Husquarvana Tools and equipment stolen
27/04/16	Oake	Assault
27/04/16	Lower Westford	Non-dwelling burglary – Forced stable door - chainsaw stolen

### **Calls to Police**

There were 203 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 22 for this Beat area. This included road traffic incidents in Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville and Chelston. There was a concern for welfare from Nynehead, harassment/threat log in Langford Budville and a suspicious call in Bradford on Tone, whereby a male was reported in a small holding hiding. This appeared to be related to a recent accident on the A38.

### **Reports of Antisocial Behavior**

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

### **Other News**

A walkabout was carried out in Langford Budville with a Parish Councillor and staff from Highways, looking at aspects of road safety and any improvements that can be made. Rogue Trader was highlighted, w/c 11/04 and leaflets and information via email was sent. An open day was held at Cotford St Luke by the Parish Council. This event was well attended and lots of information was given out.

Wellington Youth Centre drop in sessions attended, information and engagement with young people. Particularly advising around safeguarding of themselves and sending inappropriate images.

Beat Surgeries and coffee mornings continue to be attended as and when possible. Please do drop by and say hello when you can.

\*\*Farmers Market on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 9a, - 1pm, will be attended by myself, promoting Farmwatch & Horsewatch along with other crime prevention materials to give away\*\*

- b) Shop management committee update** – business was good, takings were up. Still wanting to take on an Assistant Manager.
- c) Village Hall Committee** – John Sharland reported the Plant sale was on 14<sup>th</sup> May and the Fete on 9<sup>th</sup> July and not 14<sup>th</sup> as previously stated. Quotes were being obtained for replacement smoke detectors for the hall.
- d) TDBC Report** – Cllr Habgood had sent his apologies and emailed his report as follows:  
  
As Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Transportation. The main issues I continue to be involved in are: The Core Strategy Review, The SADMP Inspection, Major Planning Applications; Comeytrove and Trull, Staplegrove, Firepool, Jnct 25 Employment land, Coal Orchard, Neighbourhood development plans, Pedestrianisation in Taunton and Car Parking charging.
- e) SCC Report** – No report received.

## **12. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

- a) **Flooding Issues** - a) Nynehead Road - this floods and water remains for long periods just past the bungalows from Oake Close. Clerk to follow up on situation with SCC Highways.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – it was agreed to hold a stall at the Fete on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Sue Davies would produce a board publicising The Sunshine Fund and Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan for initial thoughts and ideas local residents may have about the parish of Oake. Photos of the Cllrs were required for the board.

c) **Cil Justification Update** – an issue had arisen regarding the expenditure of £1,500 from the Cil Fund that TDBC Rebecca Standon, Community Infrastructure Levy Officer had highlighted as not meeting with the criteria of the fund. Emails had been exchanged between the Community Shop, Clerk and Levy Officer outlining how the fund was being spent. It was agreed to find out the exact costs the Shop were proposing to spend on broadband, repairs and any other works, before submitting again to the Levy Officer for approval. The Cllrs agreed the money would not be returned from the Shop. Due to this uncertainty it was agreed that should this expenditure not be approved the PC would have to use funds from The Sunshine Fund reserve which had been kept back.

### 13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The following planning application was discussed and supported:

- a) 27/16/0011/T – Application to carry out management work to one Oak Tree included in TDBC (Oake No.1) Tree Preservation Order 2013 at White Moss, Hillcommon, Taunton (TD1110).

### 14. FINANCE

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council.

a) **Payments**

Clerks Salary – April	£ 160.65
Clerks expenses – April	£ 30.00
PAYE to HMRC	£ 40.20
Came & Co – insurance	£ 273.75
SALC subscription	£ 189.59
P Archer – internal audit	£ 35.00

**Receipts:** TDBC Precept £5,127.00

- b) **Annual Internal Auditor** – The Internal Auditor had no queries or issues relating to the Annual Audit for 2015/16.

### 15. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_