

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
on Thursday, 12th March 2015 at 7.00pm**

1. **PRESENT** - Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, D Roots & J Sharland.
In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), BT Rep Laurent Boon, SCC Rep Matthew Ballard, Heidi Davis - First Step Homes, Jo Humble - TDBC & 19 members of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - Various attendees expressed their concerns and issues with the level of service and lack of information regarding the new superfast broadband service to the BT & SCC representatives.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr C Bishop, Mrs S Woodbury
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** –
Cllr Dunn declared an interest in Planning item 27/15/0005.
5. **BT SUPERFAST BROADBAND UPDATE** – Both representatives provided an outline on how this service was being funded, by the public and private sectors via Connecting Devon & Somerset. Phase I would cover 90% of properties by the end of 2016 at a cost of £94m. Phase II was currently going through a procurement phase and would reach 95% of properties, at a cost of £45m. Phase I was approx. 3rd covered to date. Technical surveys were ongoing to identify where cables and services could be installed. Issues were based on where the existing exchanges were in relation to the copper connections to where new fibre optic cables had been installed. Level of service and fall out along the lines was dependent upon where the property was, existing cables and the exchange.

BT were developing other solutions to help small hamlets get a good level of service but nothing was available to date.

BT & SCC had agreed suitable criteria for those getting superfast broadband first. This was dependent upon area, businesses and housing population. On the Connecting Devon & Somerset Web site – the areas in green were complete under Phase I. Phase II will take in more coverage within the Oake area after 2016.

This news did not satisfy those attending but it provided a background to the issues and reasons behind why some areas in Oake have not got this service.

Both representatives were thanked for attending the meeting and further discussion with individuals continued outside of the meeting.
6. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE** – Jo Humble and Heidi Davis provided information on the availability of land within Oake Parish and identified land owners willing to sell their land for affordable housing. Various sites were mentioned and their subsequent availability. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed for First Step Homes to contact the land owner in scheme C and arrange for initial site maps and drawings to be produced for an open day which the public could attend to view the options available and level of interest.
7. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th February 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

- 8. MATTERS ARISING:** a) Dog Fouling Signs – it was agreed to purchase 5 x A5 self-adhesive please clean up after your dog stickers. b) White line painting over humps – this would be carried out by Highways in the new financial year.

9. MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Police Report - GT021 Beat Report for February 2015

Crime

1 x Theft – Oake Manor Golf Club – Theft of golf clubs taken from bag left outside canopy area of the Pro Shop.

1 x Theft – Langford Budville – 2 very old bikes left under a car port area have been taken.

Calls to police

5 x Traffic/vehicle incident

3 x Concerns for welfare

1 x Disturbance/Nuisance – Worlds End PH

1 x Missing Person

2 x Suspicious;

Oake – male on foot selling items

Bradford on Tone – male selling items from back of vehicle

Other

Littering in Langford Budville park/green areas. Vehicle registration received and further enquiries made. Parking issues in Oake

Beat Posters have been distributed with Beat Surgery dates for 2015.

A Neighbourhood Watch/KINS meeting has been planned on Tuesday 03 March from 19.00-21.00 at West Buckland Village Hall to discuss small changes to your Policing Team.

- b) Shop management committee update** - Fern Dunn reported they were interviewing for a new Manager. Nothing else to report.

- c) Village Hall Committee** – John Sharland reported the repairs were still ongoing – nothing else to report.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) Annual Parish Meeting – it was agreed to invite the various groups and committees for their report as last year. Tea and biscuits would be provided between meetings.
- b) Damaged verges in Hillfarrance – clerk to inform Highways to request the repair to the damaged verges from tractors using Frog Street – photos to be sent with email.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL -

.The following planning applications were discussed and approved with no objections:

- a) 27/15/0001/T - Application to carry out management work to one Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Oake No 2) tree preservation order 2000 at Oak House, Hillcommon (TD885).
- b) 27/15/0002 - Siting of a temporary mobile home to be used as an agricultural workers dwelling at Broom Farm, Broom Lane, Oake.
- c) 27/15/0003 - Erection of agricultural covered yard at Barn Owl Farm, Oake Road, Oake.
- d) 27/15/0005 Variation of condition No 02 (approved plans) and condition No. 10 (to re-word the condition to allow a phased development with regard to the number of commercial units required to be constructed prior to the dwellings being occupied) of application 27/13/0010 at Beaconstone, Wiveliscombe Road, Hillcommon.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY TDBC – UPDATE – None.

13. FINANCE

Payments

Clerks Salary - February	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – February	£ 30.00
Hillfarrance PCC – noticeboard donation	£ 175.00
Somerset Playing Fields Assoc.	£ 15.00

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

- a) **Balance of Accounts at 9 March 2015** – Current a/c £3,801.01, Deposit a/c £1,780.36, NS&I a/c £1,048.66. Unpresented cheques £230.85. Balance £6,399.18 The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation form as correct.
- b) Receipts received: £100 from TDBC regarding the Audit Fee refund.

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

- a) It was agreed to inform Cotford St Luke Parish Council they could pursue the changes to the boundary as requested. The Council had not received any objections.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 9th April 2015 after The Annual Parish Meeting which would commence at 6pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____