

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Oake Parish Council held on Thursday 20th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oake Hall

1. Present: Cllr A.Dyke; Cllr S.Davies; Cllr D.Roots; Cllr F.Gully; Cllr J. Hunt (SCC); Cllr Roger Habgood (TDBC) Mr David Gliddon (Clerk) & 4 members of the public.

2. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A resident raised the issue of an empty council property at 12 Oake Close, vacant for 10 months, and the clerk agreed to follow this up with TDBC Housing Dept.

A resident raised concerns regarding the proposed traffic calming plan for Oake. Specific areas of concern were the width of agricultural vehicles using this section of road, parked cars at peak schooltimes and the need for a 20 mph limit. As this was an agenda item it was agreed to discuss further at this point.

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr F.Dunn; Cllr L.Peace; PCSO Sharon Baker

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

5. **MINUTES:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th March 2017
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

6. MATTERS ARISING requiring action or update:

a)Oake Close - Street Sign

This had been chased up at TDBC by Cllr Habgood and we are awaiting installation of the new sign.

b)The Green, Hillfarrance

The owner of the property had been written to by the Clerk. He was very co-operative and has agreed to make good any damage to the village green as well as doing his best to prevent further vehicle damage. The council will continue to monitor the situation.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT:

- a) Police Report for March

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
04/03	Langford Budville	Assault (Care Home)
06/03	Nynehead	Theft from motor vehicle
06/03	Oake	Burglary – vacant property broken into – nothing stolen
07/03	Nynehead	Non-dwelling break – shed broken into
08/03	Langford Budville	Assault (Care Home)
09/03	Langford Budville	Drugs Offences – Possession of Cannabis – vehicle parked in gateway
13/03	Nynehead	Non-dwelling break – shed broken into
15/03	Langford Budville	ASB – Tyres let down on vehicle
18/03	Oake	Theft of property – private party at residence
22/03	Langford Budville	Attempted Burglary – Willis & Grabham – no entry gained
24/03	Bradford on Tone	Harassment
24/03	Bradford on Tone – Allerford	Drugs Offences – Possession of Cannabis – vehicle parked in layby

Calls to Police

There were 221 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 14 for this Beat area. This included a road related incident in Oake, where a suspicious vehicle was reported as pulling up in Saxon Close with youths in, an oil spill in Oake, and an abandoned call in Nynehead.

Reports of Antisocial Behaviour

There was one report of tyres being let down on a vehicle in Langford Budville.

Other News

There has been a **significant rise in rural crime across our area in the last few weeks**. Lots of proactive work is happening behind the scenes, as well as targeted patrols, stopping vehicles overnight, and generally disrupting those that wish to partake in these activities.

The Rural Crime Team have launched a Crimestoppers campaign which is encouraging people to report anonymously and there is a new text number to use for anyone wanting to report information relating to rural crime.

- b) Village Hall Report
None
- c) Village Shop Report
None
- d) TDBC Report
No new news to report
- e) SCC Report
No new news to report as elections are due to be held imminently

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION.

a) Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mr Chris Hillier was put forward for co-option following the resignation of Cllr John Sharland. After discussion he was proposed, seconded and unanimously co-opted onto the Council. The Clerk provided him with a welcome pack and he will be invited to the next meeting in May.

b) Traffic Calming Bradford-Oake Road (consultation)

Discussion took place re: the proposed plan on the Oake-Bradford Rd. Councillors felt the proposed plan could cause more problems than it solved, particularly the impact on the movement of agricultural traffic & at peak school times.

The Clerk was instructed to request a site meeting between SCC and representatives from the Council. Cllrs Gully & Hillier agreed to represent OPC.

c) Defibrillator – training update & decision if/where to instal

Deferred to the May meeting.

d) Appointment of internal auditor for 2016/17 accounts

Mrs Phillipa Archer is able and willing to carry out this work for the Parish Council and the Council agreed to her appointment.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DISCUSS/APPROVE:

(a) Case Ref: 27/17/0003

Proposal: Conversion of Stable Block into 1 No dwelling with associated works at The Pink Barn, Heathfield Court, Heathfield, Norton Fitzwarren.

No further comment felt necessary.

(b) Case Ref: 27/17/0004/T

Proposal: Application to fell one oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Oake No 2) Tree Preservation Order 2000 at Oak House, Hillcommon (TD885)

No further comment – decision left to TDBC tree officer.

9. FINANCE - To discuss/agree the following:

a) Clerks Salary & expenses for March £219.04

Agreed

(b) Invoice payments: HMRC £42.60; Mr D. Gliddon £59.99 (Office Software);

Reminiscence Learning £50 (Mayor's Charity Fund cheque payable to TDBC)

Agreed

c) Approval of Annual Accounts 2016/17

Agreed

d) Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 for audit

Agreed

e) Approval of Accounting Statements 2016/17 for audit

Agreed

f) Asset Register 2017 update

Agreed

10. MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Chairman

Adrian Dyke reported on his attendance at the National Association of Local Councils Conference he attended recently. This was of variable quality but overall felt to be valuable.

2. Members of Council:

Cllr Davies reported a problem with the railway bridge. She would provide the clerk with precise details of location.

Problems on the southbound verges of the B3227 were noted. The clerk will contact Highways.

3. Clerk

Change of the June meeting date agreed switch to June 15th because of General Election on the 8th.

11 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION

None

12 Suggested topics for inclusion on next meeting Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7 p.m.

- Defibrillator
- Parish Plan update