

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Oake Parish Council held on **Thursday 8th November 2018**, commencing at 7.00 pm in the Oake Hall.

Present: Cllrs S.Davies (Chair); F.Dunn; I.Ramus; C.Hillier; F.Gully; A.Dyke; J.Hunt (SCC) & 3 members of the public

1. Public Speaking Time on agenda items (3 Minutes each)

None

2. Apologies

Cllr L.Peace; Cllr R.Habgood (TDBC)

3. Declarations/Interests

Cllr Dyke – Item 7 Hillfarrance Church

4. Minutes: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 11th and 25th October 2018

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5. Planning:

(a) **Case Ref: 27/18/0015 Proposal: Replacement of dwelling at Manor Lodge, Oake Rd. Oake.**

After discussion it was agreed that a site meeting by councillors would be beneficial & the Clerk was instructed to contact the applicant's agent to determine a suitable date. (Friday 16th November at 9 a.m. was the preferred option.) The Chairman would then inform the Clerk of the council's position and he would respond to TDBC by the deadline date.

(b) Update on First Step Homes application for new housing in Oake.

- **Colin Pemble from First Step Homes had informed the Clerk that “issues that have to be addressed are being followed up”**
- **TDBC Planner Ms A. Penn had contacted the Clerk to inform him of “issues with drainage & highways”. She is now the 4th TDBC planning officer to be dealing with this application**
- **The council discussed a letter sent by TDBC Housing Officer in respect of the above application. The Clerk was instructed to send letters to both Ms Walker and Ms Penn stating clearly that the Housing Needs Survey carried out recently by the Community Council for Somerset, should take precedence over the 2014 survey carried out by TDBC.**

6. Village Shop proposed plans and agreement of a peppercorn rent.

The contents of an email received on behalf of the Village Shop Committee were discussed.

It was resolved:

- **That a peppercorn rent of £1 per month would be charged for an extension of the shop onto Parish Council owned land at the Village Hall**
- **The lease would be on the same terms as the Village Hall – thought to be 99 years**
- **The Clerk would make efforts to locate the deeds and relevant paperwork from solicitors/ hall committee**
- **Permission was granted to relocate two trees for the extension**
- **Permission was NOT given for prior works on foundations to be carried out without the necessary planning permissions being in place**
- **The Shop had no funds to pay the £462 fee required to apply for Planning Permission and various suggestions were made including a plea to shareholders**

7. Sunshine Fund Grant Application – Hillfarrance Church

(Cllr Dyke left the room)

A request for £5,000 was made for renovations and alterations at Hillfarrance Church. Councillors voted four in favour with one abstention to grant the sum of £2,000. The Clerk would contact SCF to confirm payment was to be made.

(Cllr Dyke returned to the room)

8. Outdoor Gym Equipment

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

9. Report SCC

Cllr Hunt gave updates on:

- **Completion of library consultations**
- **Somerset Independent Plus hub opening**
- **WW1 Memorial Wood**
- **SCC property restructure**

10. Report TDBC

None

11. Training

- **Cllr Dunn has completed her Speedwatch training**
- **Cllr Gully's Neighbourhood Plan training had been cancelled by SALC**

12. Reports:

(a) Police Report for October

The report was discussed, and it was noted that PCSO Baker had been active in the local community including visits around the school location.

(b) Parish Plan

- **An extremely valuable consultation weekend had taken place with 31 visitors attending**
- **Grant money had been received and a consultant was now reading the evidence base**

(c) Footpaths

- **Good use was being made, by our footpaths officer, of the SCC interactive map**
- **£150 was available for improvements/repairs to local paths and styles**

(d) Traffic Calming

New lines had been completed but no further works had taken place. Cllr Hunt offered to pursue this.

(e) Village Hall

Nothing to report

13. Finance - To discuss/agree the following:

- b) Clerks Salary & expenses for October £256.21; HMRC £52.40; Magic Webs (website charges) £144.00; Somerset Community Foundation £4,779.72; Sue Davies £5.55;**

All agreed.

(b) Finance update and SETTING PRECEPT for 2019/20.

It was agreed to request a sum of £6,000 from TDBC to cover costs for 2019/20. This would cover elections and other increases which could be expected. The impact on Council Tax would be minimal.

14. Matters of Report.

a) **Chairman**

- **Requested that all councillors complete the Broadband Survey**
- **Informed the Council that she would be representing Oake at the Civic Remembrance Service**

b) **Members of Council**

- **Bells were being rung at Hillfarrance, Oake and Heathfield on the afternoon of Sunday 11th November as part of the nationwide Armistice 100**

c) **Correspondence**

None

d) **Suggested topics for inclusion on next meeting Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7 p.m.**

- **Electric Charging Points**

The meeting Closed at 8.35 p.m.