

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Oake Parish Council held on **Thursday 12th July 2018**, commencing at 7.00 pm in the Oake Hall.

Present: Cllrs S.Davies; F.Dunn; I. Ramus; C.Hillier; F.Gully; L.Peace; Mr. D.Gliddon(Clerk)

1. Public Speaking Time

A resident raised the poor state of the verges on the Oake Close/Nynehead Rd.

2. Apologies

Cllr A.Dyke

3. Declarations/Interests

Cllr Peace - Shop

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th June 2018 were approved and signed by the chair as a true record.

5. Planning

None

6. Sunshine Fund

The Chairman read through a report from the SCF showing a balance of £8,054 in the fund. This included £750 yet to be paid to Oake Church for a tree sculpture. Cllr Dunn agreed to contact the churchwardens to ascertain any progress made in raising their share of the funding.

It was agreed to grant £1,000 to Reminiscence Learning to run the Archie Project at Oake Primary School subject to:

- Further detailed information about the course and its benefits, long term costs etc, being supplied to the Parish Council in advance of the grant being provided
- The balance of £850 being found, by the applicant, from other sources.

7. Boundary Commission Consultation

Discussion took place regarding the proposed new Somerset West and Taunton District Council boundary organisation. Oake has been placed with Cotford St Luke and councillors felt this was totally inappropriate and would prefer to be with Bradford-on-Tone & Nynehead. Reasons given were: **shared school links; better geographically; joint village magazine & the same police beat.**

The clerk would contact the other councils and the TDBC Councillor to gauge opinion and then respond accordingly to the Commission before the August 25th deadline.

8. Report SCC

None

9. Report TDBC

None

10. Training

Cllr Davies and the Clerk had both attended “ Responding to Planning Applications” training on July 5th. This had proved very useful.

Cllr Dunn attended Speedwatch training on July 16th.

Cllr Gully will be attending 2 training sessions on July 18th & November 1st.

11. Reports:

a) **Police Report** for June was discussed and noted.

b) Parish Plan

- **The Housing Needs Survey draft report was discussed & approved. It was felt that a maximum of 3 affordable properties were needed in Oake, although this was open to interpretation.**
- **The evidence appeared to support the lack of a need to build the proposed development in open countryside as proposed by First Step Homes.**

12. Village Shop

Alex Antill updated the council on the latest developments:

- **Angie the Manager has resigned, and the committee are looking for possibly 3 part time workers**
- **A lottery bid has been put in, which unless it is successful, means the shop will likely close and the proposed plans for a new site will not go ahead**
- **A “ Key Matters for Agreement” document has been received from the committee, minus 2 important appendices. The council will look at these in detail, taking appropriate legal advice as necessary, once the outcome of the lottery bid is known.**

13. Traffic Calming

- **SCC has informed the Council that new signage will be installed and is included in the Small Improvement Scheme. A cost of possibly £50 may be needed for repairs to one sign.**

14. Village Hall

- Cllr Dunn reported on the Hall Anniversary festivities coming up on September 8th including a Hog Roast
- Floor timbers had been replaced
- Hall floor cleaned
- Fete coming up on July 14th
- The purchase of a gazebo by Cllr Gully was approved by the Council, to accommodate the Neighbourhood Plan Group at the fete.
- The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Deeds were now held at EVERYYS SOLICITORS in Taunton but had yet to be located. (Kites had been taken over by the above.)

15. Finance - To discuss/agree the following:

- a) Clerks Salary & expenses for June £227.94; HMRC £47.40;SALC £30.00; S.Davies (travel) £22.50
- b) Finance update: Current Account £20,820.07; Deposit Account £2,846.57

16. Matters of Report.

a) Chairman

None

b) Members of Council

- Cllr Peace indicated she was moving to West Buckland. The Clerk would check on whether she could continue as a counselor.
- Cllr Hillier reported that he has removed several fly posters posted in Oake

c) Clerk

- The clerk passed information regarding the 2012 Parish Plan to councillors.

d) Correspondence:

None

The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

The next meeting will be **Thursday 12th September** 2018 at 7 p.m. although **August 16th** has been set as a reserve date should any matters of real importance arise.