

## OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of Oake Parish Council held at Oake Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

In attendance: Cllr Adrian Dyke, Cllr Fern Dunn, Cllr Susan Davies, Cllr David Roots, Cllr John Sharland, Cllr Frances Gully, Mr David Gliddon Clerk, Cllr Roger Habgood (TDBC) & 2 members of the public.

#### **1. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Speeding traffic in the village was raised; as this was an agenda item the matter was deferred.

#### **2. APOLOGIES PCSO Sharon Baker**

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr John Sharland – Village Hall Cllr Fern Dunn – Village Shop

4. **MINUTES**: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Overgrown pavements in Oake – the pavement concerned was now much improved, although another near Oake Close was in need of clearing. Cllr Davies to inform the Clerk of the exact location.

#### **6. MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a) Police Reports for October – previously circulated & noted.
- b) Village Hall Committee Report – Cllr John Sharland reported major floor refurbishment and also quotes for repainting being sought.
- c) Village Shop Committee Report – Cllr Fern Dunn reported on a public consultation meeting to be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Oake Hall re the shop future. The signs are very positive at the moment.
- d) TDBC Report – Cllr Roger Habgood reported on both the Judicial review over a possible merger of TDBC & WSDC and a likely decision on Garden Town status for Taunton.
- e) SCC Report – no report

#### **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

- a) **Milverton Surgery consultation** – Cllr Sue Davies reported on a useful meeting held with Somerset Partnership on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Oake Church. Future meetings would be held jointly with Milverton PC, the next being on December 15<sup>th</sup> which Cllr Davies would attend.
- b) **New dog bin for Village Hall area of Oake** – It was unanimously agreed to the use of CIL funds to purchase this; weekly emptying costs would be met from Parish Council Funds.
- c) **Parish Plan update** – Cllr Frances Gully explained to councillors progress so far, which included posters, website information and inclusion in the next Village Magazine. Suggestions followed re: eye-catching posters, inclusion in Hall News, contact with other organisations & a targeted leaflet drop.
- d) **Affordable Housing Grant expenditure plan** – discussion took place regarding the promised donation of £12-15k for new play equipment. Ideas will continue to be sought for a possible joint venture with the Village Hall.
- e) **OakeTraffic Calming plan** – no further update had been received on the planter situation which was holding up the scheme. The Clerk will contact SCC to ascertain progress.
- f) **Register of Parish Council achievements** – Cllr Sue Davies explained how important it was to publicise the good work that the Parish Council did on behalf of the community. It was agreed to use this information in the Annual Parish Meeting. A monthly report will continue to be submitted to the Village Magazine.
- g) **Bus shelter** – Cllr Adrian Dyke reported on problems behind the shelter and also the continued problem of litter there. It was agreed to attempt a weekly tidy up.
- h) **Meeting Dates for 2017** – dates for 2017 were agreed with the April Meeting being deferred until the 20<sup>th</sup> due to the proximity to Easter.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DISCUSS/APPROVE:**

**(a) Case Ref: 27/16/0031/CR**

**Proposal: Prior Approval for Proposed Change of Use from Agricultural Building to Flexible Use; (Class R) at Top Barn, Manor Farm, Heathfield, Taunton.**

**NO FURTHER COMMENT**

**(b) Case Ref: 27/16/0030**

**Proposal: Variation of Condition No 1 (Restriction of Use ) of application 27/14/0005 at Daisy Croft, Allerford Road, Norton Fitzwarren.**

**NO FURTHER COMMENT**

**(c) Case ref: 27/16/0032**

**Proposal: Change of use of land to allow for dual usage as agricultural and domestic with formation of access and track on land at Higher House, Wiveliscombe Road, and Hillcommon**

**SUPPORTED – Improved visibility & road safety.**

**(d) Case Ref: 27/16/0034/CMB**

**Proposal: Prior approval for Proposed Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling House (use Class 3) and associated building operations at Higher Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance.**

**NO FURTHER COMMENT**

**9. FINANCE -To discuss/agree the following:**

**(a) Sunshine Fund applications (Cllr Sharland left the room)**

**One application had been received from Oake Village Hall requesting £2000 for repairs to the Play Equipment. Councillors discussed this in detail and approved the grant after formal proposal and seconding with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.**

**The Clerk will contact SCF requesting a cheque be issued and also a press release.**

**(Cllr Sharland returned to the meeting.)**

**(b) Clerks Salary, Expenses**

**Payment of £171.04 salary and £48 expenses was approved.**

**(c) N S & I account – notification of change of clerk forms were duly signed by the Chairman and 3 councillors.**

**10. MATTERS OF REPORT.**

**a) Clerk - Maintenance grants letters of thanks had been received from Revd Norris on behalf of the churches. It was noted that Hillcommon have not yet banked their cheque for £450.**

**A letter had also been received from Philipa Archer thanking the council for its donation to the Village Hall/Play area maintenance.**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION**

**None**

**12. Suggested topics for inclusion on next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Please send to the Clerk at least one week in advance.**