

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of Cllr Cliff Bishop who had passed away recently.

1. **PRESENT** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, J Sharland, D Roots & Mrs L Peace.
In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), Tim Leach and two members of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** – a) the issue regarding dogs fouling in public areas and private gardens was raised. Agreed to email clerk names of those owners who are not being responsible to forward to the Dog Warden who would visit the owners and give advice. b) The request for funds for new computers for the Village Hall was no longer required.
3. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Sue Davies, TDBC Cllr R Habgood & SCC Cllr J Hunt
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** – none.
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th October 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) WI 100 year celebration fund expenditure – Cllr Dunn to report at next meeting.
 - b) Defibrillator for Village update – agreed to see if Kirsten could attend the PC meeting in Bradford on Tone as they were having a discussion about purchasing the most suitable machine.
7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a) **Police Report - October 2015 - Bradford on Tone Beat**
Bradford on Tone, Oake, Langford Budville, Hillcommon and Hillfarrance.

Date	Location	Details
15/10	Lowmoor Industrial Estate, Tonedale Wellington	Attempt theft of fuel from a goods vehicle

Calls to Police

There were 22 calls to the Police this month including a road related issue at Nynehead where there was a loose horse on the road, a further road related issue reported between Oake and Hillfarrance with mud on the road. There was a road traffic incident in Nynehead where a vehicle ended on its roof. In Langford Budville a female was reported as shouting in the church grounds, Police attended and this was linked to a missing person in the area.

Reports of Antisocial Behavior

There was one report of anti-social behaviour this month and that was relating to vehicular noise beeping it's horn regularly at 02.00 whilst travelling through the village.

Other News

The rural crime team will be holding a free tack/saddle marking event on Saturday 28 November 2015 from 10am – 1pm at PetFarm Supplies on the Poole Trading estate. There will also be the opportunity for new Horsecatch/Farmwatch members to sign up to the crime prevention scheme. Please save this date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

- b) **Shop management committee update** - a) a letter sent to all residents in Oake requesting donations to help towards the running of the shop, together with asking for more people to support the shop, however small appeared to have gone down well. b) It was agreed the Shop Committee and Parish Councillors needed to meet to discuss the future of the shop. c) There were plans and ideas for Christmas.
- c) **Village Hall Committee** – The new cooker had been installed. The hall smoke detectors required replacing next year. These would cost over £2,000 which the committee were reviewing at their meeting the following week.
- d) **TDBC Report** – no report received.
- e) **SCC Report** - no report received.
- f) **Footpaths** – a) the hedge debris causing concern to a resident had been cleared. b) The bridge along from The Anchor Inn had been repaired by EA which were now responsible for future works. c) The bridge requiring replacing by the Golf Club and Landowner was not a priority with Rights of Way and was in fact number 21 on their list which was 5 years old. It has been suggested a diversion could be put in place. Tim Leach was meeting Sally Vickery before Christmas to discuss this option. d) A handrail was required along the footpath by the flood defences/rectory lane. Tim to check with Sally for permission.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) New Rendy Farm – after discussion regarding the possibility of the Somerset Community Foundation managing the funds of our behalf. It was agreed to put this to the vote at the January meeting when all Cllrs would be present and all points of views heard.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed to ask Stuart Todd to give a full presentation on Neighbourhood Plans and how this could affect Oake Parish in January.
- c) Meeting Dates for 2016 were agreed as follows: Thursday January 14th, February 11th, March 10th, April 14th also the Annual Parish meeting starting at 6.00pm, 12th May, June 9th, July 14th, no August meeting, September 15th, October 13th, November 10th, no December Meeting – clerk to book Hall.
- d) Casual Vacancy Update – deadline for people interested in becoming a member was 20th November. If there is no need for another election, then the Council can co-opt at their next meeting.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The following planning applications below were discussed and supported:

- a) 27/15/0020/CQ – prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (use Class C3) and associated building operations at New Rendy Farm, Oake.
- b) 27/15/0021/CQ – prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building at 2 no. dwelling house use Class C3 at Saxon Farm, Oake
- c) 27/15/0022/CR - prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural to retail (flexible use class A1) and associated internal works at Barn, Heathfield Manor Farm, Halse Road, Taunton
- d) 27/15/0023 – variation of condition 2 (amended plans for application 27/15/007) to amend the garden layout and planting scheme at Allerford Farm, Allerford Road, Norton Fitzwarren, Oake
- e) 27/15/0024 – erection of replacement dwelling and associated parking/turning area at Mayfield, Hillfarrance Road, Hillfarrance.

10. FINANCE

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council.

a) Payments

Clerks Salary – October	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – October	£ 30.00

b) Precept for 2016/17 – after discussion it was agreed to keep the precept at £5,000 for the financial year 2016/17.

c) Council Tax Support Scheme proposal from TDBC – the councillors agreed to support any decision TDBC would make regarding this scheme. The amount Oake PC receive is in-significant and would not impact on the council.

d) Receipts – Bank interest 0.08p, CiL £3,937.50.

e) Balance of Accounts: The balance as at 2 November 2015 was £22,404.29. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS: None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 14th January 2016.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____