# OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on Thursday, 19th June 2014 at 7.00pm**

**1. PRESENT**

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs S Woodbury, I McMath, J Sharland & D Roots. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

**2. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME -** a) A query was raised as to when the Hillfarrance Bridge would be repaired. Permission had been given by SCC Highways. Cllr Dyke agreed to contact Mr Essex.

**3. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Bishop & Mrs F Dunn

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS –** Cllr Dyke declared an interest on item 10 – the Wildlife Trust request for a donation.

**5. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th May 2014 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Replacement Tree – Mrs Long only had a small garden and did not want a large oak tree being planted there. After discussion it was agreed to find a suitable position for a similar tree within the parish.
b) SID Management – Roger Earthrowl had spoken with Dave Grabham at SCC Highways regarding the management of the SID. He informed the Councillors that the Speedwatch team did not want to take on this project and felt it was too much for the PC to handle too. Clerk to report back to Highways the decision. The management would continue free of charge with Highways.
c) Speedwatch Team – PC Hooper had attended the last session and suggested a large noticeboard be purchased to say thank you for drivers driving carefully as an incentive. It was agreed in principle. Mr Earthrowl agreed to contact PC Hooper for more details.
d) Housing Needs Survey – Results – the clerk had emailed the report that day. It was agreed to invite First Homes to the September PC meeting to go through the report in more detail.
e) Clerk to contact PC Hooper regarding the date of the incident with a resident and cyclist in Hillfarrance recently.

**7. MATTERS OF REPORT**

**a) Police Report - Crime Report – GT021 – Oake, Bradford On Tone, Nynehead, Hillfarrance & Langford Budville - 01/05/14 – 29/05/14**

<u>Crimes Reported</u>
1 x Assault
1 x Non-Dwelling Burglary – annexe to a property in Langford Budville
1 x Criminal Damage – Nynehead (Neighbourly dispute)

<u>Other calls/incidents</u>
2 x Domestic Incident
4 x Traffic incidents
2 x Disturbance / Nuisance
1 x Suspicious – vehicle seen parked in lane in Nynehead area. Registration details taken, landowner informed, Police attended, but had gone on arrival.

Other Work
Parking concerns in Langford Budville, including Speed.
The suggestion of a Speedwatch to be formed in the village – request to the Langford Budville Parish Council to consider the need.
Advice given to members of the public regarding calling 101 to log the incident at the time.
Previous words of advice have been given to Registered Keepers of vehicles that park close to junctions in the village.
Beat Team to monitor. Speed device to be taken out in the village to monitor average speeds.
Parking Concerns in Hele – Bradford on Tone area. PCSO Bramley includes this area in his patrol area to monitor. PC Hooper also aware.

As noted by email previously, PCSO Sharon Cridlin is temporarily covering the Neighbourhood Watch Admin role. Beat Surgeries will be covered as and when available by other members of the team.

Please do contact either PC Adrian Hooper, PCSO Simon Bramley or myself though in the first instance or 101 if we are unavailable.

PS if you follow Twitter please feel free to follow Wellington Police Station for up to date alerts and information in your area. @ASPWellington

Sharon Cridlin PCSO 9511 07825125108

As always please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity/persons through the 101 number Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

**b) Shop management committee update –** nothing to report

**c) Village Hall Committee –** nothing to report.

## 8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

a) Asset Register – it was agreed to inform our insurers of up to date values of our assets in case it was necessary to make a claim.
b) New Bus Shelter – after discussion it was agreed to earmark £100 per year for the next 10 years to go towards a new bus shelter.
c) Horse Boxes near Pontispool – issues had been raised with traffic control around Pontispool horse events. After discussion, it was agreed to write to the owner and ask for better signage, traffic control via walkie-talkies and drivers to be more considerate.
d) Traffic Calming through Oake – Cllr Dyke raised the issues regarding speeding cars coming through Oake from the Bradford on Tone direction towards the school. It was agreed to i) ask residents for their thoughts and put this request into to next village magazine. ii) Ask SCC Highways for a feasibility study. iii) Ask Highways to possibly put bollards on the corner of Oake Close as the path was very narrow for parents with buggies and children to walk safely.
e) Tractor speeds through Hillfarrance – for July meeting.
f) New Noticeboard – it was agreed to write and thank Mrs Daly and the carpenter for the excellent new noticeboards. It was agreed one side should be used for PC, Police and Church business and the other side for general notices. Cllr Roots would obtain more keys.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED –

The following planning applications were discussed and supported:

a) 27/14/009 Erection of a porch to the front of 14 Saxon Close, Oake
b) 27/14/0011/T – to fell and replace two pine trees included in TDBC (Oake No. 1) Tree Preservation order 2004 at Heathfield Court, Heathfield (TD956)
c) 27/14/0012/T – to coppice 24 multi-stemmed alder trees & one ash tree in group 1 and management works to various multi-stemmed trees in group 4 of the application included in TDBC (Oake No. 2) tree preservation order 1998 along the stream to the south of Cotford St Luke at grid reference ST167 269 (TD729)

d) 27/14/0013 – erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions and modification to front elevation at Oakfield, Blagroves Road, Oake.

e) 27/14/0010 – Extension to link building and swimming pool building to provide holiday accommodation at Allerford Farm, Norton Fitzwarren, Oake - it was agreed to have a site planning meeting as soon as possible to review and discuss this application in more details before a decision could be reached. Clerk to contact applicant.

**10. PLANNNG APPLICATION DECISIONS FROM TDBC – None**

**11. a) FINANCE**

**Payments**

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| Clerks Salary | £200.85 |
| Clerks expenses | £ 30.00 |
| Fitzhead PC – re SLCC | £ 33.67 |
| Somerset Wildlife Trust – donation | £100.00 |

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

**b) Balance of Accounts at end of May** – Current a/c £6,694.01, Deposit a/c £1,779.62, NS&I a/c £1,040.85. Unpresented cheque £35.00.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 10th July 2014.

Signed_____
Chairman

Date_____