

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
on Thursday, 10th July 2014 at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), C Bishop, Mrs F Dunn, I McMath & D Roots. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), SCC J Hunt (part-time) and 1 member of the public.

2. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME - None

3. APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Sharland & Mrs S Woodbury

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS – Cllr C Bishop declared an interest in all planning issues stating that if he says anything in respect of planning issues he reserves the right to alter that opinion when the application is put to the planning committee and the full facts are available.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 2014 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Replacement Tree position– to agenda this item for September as Cllr Sharland was not present.
- b) Hillfarrance Bridge repairs – Cllr Dyke to follow up with Mr Essex to find out when these repair would take place.
- c) Cyclists – it was noted that some cyclists are riding too fast through the parish around the narrow lanes. One lady had been knocked over and taken to hospital as a result of this.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Police Report – Bradford on Tone Beat report June 2014

Bradford Beat - Langford Budville, Nynehead, Hillfarrance and Bradford on Tone

Sexual Offences - Internet

Criminal damage - Langford Budville, cracked drivers side window.

Logged calls to police 13 calls. Mainly traffic related.

General

The arrival of a number of different groups of travellers caused the wider community some anxiety. The groups were closely monitored throughout their time on our area and after staying for a few days moved away.

The thefts at the services are thought to be travelling criminals specifically targeting delivery lorries they think are carrying large deliveries of cigarettes. Enquiries are ongoing and we are working with the services to try and prevent this type of offence taking place again.

We continue to work with schools in the area regarding internet safety but we continue to receive reports regarding young people, usually females, who post compromising photographs of themselves via social media. A general rule for everyone to consider is you shouldn't post a photo that you wouldn't be happy showing a parent.

We spent some time at the Woodland Fair and Churchstanton school fete, we have invites to attend other community events in the coming weeks, please come over say hello if you see us.

b) Shop management committee update – Fern Dunn reported they had recruited a new manager who was a member of the village. Nothing else to report.

c) Village Hall Committee – Cliff Bishop reported the Fete was on Saturday 12th July starting at 12.00. Nothing else to report.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) Tractor speeds through Hillfarrance – the clerk had contacted PC Hooper as requested to speak to the farm owner responsible for his drivers.
- b) Housing Needs Survey – it was agreed to speak to First Step Homes to ask their permission/advice if this survey could be circulated to the public prior to their meeting in September.
- c) Unofficial Signage – it was unclear whether signage required planning permission from TDBC or not within the village. It was agreed Cllr Bishop would investigate, then a policy could be agreed.
- d) Traffic Calming through Oake - SCCllr Hunt reported that the scheme he had submitted was still being reviewed by SCC Highways to its feasibility. Cllr Hunt had no further updates on this. It was agreed to follow up with Highways regarding the possibility of having bollards placed by the school and Oake Close.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED –

The following planning applications were discussed and supported:

- a) 27/14/0014 - Erection of an extension to timber barn and covered store at Ayton Fields, Hillfarrance Road, Hillfarrance, Taunton.
The Parish Councillors' were slightly concerned that this proposed application was a large structure for the site Mr Ayton is managing, but had no objections to supporting it.
- b) 27/14/0018/T - Application to carry out management work to a group of 16 Oak Trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Oake No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1995 on land north east of Oake (TD623). The Parish Councillors had no objections and supported the application.
- c) 27/14/0010 – Extension to link building and swimming pool building to provide holiday accommodation at Allerford Farm, Norton Fitzwarren, Oake - The PC had attended a site meeting on 26th June to discuss this application and their response sent to TDBC. The minutes of this meeting would be available for approval at the next meeting.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS FROM TDBC – None

11. a) FINANCE

Payments

Clerks Salary - June	£200.85
Clerks expenses - June	£ 30.00
Oake Village Hall – rent	£ 18.30
Alan Jacobs – bus shelter repairs	£ 62.49
Clerks Salary – July (dated Aug)	£200.85

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

b) Balance of Accounts at end of June – Current a/c £6,694.01, Deposit a/c £1,779.62, NS&I a/c £1,040.85. Unpresented cheques total £399.52. Balance £9,114.95

c) Budget vs Expenditure – expenditure to date was within budget.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Blagroves Planning Notice** – Cllr Dunn reported she had not received a separate letter to her home regarding this application, which should have been the normal procedure. Cllr Bishop agreed to investigate.
- b) **New Rendy Farm** - it was agreed to find out when the PC would be receiving funds from the electricity sold via the solar panel farm. Ideas on how to use this money required careful planning.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 11th September 2014.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____