

# OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,  
on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.10pm

## 1. PRESENT

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), C Bishop, I McMath, J Sharland, Mrs S Woodbury. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), SC Cllr J Hunt, PC Adrian Hooper 1 member of the public.

## 2. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME - None

## 3. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mrs F Dunn, D Roots and PCSO Sharon Cridlin

## 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. Cllr Woodbury declared an interest in planning application 27/14/003.

## 5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Hillfarrance Bridge Barrier repair – the clerk reported SCC Bridge/Structures department had spoken with Mr Essex and had been given permission to replace the two oak posts. Details had to be sent to SCC for consideration and approval before any more works could take place.
- b) Utility query – it had been confirmed by TDBC Planning that caravans on wheels being used as utility buildings did not require planning permission.

## 7. MATTERS OF REPORT

**a) Police Report - Crime Report – GT021 – Oake, Bradford On Tone, Nynehead, Hillfarrance & Langford Budville from 01/03/14 – 29/03/14**

### Crimes Reported

- 1 x Theft – Poole – Batteries stolen from recycling centre
- 1 x Theft & Handling – Nynehead - Unknown reason for large amount of monies going missing from a resident.
- 1 x Possession of cannabis
- 1 x Malicious Communication

### Other calls/incidents

- 1 x ASB – Triangle, Langford Budville – youths gathered and had BBQ. Noise and litter left behind was a problem, together with some damage to the benches. House to house enquiries was negative and vehicle index taken was no trace.
- 2 x Traffic Incidents
- 2 x Animal related;
- Horse injured by dog – Hele – Beat team aware, and enquiries made
- Bullocks escaped on highway - Heathfield
- 1 x Disturbance – 2 rowdy males at Worlds End – Police attended, arrests made
- 2 x Suspicious;
- Male and female selling garden furniture from the back of a transit. Registration taken and area tour, no trace. Intel.
- 2 vehicles came into informants driveway – Runnington – area tour no trace. Intel.

## **Other Work**

High Visibility patrol regarding rural thefts

As noted by email previously, PCSO Sharon Cridlin is temporarily covering the Neighbourhood Watch Admin role as well as undertaking her normal duties. If you see other colleagues from Wellington Police Station patrolling for a while, that is why.

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** – Cllr Bishop thanked SCCllr James Hunt for the cheque for £500 donated to the Community shop from the Health and Well-Being Fund.

**c) Village Hall Committee** – Cllr Bishop reported a) the school and village hall would be running the village fete as a joint enterprise. b) Both Kirsten and Sue were continuing with the Hallmark scheme run by the Community Council for Somerset to work towards this quality standard award. c) Taunton Deane BC have agreed with their insurers subject to certain requirements, that they can reduce the equipment inspections to four weekly. The village hall is making inquiries to ascertain whether they could reduce their weekly inspections. d) It was reported there was an issue with the sand pit edging which Cllr Sharland agreed to check asap.

## **8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

**a) Safety Visibility Mirror** – a resident had reported their concerns regarding speed of drivers and lack of visibility when coming out of drive ways onto the main road across from the school. It was agreed to send this letter to Cllr James Hunt for him to discuss with Highways for the possibility of installing a mirror or other traffic calming measures.

**b) Bus Shelter** – it was agreed to allow Mr Jacobs to re-felt the bus shelter roof and reimburse any expenses if necessary.

**c) The Old Forge** – signpost damaged – it was agreed to send details of this sign to SCC Highways with a photo so it could be repaired

**d) Hillcommon Layby** – issues were raised with the amount of vehicles that use this layby. It was agreed that PC Hooper would investigate this and ensure all vehicles using this layby had road tax.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

a) 27/14/0006 - Erection of an extension to an agricultural building for storage of potato boxes -

b) 27/14/0007 - Erection of a covered manure store (phase 1)

c) 27/14/0008 - Erection of a covered manure store (phase 2)

The PC had visited the site on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April and after discussion at the meeting agreed to support this application. Health and Safety had been raised regarding the potato boxes needing to be covered to avoid deterioration and the Environment Agency were working closely with the owners regarding flooding issues.

d) 27/14/0003 – conversion of granary to single unit self-contained holiday accommodation to be used in conjunction with existing B&B business at Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance. After discussion the councillors voted by 3 votes with one abstention to support the application.

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – DECISIONS – None received**

**11. a) FINANCE**

**Payments**

Clerks Salary	£200.85
Clerks expenses	£ 30.00
SALC Membership	£183.86
Village Hall – rent	£ 18.30

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

**b) Income Received** – £5,213 had been received from TDBC for the Precept 2014/15 year.

**c) Budget Update** - no queries were raised regarding the finances to date.

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

- a) A Thank you letter had been received from The Royal Bath & West of England Society for the £150 donation.
- b) The Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter was circulated

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

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_