

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
on Thursday, 11th June 2015 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, J Sharland, C Bishop, D Roots & Mrs S Davies. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), SCC Cllr J Hunt, TDBC Cllr Roger Habgood & 1 member of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - None
3. **APOLOGIES** - Mrs L Peace
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** – None
5. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR** – it was proposed and seconded that Fern Dunn be elected as Vice-Chair which she duly accepted.
6. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th May 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
7. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) CIL Training – Reminder to attend the evening session on 7th July for the Community Infrastructure Levy training at Deane House.
 - b) SALC training for Cllrs – clerk to email new dates to S Davies & L Peace.
8. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a) **Police Report GT021 Beat Report for May 2015**

Crime
1 x Production of Controlled B Drug – Runnington
1 x Burglary in an Out Building – Bradford on Tone

Calls to police
2 x Suspicious;
Vehicle in field – Nynehead
Male looking around machinery – Langford Budville
3 x Cold Calling calls – Langford Budville and Bradford on Tone
2 x Road Traffic Incidents
1 x Harassment / Threats

Other
It is pleasing to report that the area has had a very quiet month call and crime wise.
 - b) **Shop management committee update** - Fern Dunn reported the AGM was poorly attended. A new manager was starting in July. PO had been closed a great deal which was unfortunate, but out of the control of the shop.
 - c) **Village Hall Committee** – John Sharland reported the hall was in good order. The cooker was causing problems and may need to be replaced eventually. Two new picnic tables had been installed in the play area recently at a cost of around £500. The Fete plans were progressing well and it was hoped a car boot sale would take place too.
 - d) **TDBC Report – Roger Habgood** reported he was the portfolio holder for planning and transportation policy. He was attending training sessions to get up to speed. He would continue to be the case worker for issues regarding the Allerford Barns and Heathfield Triangle Action Group regarding BT superfast broadband.

- e) **SCC Report – James Hunt** – reported the issues SCC were addressing regarding children and young people services following the Ofsted report. Trying to recruit more social workers which would take time. Traffic calming scheme – no further news to report. SCC are now taking new requests for ‘small improvement schemes’. It was agreed that both TDBC & SCC should work together to discuss the traffic calming issues relating to the affordable housing scheme being planned.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) **Heathfield Triangle Action Group Meeting update** – Cllr Sue Davies reported The Heathfield Triangle Action Group met with David Hall (Deputy Leader of SCC), Paul Coles (BT South West Regional Partnerships Director), Matthew Ballard (Connecting Devon & Somerset Broadband Programme, Cliff Bishop and Sue Davies from PC on 26th May 2015.

The meeting was quite lively at times with the following outcome: Heathfield is not included in the Phase 1 rural roll out programme. Phase 2 is at the tender stage with the public programme being announced later in June.

BT will conduct a formal survey in the next 2-3 months to find out the true cost of enabling works to provide Heathfield with superfast broadband. Heathfield Rectory is very poor and BT have agreed to look at this area specifically.

The map on line detailing SBB coverage is inaccurate and causes problems when talking to BT call centres. BT agreed to send out Tips for getting the most out of the current broadband.

- b) **Affordable Housing Open Day** – flyers and notices had been sent out by First Step Homes for the open day on 18th June from 2.30pm till 7.00pm. It was important for everyone to attend to review the plans and pass any comments. The traffic calming situation should be discussed as well as mentioning a new community shop in this development. It was agreed to ask Heidi Davis if she could put up the plans as the fete is on 4th July.
- c) **Overgrown Hedges** – it was agreed that a Cllr in person should approach residents to advise them of their over grown hedges along footpaths that people walked along and were having difficulty remaining on the path.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL -

The two planning applications below were discussed as follows:

- a) 27/15/0009 – conversion of barn to 1no. two bedroomed dwelling at Oake Green Farm, Oake Green, Oake - The Parish Councillors voted to support the above application, as long as the proposed change in dwelling has been in accordance with present Planning Policy.
- b) 27/15/0010/CM – notification of change of use under class R from agricultural to class B1 and B8 at Allerford Farm Barns, Norton Fitzwarren - The Parish Councillors voted unanimously to support the proposed change of use at Allerford Farm Barns.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY TDBC – UPDATE – None.

12. FINANCE

Payments

Clerks Salary – May	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – May	£ 30.00

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

Receipts – Nil

Balance of Accounts: The balance as at 6 June 2015 was £10,446.48. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

13. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Clerk to investigate previous grants from SCC Rights of Way for footpath improvements.

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

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 9th July 2015.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____