

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
on Thursday, 8th October 2015 at 7.00pm

- 1. PRESENT** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, Mrs S Davies & Mrs L Peace. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk)
- 2. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - None
- 3. APOLOGIES** - Cllrs C Bishop, J Sharland, D Roots, TDBC Cllr R Habgood & SCC Cllr J Hunt
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** – Cllr Peace declared an interest in planning application 27/15/0017.
- 5. MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th September 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record, after one amendment that J Sharland would investigate a cork backing for the noticeboards.

MATTERS ARISING:

- a) Footbridge by Anchor Inn – repairs had now been completed by EA who would remain being responsible for any maintenance in future.
- b) Hedge issue – agreed for the clerk to write to the occupant in Saxon Close to ask them to cut back their hedge.

6. MATTERS OF REPORT

- a) **Police Report** - September 2015 - Bradford on Tone Beat

Bradford on Tone, Oake, Langford Budville, Hillcommon and Hillfarrance.

Date	Location	Details
08/09	Oake	Safeguard Child
11/09	Langford Budville	Burglary in Dwelling – Wallet stolen from hallway with open front door
15/09	Nynehead	Safeguard Child

Calls to Police

23 Calls to the Police this month including a concern for welfare in Ham, 1 Domestic, and several road related logs, including an oil spillage in Langford Budville. One animal incident was also reported in Hele, an account of Poaching Fish in the river.

Reports of Antisocial Behavior

If you are a member of Horsewatch, Farmwatch or Neighbourhood Watch you would have been alerted to the fact that for a few days Police had reported tools and generators being sold from transit vans. Messages were sent asking to be vigilant and although your choice, Police were advising not to purchase such items as they were being sold well over the market price and the safety factor may well be compromised on these items.

Reports came from areas of Runnington, Hillcommon and Bradford on Tone.

Week commencing 28/09 saw the start of National Rogue Trader Week. Hopefully most, if not all of you, have received some information to share within our communities about your rights when it comes to doorstep trading, and prevention of crime. Please look out for leaflets and No Cold Calling Stickers that will be left in local shops etc.

In September I have also delivered Internet Education to Yr 7 students at Courtfields Community School, particularly around 'sexting' and sending and receiving indecent images.

I have also been involved in cross-border high visibility patrolling around rural crime, and organised rural crime.

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- b) **Shop management committee update** - Fern Dunn reported the new shop manager had settled in very well. A new Assistant Manager was still required.
- c) **Village Hall Committee** – nothing to report.
- d) **TDBC Report** – Roger Habgood had sent an email around to all parishes highlighting the district council's priorities. The Cllrs agreed that the priorities for Oake were reducing the speed limit through the village, broadband for all areas and a new Parish Liaison Officer. Otherwise no other report received.
- e) **SCC Report** - no report received.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) New Rendy Farm – it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Somerset Community Foundation to investigate how they could manage this fund on our behalf.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed to investigate if Stuart Todd – recommended by the Community Council for Somerset would be able to attend an evening meeting to discuss how and if a neighbourhood plan is suitable for Oake.
- c) Adam Barnett Community Maintenance Letter – it was agreed to reply that depending upon our finances and budget next year the council would review their services and insurance to see if his services could be used. His details would be kept on file.
- d) WI Centenary Celebrations – it was agreed that Fern Dunn would contact each local group for ideas on how funds could be spent on celebrating the WI's centenary within Oake Parish.
- e) Hall News – it was agreed to place an article from the PC each quarter to inform residents of what the PC had been achieving.
- f) Defibrillator for Village – it was agreed to contact Kirsten for more information before a decision could be reached on possibly contributing towards funds to purchase one for the village.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The following planning applications below were discussed:

- a) 27/15/0016 – erection of a two storey extension to the side of an outbuilding to be used as ancillary accommodation at Cannons Farm, Hillfarrance (resubmission of 27/14/0022). The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- b) 27/15/0017 – erection of office/kitchen/staff accommodation building at Fiveoak Cattery, Higher Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance Road, Hillfarrance. Cllr Peace left the meeting when this item was discussed. The Cllrs agreed they did not object to this application but did have concerns stating it was over-development of the site. The amount of hard standing and concrete would only exacerbate the flooding issues experienced within this area due to the poor drainage along the road
- c) 27/15/0018/T - Notification to coppice two clumps of hazel and to reduce in height a further hazel and one yew tree within Hillfarrance Conservation Area, at The Green, Hillfarrance. The Parish Council had no objections and supported the application.

9. FINANCE

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council.

Payments

Clerks Salary – Sept	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – Sept	£ 30.00
Hillfarrance Green Maintenance	£ 70.00
Oake Play Area maintenance	£ 500.00
Oake Recreation Area maintenance	£1,050.00
Oake PCC – burial ground grant	£ 500.00
Hillfarrance PCC – burial ground grant	£ 500.00
Heathfield PCC – burial ground grant	£ 450.00
Mr Dyke – expenses (bus shelter repairs)	£ 11.98
Mr Roger Earthrowl – traffic counter	£ 5.05

Receipts – Bank interest 0.08p, TDBC Maintenance Grant £2,720.00

Balance of Accounts: The balance as at 4 October 2015 was £12,225.08. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Bus shelter interior – it was agreed Sue Davis and Fern Dunn would report their findings on the condition of the interior of the bus shelter for the next meeting.
- b) De-icing bags collection – agreed to collect additional bags on 21 November as per the letter from SCC Highways. Cllrs to liaise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 12th November 2015.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____