

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on Thursday, 9th October 2014 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT** - Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), J Sharland & Mrs F Dunn. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), Tim Leach and 1 member of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - speeding through the village and requesting a 20mph limit was raised. PC are waiting for the final report to be issued outlining traffic calming from SCC, as reported at the last meeting. Damaged style by Anchor Pub footpath still not repaired. Footpath Officer agreed to contact Rights of Way for update.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Bishop, Mrs S Woodbury, I McMath & D Roots
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** – None
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2014 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) New Rendy Farm – the clerk had managed to contact the company who are to provide funds from the electricity generated by the solar panels. Mr Dekker from PS Renewables was looking into the matter and would get back to the clerk soon.
 - b) Frog Street Bridge Barrier – clerk to contact Mr Essex to find out when this would be finalised before payment could be made.
 - c) Duncle House – the clerk had been informed of the gate/entrance being constructed about 200 yards from the main house.
7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a) **Police Report - GT021 Beat Report for September 2014.**

Crime

- 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle - Hillcommon
- 1 x Theft of Wallet – Oake Village Hall - Toddler Group
- 1 x Malicious Communications – Bradford on Tone

Calls to police

- 2 x Traffic Incidents
- 1 x Concern for welfare
- 1 x Alarm
- 2 x Harassment/threat
- 1 x Welfare
- 1 Disturbance/Nuisance

Other

A Community Speedwatch District enforcement day is being held on October 06 and PCSO Sharon Cridlin and PC Hooper are supporting the local groups with this.

High visibility patrol is a main focus with the change of seasons, and darker nights. Please ensure you secure your outbuildings appropriately and consider joining Farmwatch or Horsecatch initiatives. Fuel also remains a vulnerable target for rural properties so you may want to consider outdoor tank alarms which send messages to your mobile each time your fuel reduces, giving you the opportunity to monitor all fuel use.

b) **Shop management committee update** – Fern Dunn reported the shop was going well. The new manager was having on the job training. A treasurer was still required.

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

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

a) **Single Yellow Lines outside Shop** - after discussion it was agreed to contact Highways to arrange painting of a single yellow line outside the shop. This would allow cars to park there for a short period only rather than all day which was causing an issue for customers.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The following planning applications were discussed and approved:

- a) 27/14/0020 – Installation of 40 ground mounted solar panels on land at The Calf House, Allerford Farm, Oake - No objections.
- b) 27/14/0022 – Erection of a two storey extension to the side of an outbuilding to be used as ancillary accommodation at Cannons Farm, Hillfarrance. No objections
- c) 27/14/0026 – Demolition of workshop/store with erection of a two storey extension for use as an annexe at Slough Farm, Oake. No objections and to match existing materials.
- d) 27/14/0027 – installation of first floor balcony at Cherry House, Hillcommon. No objections and to match existing materials.

Three Agricultural Notices had been placed on the TDBC Planning website and the PC made the following comments:

- e) 27/14/0023/AGN - Application for a prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for storage of hay at The Barn, Hillfarrance: - The size of the land is barely a hectare. It was believed that there has been no agricultural activity on the site. More hard surface will encourage water to run on to the lane which will cause flooding. What precautions are being proposed for drainage?
- f) 27/14/0024/AGN – Application for prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building for the storage of hay and straw at Higher Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance. – It was believed that there has been no agricultural activity for the last three years and that any agricultural activity was to cease when the cattery planning permission was approved. The hard surface will provide more run off for water to flow on to the lane which already floods.
- g) 27/14/0025/AGN - Prior notification of erection of agricultural storage building at Orchard Farm, Hillcommon. - There is still a lack of landscaping which was proposed on previous building applications. This would help reduce the visual impact of these large buildings. There are already several agricultural storage buildings on this site already which are unsightly and spoil the general view of the area. Additional building would increase the risk of flooding on the B3227 and the houses on the far side of the road due to reducing the area of the land available to absorb water. There are quite a number of buildings on this site and is another building necessary?

10. a) FINANCE

Payments

Clerks Salary - Sept	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – September	£ 30.00
Mr P Coles – Hillfarrance Green maint.	£ 70.00
Oake Play Area	£ 500.00
Oake Recreation Area	£1,050.00
Oake PCC	£ 500.00
Hillfarrance PCC	£ 500.00
Heathfield PCC	£ 450.00
Cllr Dyke – expenses	£ 20.00

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council. It was agreed to write a thank you letter to Mr Coles for the excellent work he carries out maintaining the green at Hillfarrance.

b) Balance of Accounts at 2 October 2014 – Current a/c £5,782.00, Deposit a/c £1,779.84, NS&I a/c £1,040.85. Unpresented cheque £380.85. Unpresented bankings: £2,720.00 (TDBC maintenance grants) Balance £10,941.84. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation form as correct.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS: None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 13th November 2014.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____