

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Cllr S Davies, Cllr F Dunn, Cllr J Sharland, Cllr F Gully, Cllr L Peace, Mr David Gliddon (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr Roger Habgood (TDBC) 4 members of the public

1. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mr Leach raised issues regarding speed of lorries and tractors in the village as well as the nuisance of dogs running loose. The Clerk agreed to contact the local PCSO.

2. Acceptance of Office

Cllr Frances Gully signed the Acceptance of Office form and was welcomed onto the Council by the Clerk.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Roots

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr John Sharland – Village Hall
Cllr Fern Dunn – Village Shop
Cllr Louise Peace - Cattery

5. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th September 2016 were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

a) Sunshine Fund applications

The Clerk reported that information had been placed in both the Village Magazine & the Hall News. He was asked to contact Andrew Ridgewell to publicise in the local press.

b) Overgrown pavements in Oake

The Clerk reported that following contact with SCC Highways the Blagroves Lane area had been cleared. Another part of the village on the main road was still in need of clearing & the Clerk would contact SCC to look at this area.

c) Milverton Surgery consultation

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been set up with Somerset Partnership on October 28th at 12 noon with the venue to be confirmed. Cllr Sue Davies would represent the council with others also welcome to attend. Cllr Dyke would investigate the use of the Church rooms if required.

d) New dog bin for Village Hall area of Oake

The Clerk reported that the one-off cost of installing an additional dog waste bin would be £345 plus VAT, plus annual charges of £289.12 plus VAT for twice weekly emptying.
Cllr Habgood would investigate whether CIL funds could be used for the bin. This item was deferred to the November

meeting.

e) Parish Plan update

CLlr Gully reported that this was an ongoing matter and she would email a report to councillors for insertion into the next Village Magazine.

f) Grant to Village Hall for Safety checks on Play equipment

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall committee had thanked the Council for its offer of financial support but were not going ahead with the training at this time.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT:

a) Police Reports for September

Date	Location	Details
07/09/16	Oake Manor Golf Club	Theft of debit card
15/09/16	Hillcommon	Assault
18/09/16	Langford Budville	Missing Person
27/09/16	Langford Budville	Missing Person
29/09/16	Hillcommon	Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle
30/09/16	Heatherton Park	Harassment

Calls to Police

There were 199 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 20 for this Beat area. This included a suspicious call to Hillcommon where a male was cold calling. There has also been a concern for welfare to Bradford on Tone, Heatherton Park and Hillcommon. There was a domestic related call to Oake, and a suspicious call to Hillfarrance, where a female was heard to shout help from a moving vehicle.

Reports of Antisocial Behaviour

There has been a report of ASB in Nynehead; a group of males have been seen racing on private land, on quad bikes. These people have had dogs with them and have been aggressive in their manner.

b) Village Hall Committee Report

CLlr Sharland reported that it had been a busy time at the Village Hall, with repairs costing in the region of £1000 being carried out.

c) TDBC Report

CLlr Habgood reported that there were major Planning Applications taking place in the Taunton area; the Core Strategy was being re-written over the next 18-24 months; the merger of WSDC & TDBC was going to be subject to Judicial Review.

d) SCC Report

No report was received.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION.

a) Capping consultation

After discussion it was agreed the Clerk would respond to the online consultation objecting to small councils, such as Oake, having to hold a referendum if it wishes to increase its precept by more than 2% or £5 per household.

b) Parish Play Area Grant Scheme 2016/17

Cllr Sharland agreed to discuss this application with the Village Hall Committee.

c) Training

Councillors signed up to attend Planning training on 29/11/at TDBC and CIL Workshop session on 23/11 at West Monkton.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DISCUSS/APPROVE:

a) Case Ref: 27/16/0022

Proposal: Erection of a cattery building to provide a cat rehoming unit on behalf of a national charity Cats Protection at Fiveoak Boarding, Hillfarrance Lane, Hillfarrance

The Council supported the application but concerns were raised over the increase of traffic in the area.

b) Case Ref: 27/16/0023

Proposal: Replacement of detached double garage with a two storey extension to the south elevation of 41 Saxon Close, Oake

The council supported the application but raised some concern over the proximity of the mature trees and their future growth.

c) Case Ref: 27/16/0024

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building at Sweetings Barton, Dene Road, Cotford St Luke

The Council had no comment to make on this application.

d) Case Ref: 27/16/0026/CQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling House (use Class 3) and associated building operations at Saxon Farm, Oake

The Council had no comment to make on this application

e) Case Ref: 27/16/0027/CQ

Proposal: Prior approval for Proposed Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling House (use Class 3) and associated building operations at Higher Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance.

The council supported this application but noted there was some concern at possible over-development on this site.

(f) Case Ref: 27/16/0028/T

Proposal: Notification to fell one apple tree within Hillfarrance Conservation area at Church Cottage, Rectory Approach, Hillfarrance

The Council fully supported this application.

10. FINANCE:

The following items were approved:

No.	Item	Amount £
1.	Clerks Salary – September (plus 5 hours training time)	£171.04
2.	Clerks expenses (including travel to training) –September	£48.00
3.	Tim Leach – steps repair £47.50 & Hillfarrance Green annual fee £70	£117.50
4.	HMRC tax Sept/October	£69.80
5.	Oake PCC	£500
6.	Hillfarrance PCC	£500
7.	Heathfield PCC	£450
8.	Oake Play Area	£500
9.	Oake Recreation Area	£1050
	Total	£3406.34

c) Conclusion of Audit – accounts ending 31/3/2016 Grant Thornton

Grant Thornton external auditors had approved the Final audit for 2015/2016 with one minor error Item K should read “Not Applicable.”

This was amended. The Council will receive an invoice for £100 plus VAT.

11. MATTERS OF REPORT.

- a) Cllr Dunn reported that she was dealing with the issue of ownership and removal of a “planter” at Oake Lee that was holding up the traffic-calming scheme being carried out by Somerset County Council.
- b) The Clerk reported that the affordable home planning application was currently being held up until the agent had a meeting with the landowner regarding drainage.
- c) The Clerk reported that the affordable housing scheme agent Heidi Davies had, on behalf of the developers, offered the Council £12-15 k to use for village play equipment. Councillors agreed to discuss this at the next meeting and consider a joint-venture with the Village Hall Committee.

12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION

The Clerk circulated an invitation to attend the Remembrance Day service in Taunton. No councillors were available to attend.

Suggested topics for inclusion on future agenda:

- Village Shop Report – Cllr Dunn
- Parish Council Successes – Cllr Davies
- Parish Plan – Cllr Gully
- Sunshine Fund applications
- New Play Equipment – all councillors

The meeting Closed at 8.30 p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7 p.m.