

# OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,  
on Thursday the 17th October 2013 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), C Bishop, C Stokes, I McMath, D Roots.

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: Members of the public.

The meeting was digitally recorded.

2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

No members of the public wished to speak.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Dunn, J Sharland, P.C.Adrian Hooper and P.C.S.O, Sharon Cridlin.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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.

5. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were circulated and were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record after a small change to the wording in paragraph 5.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Footpaths stiles and gates**

The clerk reported that James Hunt (Somerset County Councillor) has a Health and Wellbeing budget available and the clerk said he would circulate the application details to all Councillors.

**No dog fouling signs**

The clerk reported that the dog warden will be visiting Oake and surrounding area, and that Taunton Deane Borough Council will not supply 'NO DOG FOULING' signs so it was agreed that the clerk would investigate purchasing some signs from a supplier in Wiveliscombe who is providing Wiveliscombe Town Council with similar signs

**Hillfarrance Summer Party.**

The clerk said that he had written to Taunton Deane Borough Council regarding a party in August 2013 asking if there was a licence granted for the event, but had not received a reply. The clerk said he would follow it up. The Police will contact the owners of the property giving advice for future parties/events.

7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

**Police report**

**Calls reported**

2 x Concern for welfare

2 x Traffic Offences

1 x Animal related / Suspicious – Horse has been marked with purple spray - Hillfarrance

1 x Disturbance/Nuisance – Disorderly behaviour over dispute with taxi over payment – Oake

1 x Vehicle nuisance – farm complaining about vehicles on land causing a nuisance – Nynehead.

**Other Work**

Hillfarrance – Information gone out re No Cold Calling Zone

Speedwatch undertaken in Oake and Hillcommon. Parking and speeding concerns in and around Oake Primary School area. School Patrol.

Test Purchasing undertaken in premises in the area for Alcohol in relation to Challenge 21/25 policies.

'No Cold Calling Calls' have been erected in Oake village and further signs will follow for Hillcommon and Heathfield.

There is now a police twitter account it is: @aspwellington

Contact -Sharon Cridlin PCSO 9511 Telephone: 07825125108

As always please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity/persons through the 101 number Crime-stoppers 0800 555 111.

### **Shop management committee update**

Nothing to report

### **Village Hall Committee**

Cllr C Bishop said the committee is discussing next year's summer fete with the school. The chairman reported that the lights are not working on the outside of the village hall making it difficult to see when locking the building. Cllr C Bishop said he would report this to the chairman of the village hall.

### **Housing needs survey**

The clerk reported that he had instructed Community Council for Somerset to proceed with the full housing needs survey but to date had not had any further correspondence. The clerk said he would contact them again to enquire on any progress.

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

### **Appointment of new clerk**

The chairman reported that the working group had held interviews with three candidates, and from those interviews and references the working group recommend that Jill Loader be appointed as the clerk to Oake Parish Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013.

Chris Stokes proposed that Jill be appointed as the clerk and this was seconded by Ian McMath and unanimously agreed. Jill's salary will start on point 22 (top of the salary scale). A contract of employment will be sent to be signed.

### **Tree preservation.**

There has been a tree preservation order placed on a tree at Whitemoss, Hillcommon.

### **Local Choices event**

The clerk said there was a local choices event of the 29<sup>th</sup> October. The chairman said he would attend.

### **Road works**

It was reported that there is road works near the roundabout in Oake that appear to have been abandoned, also Cllr Bishop asked about road repairs at Allerford. The clerk said he would write to Dennis Quick about both issues.

### **Missing Foot Bridge**

It was reported that a foot bridge missing at Hillfarrance. The chairman said he would speak to the footpath liaison officer and TDBC.

### **Frog Street- Bridge**

It was reported that repairs are needed on the Frog Street, bridge at Hillfarrance.

## **9 PLANNING**

Cllr C Bishop updated the meeting regarding the site allocations and development management plan preferred options, which will be going out to consultation from the 31<sup>st</sup> October until the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The nearest meeting will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> November at Cotford St Luke Community Centre between 3.30pm to 7pm. Cllr Bishop said he would try to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Planning Applications granted**

None

**Planning Applications received**

**Application number: 27/13/0015**

**Proposal: Erection of an Agricultural storage building at Knapp Farm, Hillfarrance.**

The Oake Parish Council voted to **object** to this application for the following reasons:

- Due to the large size of the building, it will have a visual impact on neighbours.
- The application is for a large building for agricultural use but it does not include any other information regarding the use of other buildings on the farm and the Parish Council question the need for an additional agricultural storage buildings.
- The planning application should be considered in the relation to other building already on the farm and the current use of these buildings.
- Further information should be provided to quantify the need for this building.

**10 FINANCE**

**Payments**

Clerks Salary/Expenses (July/August)	£495.62
HMRC Tax for Clerk	£80.11

**Income**

None

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

The chairman signed the up to date cash book with bank reconciliation for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

It was agreed that the budget monitoring form will in future show a commitment for the outstanding bill in respect of new stiles and gates and a budget for footpath path maintenance.

Cllr C Stokes agreed to review the Finances as at the half year stage.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION/OTHER MATTERS**

The chairman thanked the clerk for his work over the last two years and the clerk wished the Oake Parish Council best wishes for the future.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 14th November 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_