

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall,
on Thursday, 10th September 2015 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs F Dunn, J Sharland, Mrs S Davies & Mrs L Peace. In attendance: Jill Loader (Clerk), TDBC Cllr R Habgood, SCC Cllr J Hunt & 1 member of the public.
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - It was suggested the new noticeboards required cork backing to make it easier to put up notices. This would be addressed by J Sharland.
3. **APOLOGIES** - Cllrs C Bishop, D Roots
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** – None.
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th July 2015 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE**
First Step Homes, Heidi Davies and TDBC's Jo Humble informed the meeting that plans were progressing with the proposed affordable housing site. Reports were being carried out regarding drainage, highways, environmental and landscaping in order that a full plan can be drawn up. It was hoped a Planning Application could be submitted before Christmas. Other points were raised regarding the appropriate open market houses and adequate car parking spaces. Regular updates would be sent to the clerk for distribution as a main contact.
7. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) Footbridge by Anchor Inn – still on-going – clerk liaising with Rights of Way for an update.
 - b) Hedges – agreed to put a notice in the News from the Villages to ask people to ensure their hedges are cut back along pavements.
8. **MATTERS OF REPORT**
 - a) **Police Report Bradford on Tone Beat - August 2015**

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

Date	Location	Details
08 August	Bradford on Tone	Domestic Assault
10 August	Theft of 'off road' Bike	Deane Motors, Hillcommon
18 August	Theft from Business in Langford Budville	An amount of money taken from hotel room
24 August	Theft of Mail	Heatherton Park – Domestic related

Calls to Police

3 x road related incidents including the Bradford on Tone railway crossing reported as faulty
4 x missing person – Bradford on Tone – Cobblestones
2 x concern for welfare – Bradford on Tone and Nynehead
1 x Suspicious – Poole – High value animal at property, owner believed property may have been 'marked' for proposed theft. No offences or further calls at this time.

Reports of Antisocial Behavior

There has been one call to the Police relating to anti-social behaviour this month. A group of youths had been reported as causing a nuisance at Oake play park late at night. Officers attended and checked for any damage, but nothing caused.

A community meeting had been held to discuss ASB in the Village Hall car park, mainly being caused by nuisance vehicles.

Flytipping and nuisance behaviour has also been reported in Langford Budville play area. Beat Team aware and high visibility patrols when available.

There have been shed breaks in the West Bagborough area this month, so again, a reminder to be vigilant and continue to report any suspicious incidents. Please continue to lock your equipment away, and consider other alternatives including shed alarms, heavy duty padlock and hasps as well as CCTV systems. Dummy alarms and cameras work as a very good deterrent in the first instance.

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- b) **Shop management committee update** - Fern Dunn reported the new shop manager had settled in very well. Terri had now left so there was no assistant manager at the moment. A new lady had joined the committee who was very enthusiastic.
- c) **Village Hall Committee** – John Sharland reported the smoke alarm was sensitive as the cooker was setting it off unnecessarily. A new oven was being investigated. The Hall had achieved all three Hallmarks under the quality scheme. Thank you went to the VH News magazine editor and helpers.
- d) **TDBC Report** – Roger Habgood reported The Site Allocation and Development Management Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State in July for approval. The Council were currently looking at what the most important issues were within the borough, as grants were being cut again this year.
- e) **SCC Report** James Hunt reported the recent 'Listening, Learning, Changing' roadshows had highlighted those points which were of a priority to people. These results may possibly change the way the budget is produced for next year. **Health and Well-Being Fund** – this was available again for projects which would benefit the community. £250 was available and those interested could get a form from James Hunt. Last year the money helped to purchase the table and chairs for the shop

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- a) **Oake Village Hall Meeting held on 13 August** – this had been an informative and helpful meeting with many residents attending to discuss the issues with the anti-social behaviour with young car drivers. All the suggestions made by PCSO Sharon Cridlin were being taken into account and the Hall Committee would review these ideas and costs.
- b) **Transparency Code** – the clerk informed the councillors that new legislation required the council to be more transparent. This involved putting more financial information onto the existing website which was being actioned when the information was available.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The following planning applications below were discussed:

- a) 27/15/0013 - Application: Removal of condition 3 (change of use of barn 3 to B1 Light Industrial Unit for the manufacturing of horse boxes) of application 27/10/0011 at Allerford Farm Barns, Norton Fitzwarren. The Parish Councillors supported the above application relating to the change of use, as per the recognised B1 restrictions for light industrial units currently in place.
- b) 27/15/0014 Application: Erection of garage and provision of new access at The Green, Hillfarrance. The Parish Councillors supported the above application subject to the condition that there is sufficient splay when vehicles are entering or exiting the proposed driveway, so as not to cross the village green which is opposite. As this is a single track road it would be difficult not to drive over the green and cause unnecessary damage.
- c) 27/15/0015 Application: Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey extension at The Green, Hillfarrance. The Parish Councillors had no objections and supported the above application.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY TDBC – UPDATE

- a) 27/15/0011 – Phased development of industrial units at Beaconstone, Hillcommon – conditional approval made 28 Aug 2015.
- b) 27/15/009 conversion of barn into 2 bed dwelling at Oake Green Farm – refused 3 July 15.
- c) 27/15/0010/CR – change of use at Allerford Farm Barns, Norton Fitzwarren – prior approval approval (conditional) on 1 July 15.

12. FINANCE

Payments

Clerks Salary – August	£ 200.85
Clerks expenses – August	£ 30.00

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

Receipts – Bank interest 0.08p

Balance of Accounts: The balance as at 23 August 2015 was £9,735.86. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

13. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION & OTHER MATTERS:

- a) The Chairman had received an email saying Mr Coles was no longer cutting the Hillfarrance Green due to poor health. It was agreed to send him a thank you card. Tim Leach had agreed to take this role over.
- b) **New Rendy Farm** – following the installation of the solar panels at New Rendy Farm, and the agreement that the PC would receive payments from the electricity generated, the clerk reported that the council would be receiving in January for the next 10 years £4,779.72. Contact between the relevant parties had resulted in a payment to be received this month of £9,559.44. It was agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting for discussion on how and where this money could be spent.

- c) **Neighbourhood Plan** – it was agreed to contact the Community Council for Somerset to find out what was involved regarding a neighbourhood plan.
- d) Adam Barnett Community Maintenance letter – agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 8th October 2015.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____