

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, Held on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), Mrs S Davies, Mrs F Dunn, D Roots, J Sharland. James Hunt (SCC) In attendance: Sharon Baker (PCSO) David Gliddon (Parish Clerk) Jill Loader (Retiring Clerk), Steve Williams (Shop Management) 4 members of the public,
2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME** - None
3. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Louise Peace, Cllr Roger Habgood (TDBC)
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS** – Cllr F Dunn – Community Shop,
Cllr J Sharland – Village Hall
5. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th July 2016 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) Affordable Housing update – The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Heidi Davis informing the Parish Council of a target date for the submission of a planning application by the end of September/early October. She would be happy to attend a meeting with the Council if required.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT:

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Sharon Baker and congratulated her on her recent change of name through marriage.

a) Police Reports for July

| Date | Location | Details |
|----------|--------------------------------|---|
| 27/07/16 | Regent Street Bradford on Tone | Burglary of elderly female's home address. Rear back door was insecure and an amount of silver, jewellery and artwork was stolen. |
| 28/07/16 | Higher Poole | Theft of approx 2 ton of sawn timber from building site. |

Calls to Police

There were 238 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 10 for this Beat area. This included a road related incident in Ham as well as a missing person. There was a domestic incident in Bradford on Tone together with two suspicious incidents in Bradford. One relating to noise waking a resident up, with dogs barking, which sounded like a car door being closed, and another with a report of a small car parked with three males in. Police attended but found no-one. There was also a road related incident in Oake and threats/harassment in Hillcommon, together with a public order incident. There was also two road related incidents on A38 Bradford on Tone together with a road related incident outside of the White Horse Public House.

Reports of Antisocial Behaviour

There were no ASB calls this month.

August

| Date | Location | Details |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01/08 - 03/08 | Langford Budville | Criminal Damage |
| 02/08/2016 | Hillcommon | Harassment/Threats - Neighbourly |
| 02/08/2016 | Oake | Harassment/Threats |
| 13/08/2016 | Langford Budville | Domestic Incident |
| 15/08/2016 | Langford Budville | Missing Person |

Calls to Police

There were 221 calls to the Police this month for the Wellington Rural area, with 20 for this Beat area. This included a road related incident in Poole, Nynehead, Bradford on Tone and Oake. There was also a suspicious incident reported in Nynehead whereby two males entered farmland selling tarmac. There was also 2 concerns for welfare calls to the Police in Langford Budville, on separate occasions, involving separate people. There was also a suspicious call in Bradford on Tone, in Back Lane where a noise was heard approx. 4am, police attended but nothing seen or found.

Reports of Antisocial Behaviour

There have been some minor reports of ASB in the play area of Langford Budville.

Other News

I have recently been on annual leave and honeymoon, so will be taking my husband's surname of Baker. I will slowly change my admin and paperwork, but please share this change with anyone else that needs to be aware. Thank you ☺

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b) Shop management committee update/shop future

Steve Williams had previously circulated a report from the Community Shop on its future viability. He stressed the need for further support and new committee members to come forward, otherwise the shop would close when its lease expires in November 2017. The shop committee will be circulating a questionnaire and holding a public meeting to discuss the options. He thanked the Council for its ongoing support and requested that it would be helpful if everyone who used the Post Office would consider purchasing items from the shop.

c) Village Hall Committee Report

Cllr Sharland reported on a successful fete raising £2200 to be split between Village Hall & School.

Cllr Sharland informed members of the ongoing work on the playpark.

He also cordially invited members to attend the Hall AGM on Tuesday 20th September.

d)TDBC Report - None received

e) SCC Report – Cllr Hunt reported on the news that Hinkley Point C had today been given the final go-ahead and that this would have a major impact on jobs, housing etc. in the County.

He also gave an update on the street lighting situation, informing councillors that there would be a programme of replacing current lights with LED bulbs to reduce costs. It may also be possible for parishes to apply to have their lighting times altered.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION.

a) To consider applicants for Co-option to the Parish Council

Two applicants had come forward. Frances Gully was co-opted onto the Council when Mr. J Summerscales withdrew his application.

b) To approve and sign the new clerk's contract of employment

The Chairman signed the new clerk's contract of employment.

c) Village Finger Post road signs renovation and cleaning

Discussion took place about the possibility of cleaning and repairing the road signs. Some concerns were raised over insurance, cost and the health and safety of volunteers and it was agreed to return to this at a future date. TDBC are in the process of providing advice to all Parish Councils.

d)Village Hall AGM

Cllr Sharland agreed to report on behalf of the Council at the AGM on September 20th

e)Sunshine Fund

Discussion took place and it was agreed to contact Andrew Ridgewell to place an article in the October village magazine, inviting applications for donations from the Sunshine Fund.

f) Steps in Rectory Lane, Hillfarrance

The councillors agreed the repair of the steps at an approximate cost of £40. Tim Leach has agreed to carry out the works.

g) Village Survey responses from the fete

Discussion took place following a survey undertaken at the Village Fete. There were many positive things to consider and some opportunities to improve the village street scene, including tidying up verges, additional dog bins etc.; the clerk would be investigating these issues.

Frances Gully volunteered to co-ordinate a Parish Plan and would be inviting volunteers to join her through an article in the Village Magazine.

h) Closure of Milverton GP Surgery

Cllr Davies reported that there was anxiety from some elderly parishioners over the imminent closure of nearby Milverton Surgery. Councillors expressed concern that they had not been consulted and the clerk was asked to contact Somerset Partnership requesting Oake Parish Council is involved in future consultations.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DISCUSS/APPROVE:

a) 27/16/0016 Siting of mobile home for respite purposes at The Barn at Ayton Fields, Hillfarrance (Retention of works already done)

The Parish Council had no objections and supported the application.

b) 27/16/0018 Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home for use as a key workers dwelling at Daisycroft, Allerford Road, Norton Fitzwarren (Retention of works already undertaken)

The Parish Council had no objections and supported the application.

c)27/16/0020 Erection of ground floor extension on the east elevation at Warnford, Wiveliscombe Road, Hillcommon

The Parish Council had no objections and supported the application.

d)27/16/0019 Erection of extension to replacement agricultural building (approval Ref No 27/16/0008) and demolition of old agricultural building at Dollings Farm, Dollings Farm Lane, Oake.

The Parish Council had no objections and supported the application.

10. FINANCE

The following payments & decisions were approved by the Parish Council:

a) Clerks Salary, Expenses

| No. | Item | Amount £ |
|-----|---|----------------|
| 1. | Clerks Salary – July (Jill Loader) | £ 201.88 |
| 2. | Clerks expenses – July (Jill Loader) | £ 30.00 |
| 3. | Clerks Salary – August (David Gliddon) | £136.03 |
| 4. | Clerks expenses – August (David Gliddon) | £30.00 |
| | Total | £397.91 |

Receipts – Nil

Balance of Accounts: at 5/8/16 £12866.69

b) To consider joint Play Equipment inspection training @ £200 + VAT per person

The council agreed to offer the Village Hall a sum of £200 towards training for play equipment inspection should this go ahead.

c) To sign & approve mandate for bank statements to be sent to the new clerk

The Chairman signed the bank mandate form to be sent to Nat West Bank in Taunton.

d) To approve Essential Clerks parts 1 & 2 training sessions @ £30 each plus time/travel expenses

Councillors agreed to fund the new clerk's training costs, time and travel expenses for courses booked in October and November.

11. Correspondence for Circulation and other matters:

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Date of the next meeting **Thursday 13th October 2016**

Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____