

## OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 9th February 2017**, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Oake Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Adrian Dyke, Cllr Fern Dunn, Cllr Sue Davies, Cllr David Roots, Cllr Frances Gully. Cllr James Hunt (SCC); Mr David Gliddon (Clerk) & 2 members of the public.

### **1. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

A resident requested help in getting the correct signage up for 27 Oake Close as it currently starts at 28. The Clerk will look into this.

### **2 APOLOGIES**

**PCSO Sharon Baker**

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

**Cllr Fern Dunn – Village Shop**

**4. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, were approved and signed by the Chairman with one typo error of Cllr Sharland's name.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING requiring action:**

- (a) New dog bin for the Village Hall area of Oake is now in situ and is being well used.
- (b) Traffic Calming plan for Oake is still on hold due to an inability to get the landowners agreement. SCC has again contacted the owners by letter.
- (c) Environment agency and flood risk - Hillfarrance is the only area affected – risk is on an individual property basis & concerned residents should email full details to [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- (d) Housing update - The bulk of the planning application has been ready for submission for some time now but came across an issue with the proposed storm water drainage solution. There is a solution and they are currently working with the Landowners' Agent to get the issue resolved.
- (e) Parish Plan meeting – This is being arranged in the Spring by Cllr Gully. She has contacted all interested parties.
- (f) Footpath closure & damaged bridge was between Bradford and Nynehead so no further action.

### **6. MATTERS OF REPORT:**

- a) Police Report for January - There were 16 calls throughout the whole beat area with no major concerns. Councillors expressed their thanks to PCSO Baker, in her absence, for the good work that she does and also for her intention to continue reporting regularly to the Council.
- (b) Village Hall Committee Report - none
- (c) Village Shop – Cllr Dunn reported that around 6 new volunteers had come forward but more were needed. A new committee will soon be formed and a decision taken as to how viable the shop is.
- (d) TDBC Report - none
- (e) SCC Report – Cllr Hunt reported that a contract had been issued for superfast broadband and that residents could search on the **gigaclear.com** website to see if they were included , although installation would depend on take-up numbers.

### **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION.**

- (a) Emergency Plan – Cllr Sue Davies was appointed as the named person, should an emergency arise. Her details will be passed onto the authorities dealing with emergency planning. The Clerk will contact nearby councils to request copies of their plans.
- (b) Sunshine Fund – future criteria for applications were agreed limiting grants to £2000 in exceptional circumstances, with the normal grant being up to £1000. The Clerk would contact SCF and request amendment.
- (c) Assets of Community Value – after discussion it was agreed that the Council would not pursue registering local pubs as ACV's as this could prove detrimental to the owners in any future sales.
- (d) Report on condition of all village noticeboards – after discussion it was agreed that the current

Council noticeboards did not require immediate repair or replacement.

(e) Social Media – after discussion it was agreed that a Parish Council Facebook page be set up to keep residents informed and to provide two way communications. The clerk agreed to help administer this along with Cllrs Gully and Davies. Cllr Peace has set up the relevant Page.

#### **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DISCUSS/APPROVE:**

1. Case Ref: 27/17/0001 – Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic with erection of storage shed, fencing and installation of flue and air source heat pump at Saxon Farm, Saxon Close, Oake.

**The Council had no further comment on this application.**

2. Case Ref: 27/17/0002 – Proposal: Erection of a detached single garage to the rear of 2 Stanley Villas, Wiveliscombe Rd, Hillcommon

**The council supported this application as it both enhanced the property and took cars from on-road parking.**

#### **9. FINANCE** - To discuss/agree the following:

- (a) Clerks Salary for January £136.04 approved
- (b) N S & I account – closure & transfer £1062.88 to Deposit approved
- (c) Invoice payments: Community Council £40; HMRC £34; SCF – Sunshine Fund £4779.72 and Somerset Playing Fields Ass'n £15
- (d) The SALC Transparency Grant of £1,294 had been received. The clerk agreed to purchase a laptop, software etc & any other necessary IT equipment for council use. This funding would also be used for website costs, clerk and members training to ensure we remain compliant with the transparency code.

#### **10. MATTERS OF REPORT.**

##### 1. Chairman

The Chairman would attend a meeting with the local MP Rebecca Pow on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February to discuss infrastructure if the two district councils merge.

The Chairman would attend the SW Councils Regional Conference on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Taunton RFC

##### 2. Members of Council

Cllr Roots noted that the footpaths near the Golf Club were taking a long time to repair.

#### **11 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION**

An invitation was passed around from the Mayor of Taunton inviting councillors to a charity concert on March 16<sup>th</sup> at £10 per person.

#### **12 Suggested topics for inclusion on next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7 p.m.**

- Defibrillator training and possible purchase for the community

**The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m. when councillors dispersed to look at interesting old maps of the local area, brought along by Councillor Sue Davies.**