

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on:
Thursday the 11th July 2013 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman) D Roots, C Bishop. C Stokes, Mrs F Dunn, I McMath, John Sharland

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk) James Hunt (SCC)

Also present: Members of the public. Police Constable: Adrian Hooper and PCSO Sharon Cridlin, Ed Lewis (First Step Homes)

The meeting was digitally recorded.

2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

A member of the public asked the Parish Council questions regarding the housing needs survey that the Council is considering in carrying out. Questions were answered by Ed Lewis, the clerk and the Chairman.

3. **APOLOGIES**

None

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 13th June 2013 were circulated and were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

Housing Needs Survey – Ed Lewis

Ed gave a brief background on the company he works for. His role is to identify sites for affordable housing that are available at the right cost, where there is need for affordable housing, to find sites with community support. He travels all over the South West and he looks for land outside the settlement boundary that is considered as open countryside and cannot be developed unless it is treated as an exception site which can be developed as long as it is for affordable housing and restricted to local people.

Why Oake? The location is good for transport links and sustainability.

A desk top survey in Oake has been carried out as reported at the last Parish Council meeting and Ed was asked to attend this meeting for the Parish Council to consider the way forward.

Cllr Stokes asked about the different tenure of housing such as, social housing, affordable rented tenure, shared ownership, discounted market, etc.

Cllr Ian McMath asked if the Parish Council did not support a housing needs survey would 'First Step Homes' not proceed with the project? Ed said that the survey would probably go ahead anyway.

A debate took place and it was agreed (Councillors Bishop and Roots abstaining) to support housing needs survey which will be carried via the Somerset Rural Community Council which will be funded by 'First Step Homes'. The survey will take place between September and December and the news letter and other local publications will be used. It was also discussed carrying out a separate local survey alongside the Housing needs survey. Ed asked for a contact within the Council to correspond with and Ian agreed to be the contact.

Footpaths stiles and gates

The chairman said there was a recent meeting regarding the local footpaths with the new liaison officer and progress is being made.

TGC Agreement document

The clerk confirmed that the legal agreement with TGC has now been signed by the chairman and returned to the company.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT

Police report

PC Adrian Hooper provided the following report:

June 2013

Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville, Oake and Nynehead Beat report.

GT 021

Crimes –

There has only been one recorded crime on this area this month (1st June) where two young people from the Wiveliscombe area were stopped by police, searched and found to be in possession of drugs, both given cannabis warnings.

Calls to police

There were 20 calls to the police –

Traffic/Accidents etc x 5

Misc x 15 including – an assault where the person reporting couldn't be found – believed to be a false call; female suffering with dementia returned to a care home; bonfire next to a main road – put out by fire brigade; suspicious person – seen by police and checked out – nothing to report.

General

We have visited Nynehead preschool in relation to a neighbour issue, this is an on-going problem and we will be monitoring the situation. We have conducted speed watch checks in the Hillcommon area.

Despite the low crime rate do not be complacent with your property, make sure you have an inventory of any valuable equipment with serial numbers etc recorded, to include photos. Make sure you have adequate security, consider a beam alarm or remote battery alarm which can be programmed to alert you via your mobile. There are several websites on the internet which offer a wide range of products, for example the 'alarms for farms' site. If you would like us to call around and speak to you about your security then please do not hesitate to contact us

The PCSO said she had received calls about speeding in and around Saxon Close and the school area. The 'No cold calling zone' is still to be introduced. Sharon is going to visit the school to talk to the students. The chairman asked if the parents could be contacted regarding the problems with parking at the school. Cllr James Hunt was informed that a zebra crossing is included in the SCC transport plan and Cllr Bishop thought there was consideration for a roundabout to slow traffic. Cllr Hunt said he would look in to this.

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

Cllr F Dunn reported that the shop had its AGM on Saturday the 15th June. Progress is being made but more volunteers are always needed.

Village Hall Committee

Cllr C Bishop said there has been a meeting to discuss the summer fete; also consideration is being given to celebrating the 10th birthday of the village hall.

8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

TDBC Business Grants

The clerk provided a leaflet detailing grants awarded by TDBC.

SCC West Somerset and Sedgemoor static diversion routes

The clerk provided a map detailing where all the new diversion signs will be located.

9 **PLANNING**

Planning Applications received

27/13/0008- Change of use of agricultural land to dual agricultural and equestrian use and erection of a stable block, open barn and a workshop at Mayfield, Hillfarrance.

The Parish Council supports this application and agrees with the transport department comments saying that there should be restrictions on the site for future use if the site is not used for stables.

27/13/0009- Construction of a single storey (B1use) industrial unit to provide an additional unit at Beaconstone, Hillcommon.

The Parish Council support this application.

27/13/0010- Variation of condition No 10 of application 27/12/0019 to re-word the condition to allow a phased development with regard to the number of commercial units required to be constructed prior to the dwellings being occupied at Beaconstone, Hillcommon

The Parish Council support this application as previously.

10 **FINANCE**

Payments

Clerks Salary (March)	£189.12
HMRC Tax for Clerk	£39.78
Oake and District Hall	£21.35
SALC (training)	£25.00
Adrian Dyke (travel)	£18.40

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 30th June 2013.

The clerk provided a new budget monitoring sheet showing committed and uncommitted expenditure and income.

11 **CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION/OTHER MATTERS**

It was reported that nothing has been done about the condition of the notice board outside the school. The clerk said he will write to the headmaster asking if anything is planned.

It was also agreed that the clerk would put a notice in the Parish Council notice board saying that the notice board is for Council papers only.

The telephone box at Hillcommon is overgrown and needs cutting back. The clerk said he would ask Dennis Quick to carry out the work.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 12th September 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____