

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on:
Thursday the 10th May 2012 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman) C Stokes, Mrs Y Yeoell, D Roots, Mrs F Dunn.

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: Members of the public.

The meeting was digitally recorded.

2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Members of the public were concerned about the report from Greenslade Taylor Hunt on behalf of David Martin regarding the land at Saxon Close in respect of the emerging Parish plan as they felt that there was no need for further development in the area of Oake. It was also felt that there is already a traffic problem with cars speeding in the village and surrounding areas and more housing and shops would increase it.

The representation from Greenslade Taylor Hunt mentioned the new shop and Cllr Dunn said she would update the meeting under the agenda heading 'matters of report'.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr D Roots proposed Cllr A Dyke for Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Y Yeoell, Cllr A Dyke proposed Cllr Y Yeoell for vice Chairman and was seconded by Cllr D Roots, both posts were unanimously agreed.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Y Yeoell declared an interest in the representation from Greenslade Taylor Hunt regarding land at Saxon Close.

5. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr W Sargent, Cllr C Bishop,

6. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 12th April 2012 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr Stokes asked if the speed watch scheme was currently in operation and the clerk confirmed that he was currently holding the speed gun and high visibility jackets and he said that the scheme needs to be resurrected with training of new volunteers and involving the Police Community Support Officer.

8. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

Police report

P.C.S.O. Fyne did not attend the meeting, and did not provide a report.

Shop steering committee update

Cllr F Dunn updated the meeting regarding the representation from Greenslade Taylor Hunt by reading a statement that the shop steering group are going to send in reply.

The statement is:

'We have received a courtesy copy of the proposal from Greenslade Taylor Hunt on behalf of their client David Martin. I have spoken to GTH and indicated that this was a useful opportunity to add a proposal to a range of options that the Steering Committee will be

assessing and developing for Phase 2 of the project. The Steering Committee will be guided and informed by the planning process and clearly we will be following events with

Interest in terms of options. We have not come to a view about this proposal in its own right but we'll be having informal discussions with GTH to understand the proposition in more detail including timescale, Finance and relationship to the planning process as part of our Phase 2 conversations. However, the primary driver here is the planning process, local consultation and outcome and the Steering Committee will be viewing this initiative in that context'.

It was agreed that this subject would be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

Notice boards.

Cllr. C Stokes said he had been in contact with a man who makes notice boards and he has received three quotations. To supply a double door notice board to display six sheets of A4 paper per door made from oak with a decorative header with carved lettering at £925. The second option is an aluminium notice board displaying four A4 paper sheets per door without the decorative header and carved letters for £385. The last option is an aluminium board mounted on dark green board with gold header at £660.

The Chairman asked if there were any sponsors and Cllr Stokes said there are some possible sponsors but none have been confirmed.

The clerk said he would ask for sponsors in the news from the village guide.

Community Planning

Cllr C Stokes asked for support from Councillors to the proposed Parish plan and he said that he did not receive a great deal of interest from the community, and due to insufficient support from other councillors he felt the Parish plan should be withdrawn. He felt that there are many people in the community do not know what the Parish Council is responsible for and what it can do and what it cannot do. Cllr Y Yeoell suggested that a stall be set up in the summer fete for people to talk to their Parish Councillors and posters be put up to show people who their Parish Councillors are.

It was agreed that the summer fete be used as a way to meet the public and the Parish plan be withdrawn.

Golf course entrance.

The clerk confirmed that he had written to the golf course regarding the use of the rear exit/entrance but he had not yet received a reply.

Web site updating

The clerk said that he had spoken to Marcia Maunder and she had agreed to update the web site with agenda/minutes and any other documents for the Parish Council.

Speed watch scheme

Following the last meeting a discussion took place to start up the speed watch scheme again and the clerk said he would put a request for volunteers in the news from the village guide and also contact the P.C.S.O for further information.

Representative on the Village hall committee.

It was agreed that Cllr C Bishop would remain the Parish Councils representative on the village hall committee, and he will report back to the Parish Council meetings.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

National saving account

The Clerk said that Marcia Maunder (Ex clerk) is still the authorised signature on this account and he asked if the Council want to keep the account open, a discussion took place and it was agreed to put the subject on the next agenda when more members are in attendance.

Insurance policy quote

The clerk reminded the meeting that they had agreed at the previous meeting to change supplier of insurance to 'Came and Company' but he had not informed them that the quote was in respect of a three year deal. The quote was for £268.84 fixed per year. It was agreed to accept the three year deal.

LCR magazine renewal

It was agreed to renew the annual subscription to the Association of Local Councils at a cost of £15.50.

Greenslade Taylor Hunt- Representation regarding land at Saxon Close

The clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a representation document from Greenslade Taylor Hunt on behalf of David Martin regarding land at Saxon Farm detailing possible use and development of the land.

The report was circulated and debated in full and the views of the public from the earlier public speaking time were taken into account. The following issues were discussed in relation to the report:

- Current T.D.B.C. – Core Strategy
- Bus service and lack of other services
- Footpath links
- Local services such as the post office, school
- Businesses
- Removal of old buildings
- Wildlife
- Drainage and flooding

Cllr C Stokes said the representation from Greenslade Taylor Hunt does not conform to the Parish Councils objectives and priorities and proposed that the Parish Council write to Greenslade Taylor Hunt saying that the Parish Council had reviewed and considered the proposal but it does not conform to the Parish Council priorities for development and does not fit into the Oake Parish Councils objectives. Cllr F Dunn seconded the proposal and the statement was unanimously agreed with Cllr Y Yeowell abstaining.

Planning enforcement notice

The clerk reported that the planning authority have served an enforcement notice on land at Whipprells, Hill Road, Norton Fitzwarren. The enforcement starts on the 7th June 2012.

Pot holes

The clerk reported that he had notified the highways department that various pot holes had appeared during the very wet weather and it was confirmed that this work had already been carried out. The Parish Council were very impressed with the speedy service.

10 PLANNING

27/12/0010

Erection of first floor extension over garage to form habitable accommodation and erection of single storey extension to the ground floor at Ham Barn. Oake.

The Oake Parish Council supports the application but consideration should be given to matching existing materials to the current dwelling

7/12/0011

Development of former buildings compound and adjoining land comprising of retention of joinery workshop and adjoining yard to form reduced builders unit: Demolition of storage unit and replacement with smaller unit to be used in conjunction with reduced builders unit: Provision of 12 industrial units (B1 use) with associated access and parking facilities: Provision of 2 semi-detached cottages with associated parking and garage spaces on existing residential site: and provision of a new garage for Welworthy Cottage at Beaconstone, Hillcommon, and Oake.

The Oake Parish Council supports this application because it will have a positive economic impact (creation of jobs). Working hours should be restricted to 7am to 9pm and no trading on Sundays. Visibility should be improved when entering by car. Public footpaths could be improved due to increased use and the footpath along the road can be improved by removing the hedge outside the existing property, this will improve viability when exiting by car and these changes will improve exiting amenities to the General public.

Decided

27/12/0006

Erection of 2 No Poly-tunnels 4.87M wide and 9.14M long on land opposite Altona Park, Hillfarrance.

Appeal

27/11/0018

Change of use of land to site 3 Mobile Homes, 3 Pitches for touring Caravans, 3 Utility sheds, 1 Day room and repositioning of stable block for use by Romany Gypsy families at: Altona Park.

The Oake Parish Council stands by its previous observations on this appeal and the chairman said he will draft a letter to T.D.B.C.

11 FINANCE

Clerks Salary (April)	£189.12
HMRC Tax for Clerk	£39.78
Mrs P Archer (internal audit)	£30.00
LCR Magazine	£15.50
Came and Company	£268.84

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

2012/2013 Budget

The Clerk provided a revised budget to consider and answered questions and said that he said he would provide a breakdown some costs for the previous year and the new budget.

Final accounts 2011/12

The clerk circulated the end of year report and accounts and he answered questions. The Chairman signed the accounts as a true record. The balance held as at the end of March 2012 was £2,893.61.

External Audit

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had carried out his work and the Chairman signed and approved the annual return.

12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION/OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk circulated various documents including:

- Somerset Playing Fields Association
- Olympic Flame in Taunton.
- Letter of thanks from Marcia.
- Heart of Somerset.

Suggestions for the June agenda.

- Oake fete on the 23rd June – Stall and ideas promoting the Parish Council
- Regular Hedge Cutting – in Hillfarrance
- Speeding in Hillfarrance

The meeting closed at 8.37pm