

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

hMinutes of the Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on:
Thursday the 13th September 2012 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman) C Stokes, D Roots, Mrs F Dunn, Mrs W Sargent, C Bishop.

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: Members of the public.

The meeting was digitally recorded.

2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Members of the public asked about the proposed new planning regulations that the Government are considering. Part of the new regulations includes relaxing the rules on building of extensions without planning approval. Cllr Bishop said that he thought the new rules will cause disputes among neighbours, however he said consultation will take place before any new rules are introduced. Cllr Bishop said that any new large developments will need to comply with the new Planning Core Strategy, which has just entered a six week consultation period and can be viewed on: <http://consultldf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/corestrat/adoptedcs>

It was agreed to put this subject on the October agenda for further discussion.

Cllr F Dunn, reported that she had received complaints about cars entering the Oake District Hall car park late at night. The cars drive around spinning their wheels and being noisy. Cllr F Dunn was advised to talk to the P.C.S.O. in the first instance and also bring it to the attention of the Oake District Hall Committee. She also reported that the height of the grass on the verge turning into Oake from the B3227 is obstructing motorist's views when turning left towards Wiveliscombe from Oake on to the B3227. The clerk said he would report it to the highways authority.

3. **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.

4. **APOLOGIES**

Mrs Y Yeowell, P.C.S.O. L Fyne. Cllr T McMahon

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Stokes asked about the Community Infrastructure Levy. The clerk said that he had not received any further information and Cllr Bishop said that the levy is currently out for consultation. The clerk said he will add the subject to the next agenda in October.

Cllr Roots confirmed that he had completed and submitted an application to Somerset County Council nominating a person for an award to services to the community.

7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

Police report

P.C.S.O. L Fyne did not attend the meeting, but provided a report. The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Shop steering committee update

Cllr F Dunn said a date of the 1st November has been set for the community to take over the shop; however there will probably be a short period when the shop is closed.

Cllr C Bishop was pleased to see that the shop is authorised to sell lottery tickets, and he thought that it was a good idea to employ a shop manager to oversee the project.

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

Notice Boards.

The clerk confirmed that he had written to the school asking if the notice board could be taken down. Cllr D Roots said that members of the public felt that the notice board is very useful and should remain. It was proposed by Cllr C Bishop and seconded by Cllr F Dunn that Cllr D Roots speak to Dave Sedgwick to enquire if he could provide some ideas and prices to upgrade the current notice board, and report back to the October meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

Web site updating

The clerk said that he had reviewed the current web site and he had come to the conclusion that due to its age the site needs upgrading. He had spoken to Magic Webs who are the company that provided the site and they are able to upgrade the site for a cost of £200. Cllr C Bishop confirmed that the Oake and District Hall Committee are keen to support the upgrade of the web site.

It was proposed by Cllr A. Dyke and seconded by Cllr F Dunn that the clerk be authorised to spend up to £200 excluding VAT to upgrade the current web site. This was unanimously agreed.

Speed watch scheme

The Chairman confirmed that training had taken place with the police and volunteers and the scheme will soon be up and running again, however more volunteers are required.

Cllr C Stokes questioned if the data provided by the cameras/signs was useful and also was a deterrent to speeding.

Village Hall Committee

Cllr Bishop talked about the increase in performing rights charges and that the Oake District Hall will need to review its rules on hiring of the hall.

Code of Conduct

The clerk confirmed that he had now received all the code of conduct documents and he would forward them on to Taunton Deane Borough Council. Also due to the new code of conduct and other changes the Parish Council's standing orders will need updating. The clerk provided a draft copy of the amended standing orders and said he will add the subject to the October agenda for adoption.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

The clerk circulated various documents that had already been previously circulated via email.

Cllr C Bishop confirmed that he attended the civic service.

Footpaths

The clerk said he had received confirmation from the County Councillor (Tony McMahon) that he would consider providing some funds from his Health and Wellbeing budget to fund some stiles/gates in the Oake area.

It was agreed that Cllr A Dyke and Cllr D Roots will review the stiles and gates in the Oake area and contact S.C.C to find out who is responsible for them. When this is clear the clerk will write to Tony McMahon requesting some funds.

E mail regarding wild flowers on grass verges

The clerk read an email from Graham Blight requesting funds from the Parish Council to provide wild flowers on grass verges. A discussion took place and it was agreed that more information is needed about the scheme before the Parish Council make a decision. Cllr A Dyke said he would make more enquires and report back to the next meeting.

Jubilee Bookmarks

The chairman said there are some bookmarks still available. It was agreed to give all the remaining bookmarks to Cllr F Dunn, and she can either sell them or ask for donations.

9 **PLANNING**

Planning Applications granted

27/12/0019

Development of former builders 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 light 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 Selworthy Cottage at Beaconstone, Hillcommon, Oake (resubmission of 27/12/0011)

27/12/0015

Erection of agricultural building for livestock housing Phase 1 at Orchard Farm, Hillcommon

27/12/0016

Erection of an extension to an agricultural building for livestock housing, Phase 2 at Orchard Farm, Hillcommon.

27/12/0013

Erection of stables and Haybarn at Hazelmere, Hillcommon.

27/12/0017

Erection of stable block at the Old Rectory, Hillfarrance

Altona Park Appeal

Cllr C Stokes said he had received the decision notice and Mrs Woodbury was successful in her appeal. Further information will be available at the October meeting.

Planning Contraventions

The clerk reported two Planning contraventions / enforcement:

- Caravan sited in field near Hillfarrance
- Unauthorised use of land for storage of non agricultural items on land to the South of Whisperfields, Oake.

10 **FINANCE**

Clerks Salary (April)	£378.24
HMRC Tax for Clerk	£79.56
Oake and District Hall	£115.90

The above payments were approved by the Parish Council.

2012/2013 Budget

The clerk provided a revised budget to consider. Cllr C Stokes queried the process in allocating money to budget's, a debate took place regarding the process of budgeting. The budget will be reviewed again in November when consideration will be given to the 2013/14 precept.

The clerk provided a bank reconciliation and cash book which the chairman signed as a true record.

11 **CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION/OTHER MATTERS**

The Clerk circulated various documents.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 11th October 2012

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____