

# OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Oake Parish Council meeting held at the Oake and District Hall, on:  
Thursday the 12th September 2013 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Dyke (Chairman), C Bishop, C Stokes, Mrs F Dunn, I McMath,

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: Members of the public. Police Constable: Adrian Hooper

**The meeting was digitally recorded.**

2. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

A member of the public asked the Parish Council's advice regarding an annual party that takes place in August each year in a neighbouring field in Hillfarrance. The member of the public said the parties start at 5 in the afternoon and go on to the next morning, alcohol is sold and there is an entrance charge which she believed went to charity. The noise is excessive with loud music, people shouting and cars blowing their horns. The event took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> August in the middle of summer with houses leaving their windows open.

Cllr Bishop asked if there was an entertainments licence for the event.

It was agreed that the clerk would write to Taunton Deane Borough Council as the licensing authority asking if a licence was granted for this event and send a copy to the police following a complaint from the public.

3. **APOLOGIES**

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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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were circulated and were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

Cllr Stokes asked if the police report needs to be published in full in the minutes. The clerk said it is up to the Parish Council to decide. It was resolved that only selected information will be included in the minutes in future.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Footpaths stiles and gates**

The chairman said he would arrange another meeting with the footpath liaison officer and report back.

**No dog fouling signs**

The clerk asked if any new signs had been received from the dog warden. No one had seen any signs and none had been erected so the clerk said he would remind the dog warden that new signs are needed.

7. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

**Police report**

PC Adrian Hooper provided the following report:

**Calls reported in the Oake Area-**

Wartime bunker had locks tampered with in a field near to Rendy Farm, Oake. Nothing stolen

Suspicious vehicle parked in Oake layby for some time, Checks undertaken, Registered Keeper located and contacted, all in order, the vehicle had broken down

### **Other Work**

Oake Parish Council – No Cold Calling Zone signs to be erected imminently.

Hillfarrance – Information to be posted on Oake website regarding No Cold Calling Zone – new area to be set up.

The chairman reported the complaint from a member of the public in the public speaking time session earlier and the clerk said he would copy the police in to the letter to Taunton Deane Borough Council. Cllr Stokes asked if the police could check the records to see if the police were aware of the event.

There is now a police twitter account it is: @aspwellington

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**

Nothing to report

### **Village Hall Committee**

Cllr C Bishop said the summer fete was a great success and consideration is still been given to celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the village hall.

### **Housing needs survey**

The clerk provided two examples of housing needs surveys provided from the Community Council for Somerset. It was resolved that the Parish Council would instruct the Community Council for Somerset requesting that a full housing needs survey be carried out as soon as possible, with a copy of the request sent to Ed Lewis.

## **8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

### **TDBC Planning Design Review**

The clerk reported that there is a training day on the 18<sup>th</sup> September and Cllr Bishop explained what the design review team do. Cllr Bishop will attend the meeting and report back to the Parish Council.

### **Clerks -Termination of employment**

The clerk handed a letter to the chairman tendering his resignation with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.He explained that due to other work commitments he could not carry on with the role. Cllr Bishop said he was very sorry to see the clerk leaving.

Cllr Bishop proposed that a panel of three councillors would oversee the appointment of a new clerk with a recommendation back to the October meeting. The panel would consist of Cllr Stokes, Cllr Dunn and Cllr Dyke. Adverts will be placed in the Wellington Weekly, on the notice boards, in local shops, in the 'News from the Villages' and through SALC. It will be necessary to move the October meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in order to make the appointment.

## **9 PLANNING**

### **Planning Applications granted**

**27/13/0007**-Installation of 175 no ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels on land to the north east of Saxon Farm.

**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.

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

**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

**10 FINANCE**

**Payments**

Clerks Salary (July/August)	£189.12
HMRC Tax for Clerk	£39.78
Magic Webs Ltd (new web site)	£465.00

**Income** (VAT 2012/13) £68.64

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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

It was agreed that Cllr Stokes would do a half year audit financial check as at the end of September 2013.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CIRCULATION/OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 17th October 2013.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_