

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 6th April 2009 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

		Action by
369	<u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Addley, Carpenter, Cotton, Duke, Holdeman, Lewis, Riley, Schwier and Yard attended together with the Clerk and eight parishioners (some part time). Mr G Adlem, the agent for the planning application at Jacob's Ladder, attended for part time. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Croney and Campbell. Cllr Holdeman presided.	Noted
370	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> Cllr Holdeman declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the Planning application relating to Jacobs Ladder, item 375 b).	Noted
371	<u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10 th February 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed after item 367a had been corrected.	Clerk
372	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	a The Clerk reported that Wessex Water had replaced the missing stop cock cover opposite Oasis.	Noted
	b The Clerk reported that the footbridge had been repaired and two new gates installed (one to replace a stile) on footpath 13.	Noted
373	<u>Public Participation</u>	
	a Sir Barry Wilson informed the meeting of the availability of the youths from Guys Marsh to undertake community projects in the village.	Noted
374	<u>Reports</u>	
	a A written report was tabled from District Cllr. Deborah Croney.	Noted
	b A written report is pending from County Cllr. Angus Campbell, which the Clerk will circulate to all Councillors.	Clerk
375	<u>Planning</u>	
	a All Planning matters were held over until the last item, at the request of Cllr Holdeman, so as they could be discussed in her absence as she had declared, under item 370, an interest in one of the applications.	Noted
376	<u>War Memorial</u>	
	a It was proposed by Cllr. Schwier, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that DCC's offer to withdraw their objection provided that the land is registered subject to highway rights is accepted.	Clerk
	b A letter was tabled from the DCC stating that they are prepared to enter into a licence agreement to enable the Protection Scheme to progress, on the basis that the stones are arranged to provide seating, with the Parish Council fully indemnifying the DCC against all claims relating thereto. This was generally accepted and a site meeting to further discuss the details of the scheme was arranged for Monday the 20 th April 2009 at 10-00 am.	All Cllrs. & Clerk.
	c The Clerk informed the meeting that at the recent CPEND Presentation Evening the Protection Scheme had attracted an award of £500.00, which is expected to be received in the next few weeks, for completion by March 2010.	Noted
377	<u>Village Items</u>	
	a A letter was tabled from the WI commenting on the Village Enhancement Scheme, which the three representatives of the organisation in attendance explained in detail.	Noted

	b	Cllr. Riley, who has headed the scheme from its inception, commented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the scheme was first mooted he had invited comments through 'The Hill' but hitherto none had been received. • He had obtained advice from a professional gardener on the plant selection and said that some experimenting with planting on a scheme of this nature is to be expected. • He is aggrieved that some Councillors, after the scheme has been approved by Council, are querying whether to spend the money under the present economic situation. 	Cllr. Riley Clerk
	c	The Clerk is investigating the availability of suitable anti-graffiti paint for the bus shelter.	Clerk
	d	A reply is pending from Dorset Police to our request for local speed checks to be carried out.	Noted
	e	The Clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation for the renovation of the Millennium Board from a local tradesman.	Clerk
378	Annual Parish Meeting		
	a	Arrangements for the forthcoming Annual Parish meeting to be held on the 24 th April 2009 were finalised.	Clerk
379	Finance		
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 000980 – Void. • 000981 – Cllr W Addley - £5.05 – Expenses Best Kept Village Comp. • 000982 – Void. • 000983 – D Jones - £461.00 – Expenses for maintaining Rec. Ground. 	Clerk/RFO
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the following documents are approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The estimated v actual expenditure for the 4th qtr of 2008/09, showing a closing credit balance of £11,001. • The accounts for 2008/09 (subject to any observations received from the Internal Auditor). 	Clerk/RFO
	c	A letter was read from the Dorset Police regarding the financing of hand held laser speed devices. It was agreed to accept their invitation to address these issues by inviting them to speak at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.	Clerk/RFO
	d	The clerk reported the donation of a filing cabinet by Sir Barry Wilson for Council use. This was accepted with grateful thanks.	Clerk/RFO
	e	The Clerk reported that funds may become available to replace some of the equipment in the Children's Play Area. Cllr Holdeman agreed to arrange a visit to the School to establish the thoughts of the children on the type of equipment preferred.	Cllr. Holdeman
	f	The following are the details of both accounts:	
		No 1 account Opening balance £11,001.60 Plus Precept £9,000.00 Plus Recovery of VAT £429.82 Plus Standing Order To COPFA £1.00 Less cheques as above £466.05 Less Standing Order to COPFA £1.00 <hr/> Balance in hand £19,965.37 No 2 account Balance in hand £315.36 Total Closing Balance £20,280.73	Info

380	Correspondence		
	a	A number of items of correspondence were read, in particular a letter from DCC requesting Local Councils to make the first approach to local property owners with overhanging hedges to have them cut back, before referring the case to them for enforcement action.	Noted
381	Other Business		
	a	It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Marcus Undery, the Tree Surgeon, to discuss the trimming back of two trees in the Recreation Ground Car Park to allow access for the storage container.	Clerk
	b	It was agreed to press for the garden of a property in Cooper Gardens to be tidied.	Clerk
375	Planning (This item was deferred from earlier in the Agenda and thus is numerically out of sequence)		
		At this point in the proceedings Cllr Holdeman left the meeting and Cllr Schwier took the chair.	
	a	A letter was tabled from Iwerne Courtney & Steepleton Parish Council giving details of the conditional approval they had recommended in respect to planning application 2/2009/0145/PLNG at Deer Farm Farrington.	Noted
	b	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0171/PLNG to erect 2 dwellings and form access on part of gardens 10, 12 & 14 Jacob's Ladder. Prior to the consideration of the application the Chairman allowed a short period of open discussions in which Gary Adlem, the agent, informed the meeting of his pre-application discussions with Hannah Powell, a Planning Officer of NDDC, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the application site is recognised as being identified for development in the Local Plan by virtue of it being listed in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and that he had a letter to this effect, which he did not table. Neither did he state the origin of the letter. • That planning permission would be granted. It was agreed to recommend refusal as being contrary to paragraphs CO4, CO6, CO8, CO9 and CO10 of the Child Okeford VDS, which correlate to appropriate policies in the Local Plan.	Clerk
	c	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0191/PLNG to erect various extensions and create a porch at Russets, Rectory Lane. It was agreed to raise no objection to the proposals.	Clerk
	d	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0204/PLNG to demolish two cottages and erect 2 detached dwellings at Thompson's and Pike's Cottages. Prior to the consideration of the application the Chairman allowed a short period of open discussions in which the applicant addressed the meeting. It was agreed to recommend refusal for same reasons as cited in the previous application 2/2007/0459.	Clerk
	e	The Presiding Chairman informed the meeting that a report entitled – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – had been recently published by NDDC. Clarification is currently being sought on the document prior to it being discussed at our May meeting.	Clerk
	f	The Presiding Chairman reported on the impending meeting between representatives of the Planning Committee and NDDC officials to be held on the 8 th April 2009.	
	The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8-55pm.		

Signed Presiding Chairman Date

Please note that the foregoing do not become minutes until approved by Council and signed to that effect by the Presiding Chairman at the next meeting.