

## CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

		<b>Action by</b>
401	<b><u>Attendance/apologies</u></b> Cllrs. Carpenter, Holdeman, Lewis, Schwier and Yard attended together with the Clerk and four parishioners (some part time). Mr S Hitchings of BLCAG attended for item 402 only. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Addley, Cotton, Duke, Riley, Croney and Campbell. Cllr Holdeman presided.	Noted
402	<b><u>Leisure Centre</u></b>	
	a Mr Steve Hitchings gave a presentation on the Blandford Leisure Centre, with particular reference to its future funding. In the question and answer session that ensued the following points emerged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to the present time the emphasis has been placed on saving the Leisure Centre and whilst extending its facilities to include social functions was not ruled out, the limited space available may render it impractical.</li> <li>• Negotiations are still continuing with DCC and NDDC for them to increase their contribution.</li> <li>• It is probable that the residents of any local council who contributes will be given some concession on entry fees.</li> <li>• Contributions would commence in April 2010.</li> </ul>	Noted
	b Due to depleted numbers it was agreed to defer the decision on contributing to the scheme until the next meeting.	Clerk
403	<b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b>	
	Cllr Holdeman declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in item 411 a).	Noted
404	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>	
	The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed after items 393 b) and 397 a) had been corrected.	Clerk
405	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
	a A letter was tabled from the Solicitor of the NDDC replying to the complaint made over confidential agenda item 385.	Noted
	b Damory Coaches have agreed to a 'hail and ride' (not signed) bus stop outside the village hall.	Noted
406	<b><u>Public Participation</u></b>	
	a A parishioner asked for arrangements to be made to have the verge in the Hollow, above the entrance to Portman Drive, trimmed to improve visibility. This request had already been submitted to DCC.	Noted
407	<b><u>Reports</u></b>	
	a Cllr Carpenter reported on the recent Northern Area Meeting of DAPTC as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NDDC has collected £6m of section 106 money, £2m of which has been spent and the remaining £4m is under threat unless allocated shortly.</li> <li>• John Parker and Vanessa Gifford of DAPTC are trained to run courses on the 'Powers of Wellbeing'.</li> <li>• £2.85 EU funding has been received for allocation under the Sowing Seeds scheme.</li> </ul>	Noted
408	<b><u>Planning</u></b>	
	a The Clerk informed the meeting that he had accepted the offer from NDDC to receive planning decisions by email. This arrangement will enable this information to be distributed to Councillors more readily, thereby keeping everyone up to date on planning matters.	Noted

	b	A response, prepared by Cllrs Duke and Cotton, was tabled on the Sustainability Appraisal – Scoping Report, which is to be submitted to NDDC if no adverse comments are received from Councillors by tomorrow evening. (None were received so the details were submitted to NDDC verbatim)	Clerk
409	<b>War Memorial</b>		
	a	It was reported that the War Memorial and land to the south of it has been registered with the Land Registry.	Noted
	b	As the licence had not been received from the DCC and the Chairman and Clerk had to cancel their visit to the quarry to resolve some technical details on the stone, it was agreed to hold over finalising details of the protection scheme until the next meeting.	Clerk
410	<b>Millennium Board</b>		
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and carried unanimously that the quotation from Mr C White of £150.00 to repair and treat the Millennium Board and to treat the adjacent seat is accepted.	Noted
411	<b>Recreation Ground</b>		
	a	It was agreed that the new store is to be erected in such a way as to enable the gang mowers to be housed in it which, because of its limited width, will have to be modified to permit entry and exit through the sides. Consideration will have to be given to its position as the gang mowers cannot be reversed. The Clerk is to liaise with the appropriate people/authorities to arrive at an acceptable solution. Only one tender had been received for this work (from Mr D Holdeman) and it was agreed to discuss the project with him in the light of the revised requirements. Cllr Holdeman, who had declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the matter, left the room while this item was discussed.	Clerk
	b	Cllr Lewis agreed to ascertain from Blanchards the position in respect to registering the title of the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry.	Cllr Lewis
	c	It was proposed by Cllr Carpenter, Seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contract for the Dorset Playbuilder project, having been previously circulated, is accepted and signed.</li> <li>• Sylvia Holdeman was appointed team leader (Cllr Carpenter was appointed to deputise for her at the 'kick off' meeting if she is unavailable).</li> </ul>	Clerk
412	<b>Village Items</b>		
	a	This item was deferred pending a report from NDDC's Tree Officer on the condition of the trees at Chalwell and adjacent to the gas station.	Clerk
413	<b>Finance</b>		
	a	The Clerk informed the meeting that in consultation with the Chairman he had increased the insured value of the War Memorial to £100k, effective from the 18 <sup>th</sup> May to the 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2009, subject to a review by Council. He tabled an estimate from a firm of stone masons (obtained via Cllr. Riley) for providing a replacement War Memorial as well as comparative insurance values from other councils with similar monuments. It was proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the insured value of the War Memorial is increased to £75k, with an instruction to obtain a quotation to increase it by a further £5k to £80k.	Clerk/RFO
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Holdeman, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 000991 – Allianz Ins plc - £41.44 – Increased cover on the War Memorial @ £100k from 18 05 09 to 31 05 09 (Retrospectively)</li> <li>• 000992 – Void</li> <li>• 000993 – Broker Network Ltd - £1,106.08 - Insurance premium which includes one week's increased cover on the War Memorial from 01 06 09 to 08 06 09 @ £100k (retrospectively)</li> </ul> Continued on next page.	Clerk/RFO

	b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 000994 – Network Ltd - £338.62 - Insurance premium on the War Memorial - £80k for remainder of year.</li> <li>• 000995 – M Murphy - £137.50 – Maintaining play area (1<sup>st</sup> qtr).</li> <li>• 000996 – J Gill - £880.06 - Clerk's salary + expenses (1<sup>st</sup> qtr).</li> <li>• 000997 - Nildram - £46.95 – Broadband rental</li> <li>• 000998 – HM Land Registry - £40.00 – Registration of Rec. Ground.</li> <li>• 000999 – Accounts &amp; Audit Services Ltd - £117.00 – Internal audit.</li> </ul>	Clerk/RFO														
	c	The Clerk presented the recommendations of the Internal Auditor which were accepted by Council.	Clerk/RFO														
	d	The following are the details of both accounts:															
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414	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>																
	a	A number of items of correspondence was left on the table.	Noted														
415	<b><u>Other Business</u></b>																
	a	A vote of thanks was expressed to Wendy Mundy on her retirement as Youth Club Leader. During her term of office she has worked tirelessly for the Youth Club and she will be sadly missed.	Clerk														
	b	It was agreed to write to village organisations and businesses seeking their support and involvement in the impending presentation for the Best Kept Village Competition.	Clerk														
	The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10-05pm.																

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.**