

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

		Action by
416	<u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Addley, Carpenter, Cotton, Duke, Riley (part time), and Schwier attended together with Cllrs Campbell, Croney (both part time), eight parishioners (some part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Lewis, Holdeman, and Yard. Cllr Schwier presided.	Noted
417	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> Cllr Addley declared a personal interest in item 419 c) as her husband is employed by the organisers of the event	Noted
418	<u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 1 st June 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.	Clerk
419	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	a A letter was read from the DCC advising that the recently requested highway maintenance has been carried out.	Noted
	b A letter was read from Sturminster Newton Town Council advising that as only three locations for mounting SIDs (two in Sturminster Newton and one in Hazelbury Bryan) had satisfied the County's speed safety audit, the Town Council had resolved not to proceed with the Community SID scheme.	Noted
	c A letter was tabled from the organisers of the impending Portman Pony Club one day event, advising the residents of Melway Lane that this route will be used as the main exit from the event. The Clerk tabled a letter he had sent to the DCC on the 5 th February 2009, setting out the perceived inadequacies of using this route. The letter is to be sent to the organisers with a further request to use an alternative exit, with copies of the correspondence to the residents of Melway Lane.	Clerk
420	<u>Public Participation</u>	
	a Cllr Croney answered a question from Mr Stanley, the applicant of the proposed development at Thompsons and Pikes Cottages, by saying that the reason for the dwelling being 'dug into the site' was to overcome an objection to the ridge height stated in a previous application.	Noted
421	<u>Reports</u>	
	a Cllr Croney presented a report on the activities of NDDC (copy attached).	Noted
	b Cllr Campbell presented a report on the activities of the DCC (copy attached).	Noted
422	<u>Planning</u>	
	a The following decisions were tabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/2009/0296 – To raise the height of the garage roof and install 2 Velux windows at Hopefield, The Hollow – approved. • 2/2009/0313 – Change of use of part of existing garage to a holiday let – approved. 	Noted
	b Consideration was given to revised application 2/2009/0218/PLNG, to erect one replacement dwelling at Little Meadow. It was agreed to raise no objection to the proposals.	Clerk
	c Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0491/PLNG, to erect a single storey rear extension to 3 Jacob's Ladder. It was agreed to raise no objection to the proposals.	Clerk
	d Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0516/PLNG, for a change of use from an agricultural building to an on-site bakery at Gold Hill Farm. It was agreed to support the application in principle, subject to the applicant submitting detailed architectural plans.	Clerk

423	War Memorial		
	a	A number of outstanding matters on the project were deferred pending technical discussions with the quarry, which had been deferred owing to the Clerk's holiday and the Chairman's unavailability.	Clerk
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and carried unanimously, that the previously circulated draft Licence in respect to the placement of stone 'seats' around the War Memorial is accepted, subject to the date being added.	Clerk
424	Recreation Ground		
	a	The Clerk reported on the investigations that he had carried out with Derek Holdeman, on the feasibility of accommodating the gang mowers in the 'new' store to be erected in the north-west corner. He advised that this could be achieved, through the standard door opening, by splitting the gang mowers and manually reversing the outside sections into the building, with the centre section being reversed inside while still connected to the tractor. To facilitate this manoeuvring it would be helpful to provide an adequate concrete apron in front of the door. (This technique was demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council after the meeting.) Council agreed that the scheme should proceed on this basis.	Clerk
	b	The registration of the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry is to be progressed with Blanchard Bailey LLP, through Cllr. Lewis.	Cllr Lewis
	c	The first of the three mandatory consultations with the children on the type of equipment to be provided under the Play Builder Scheme was carried out by Brian Evans-Johnson, Community Play & Recreation Facilitator working with DCA, at St Nicholas School on Thursday the 2 nd July 2009. His report is pending.	Noted
	d	Following the meeting, an inspection of the litter receptacles was carried out, when it was agreed to remove the two damaged wooden cages and to reposition the receptacle from behind the Community Centre to the east side of the building.	Clerk
	e	The broken panel in the cricket hut, behind the Community Centre, was noted and the Clerk was instructed to ask the Cricket Club to repair it to prevent children from climbing through it.	Clerk
425	Village Items		
	a	A letter had been received from Chris Juett, informing Council of the probable imminent demise of the Youth Club. Whereas Council does not have a direct responsibility for the Youth Club, it was agreed that every endeavour should be made to ensure its continuance. Council decided to include it as an agenda item at the August Meeting, with a request for Wendy Mundy, Chris Juett and Sue Marsh to attend if possible.	Clerk
	b	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
	c	Cllr Addley reported that arrangements are in hand for the presentation to be made to the judges of the Best Kept Village Competition on Thursday the 9 th July 2009.	Clerk
	d	Peter Allen, from the Child Okeford PFA, reported that they are experiencing difficulty in obtaining adequate people to serve on their committee. Cllr Addley agreed to represent the Parish Council. A discussion thereupon ensued on the possibility of the PFA working more closely with the Village Hall Management Committee, along the lines set out under Recommendation 4 of the Parish Plan. It was agreed to invite officers of both organisations to meet with the Parish Council to jointly explore this possibility.	Clerk
426	Finance		
	a	It was agreed to defer the decision on whether to contribute to the running of the Blandford Leisure Centre until later in the year. However, the Clerk is to circulate figures from BLCAG for further discussions at the next meeting.	Clerk

	b	It was proposed by Cllr Duke, seconded by Cllr Addley and carried unanimously that the insured value of the War Memorial is to remain at £75k.	Noted																
	c	It was noted that Alan Blundell had renovated the Millennium Board, unaware that the contract to do so had been placed with Cyril White. Thanks were expressed to Alan Blundell and apologies to Cyril White.	Noted																
	d	The Clerk/RFO reported that the accounts had been submitted to BDO Stoy Hayward LLP for the External Audit.	Noted																
	e	It was proposed by Cllr Duke, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously, that Council accepts the adequacy and effectiveness of the Internal Audit, which have been assessed against relevant sections of Appendix 9 of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils.																	
	f	It was agreed to defer the approval of the Actual v Estimated Expenditure for the 1 st quarter of 2009/10 until the next meeting.																	
	g	The following are the details of both accounts:																	
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427	Correspondence																		
	a	Two items of correspondence were tabled as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Duke agreed to review the 'Lengthsmen' Scheme proposed by DCC. • Cllr Holdeman was nominated to attend the presentation on the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, arranged by Sturminster Newton Town Council to be held on the 8th October 2009 at 7-15pm. 	Cllrs Duke & Holdeman																
428	Other Business																		
	a	Alan Blundell agreed to arrange for the footpath leading off Netmead Lane to be cleared.	A Blundell																
	The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9-40pm which was followed by an inspection of the gang mowers and litter receptacles in the Recreation Ground.																		

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.