

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 3rd August 2009 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

		Action by
429	<p><u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Addley, Cotton, Holdeman, Lewis, Riley and Schwier and Yard attended together with Brian Evans-Johnson, Community Play & Recreation Facilitator (part time), Mike Bennett, Area Youth Club Organiser (part time), three representatives from the Youth Club including Paul O'Bryan a Leader from Ferndown (part time), fourteen parishioners (most part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Carpenter, Duke, Campbell and Croney and also Mr C Juett and Mrs S Marsh. Cllr Holdeman presided except for the deliberations on the items for which she had declared a personal and prejudicial interest, when she left the room for the duration of those discussions and Cllr Schwier took the chair.</p>	Noted
430	<p><u>Declarations of Interests</u> The following declarations of interest were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Addley declared a personal interest in item 436a. • Cllr. Lewis declared a personal interest in item 436a. • Cllr. Holdeman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 438b, 444a and 444b who left the meeting while these items were discussed. 	Noted
431	<p><u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 6th July 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.</p>	Clerk
432	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a A letter was read from the Hinton St Mary Estate stating that they had granted permission for a bridge to be constructed over the Stour at Gains Cross, to enable the Trailway to continue from Shillingstone towards Blandford. Permissions are still required from other freeholders to enable the scheme to be completed.</p>	Noted
433	<p><u>Play Builder Scheme</u></p> <p>a Brian Evans-Johnson gave a short presentation on the designs he had obtained for replacement equipment from several manufacturers, as a result of the information gathered from the children during the first consultation. These were all accepted by Council to proceed to the second consultation to be held on Thursday 06 08 09 from 11-00am to 2-00pm, except for the design to replace the climbing igloo, which Councillors felt was of strong robust construction which should be retained.</p>	Noted
434	<p><u>Future of Child Okeford Youth Club</u></p> <p>a An open discussion ensued on the future of the Youth Club. Mike Bennett, the Area Organiser, stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funds allocated to C/O Youth Club are secure until April 2010. • The situation in respect to the future of the Club is to be 'reviewed'. • The advert for the vacant post of Leader has not yet been placed. • One option would be to allow a short 'rest period' with a re-launch in the near future, with a view to engendering renewed interest and support. • Activities during the school holidays are being organised on a regional basis. <p>b Cllr Addley was appointed to head the Council's involvement.</p> <p>c It was unanimously agreed to write to Mike Hogan, County Organiser, with a view to clarifying the situation and pressing for an urgent appointment of a new Leader.</p>	Noted
435	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>a One parishioner requested that a tennis court is provided.</p>	Noted

	b	Several parishioners expressed concern over the impact the proposed development of land behind the Post Office (2/2009/0556/PLNG) would have on its environs.	Noted
	c	It was stated that whereas the Post Office had survived the first round of closures, its future will doubtless be subject to further reviews. Meanwhile, nothing should be done to impair access to it, which could result in loss of business contributing to its eventual demise.	Noted
436	Village Items		
	a	A review of the impact on Melway Lane of traffic exiting from the One Day Event held on the 18 07 09 was carried out, with the Chairman allowing some public involvement. It was noted that some damage had been caused to the banks and verges and that the residents affected were pursuing individual claims. It was agreed that early representations against using Melway Lane next year should be pursued, if the organisers are proposing similar arrangements. It was deemed inappropriate to accept a donation of £75.00 from the organisers of the event.	Clerk
	b	Cllr. Addley reported that after the presentation she had been informed that the village had not progressed further in this year's Best Kept Village Competition and she thanked everyone for their unstinting help and co-operation. She was warmly thanked by the Chairman for all her hard work in organising the event.	Noted
	c	It was agreed to hold a Welcome Day on Sunday the 15 th or 22 nd November 2009, dependent upon the availability of the Village Hall. (This has been subsequently arranged for Sunday the 15 th November 2009)	Clerk
437	Reports		
	a	Cllrs Lewis, Campbell and Croney agreed to circulate reports in due course.	Noted
438	Planning		
	a	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0556/PLNG, to erect one dwelling with double garage on land behind the Post Office in the High Street. It was agreed to oppose this application on various grounds not least because there have been no material change of circumstances since a similar application was dismissed by the Inspector at appeal in 2005.	Clerk
	b	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0589/PLNG, to erect two bungalows, form four parking spaces and form pedestrian and vehicular access on land behind 10, 12 & 14 Jacob's Ladder. It was agreed to oppose this application ostensibly for the same reasons as the previous near identical application 2/2009/0171/PLNG was refused.	Clerk
	c	An application to carry out work on five trees at Okeford House was tabled, when it was agreed to raise no objection.	Clerk
	d	Due to time restraints it was agreed to defer consideration of the Tree Officer's observations on the copper beeches at Chalwell and the willow and oak on the triangle at the junction of Greenway with Hayward's Lane, until the next meeting	Clerk
439	War Memorial		
	a	The Clerk reported on a visit that the Chairman and he had made to the quarry, with a view to finalising the Protection Scheme. Because of the lifting capability of the delivery lorry, the weight of each stone had to be limited to 0.75tonne, necessitating reduced nominal dimensions of 1,000mm long x 600mm high x 500mm deep. Revision 3 of the drawing was presented and accepted.	Clerk
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Holdeman and carried unanimously that the estimate from Bartlett Contracting Ltd to install the six stones for the sum of £890.00 + VAT is accepted, with the cost to include cutting a flat surface on each stone to form a seat.	Clerk
440	Recreation Ground		
	a	Cllr. Lewis agreed to progress with Blanchard Bailey LLP, the registration of the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry.	Cllr. Lewis
	b	No comments were received on Council's decision to store the gang mowers in the new store to be erected.	Noted

441	Finance																
	a	Further consideration was given to BLCAG's request to contribute to the funding of the Blandford Leisure Centre. Before a decision is taken the Clerk was instructed to obtain further details of the response from other Local Councils, how any shortfall between the £250,000 required and the sum raised will be accommodated and whether there will be any concessionary rates for parishioners of Councils that do contribute.	Clerk														
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed: 000101 – C/O Post Office - £50.00 – Refreshments for BKV Comp. 000102 – C White - £143.87 – repairs to Millennium board & seat.	Clerk														
	c	The Clerk/RFO reported that the accounts are still with BDO Stoy Hayward LLP for the External Audit.	Noted														
	d	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Lewis and carried unanimously that the revised Budget for 2009/10 and the Actual v Estimated Expenditure for the 1 st quarter of 2009/10, showing a credit balance in No. 1 account of £16,023, is accepted.	Clerk														
	e	The following are the details of both accounts:															
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442	Correspondence																
	a	A number of items were tabled. Cllr Cotton agreed to review the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Dorset.	Cllr Cotton														
443	Other Business																
	a	Remedial action is to be sought on the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The large rut in the road surface at the Child Okeford junction of the A350 at Iwerne Steepleton. • Pot holes in the Shillingstone and Hanford Roads. • Blocked drain at Hanford. • Un-cleared rubbish and blocked drain at Cooper Gardens. • Melway Track needs cutting. • Growth to be cleared from the junction of Station Road with Melway Lane, which is obliterating the signs. • Property at Jacob's Ladder overgrown. • Gardens at Chalwell need clearing. 	Clerk														
444	Recreation Ground cont.																
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the estimate from Derek Holdeman to remove the existing building and erect the new one in the north-west corner for £900.00 is accepted.	Clerk														
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that the estimate from Derek Holdeman to remove the wooden waste bin containers and to reposition the waste bin from behind the Community Centre to the west side of the building for £40.00 is accepted.	Clerk														
	The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.48 pm.																

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.