

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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445	<u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Addley, Carpenter, Cotton, Duke, Holdeman, Riley, Schwier and Yard attended together with one parishioner (part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Lewis, Croney & Campbell. Cllr. Holdeman presided.	Noted
446	<u>Declarations of Interests</u>	
	The following declarations of interest were declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs. Addley and Yard declared a personal interest in item 451b. • Cllr. Holdeman declared a personal interest in items 455d – cheque to D Holdeman. 	Noted
447	<u>Minutes</u>	
	The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 3 rd August 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed after item 430 was amended to include Cllr. Yard.	Clerk
448	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	a The matters previously brought to the notice of the Signpost Housing Association are being dealt with.	Noted
	b The highway matters brought to the attention of DCC are in hand, although due to financial restraints it may not be possible to trim the banks of tracks (non-metalled roads) which includes Melway Track.	Noted
449	<u>Public Participation</u>	
	a Mr Stanley, the owner of Thompson's Cottages, informed the meeting that no 1 will be built in accordance with the approved plan but that the design of no 2 is to be revised and re-submitted, in view of the requirement for it to be 'dug' into the ground.	Noted
450	<u>Reports</u>	
	a None were received.	
451	<u>Village Items</u>	
	a The Clerk reported that following his discussions with County officials of the Youth Club, the degree of support would be a major determining factor in assessing the requirement for a new leader to be appointed. Cllr. Peter Riley was appointed to attend the AGM of the Child Okeford Youth Club to be held on Tuesday the 29 th September 2009. It was suggested that the meeting is deferred until October, to enable a notice to be placed in The Hill in the hope of attracting more members and support.	Cllr Riley
	b The Clerk was instructed to clarify the Council's reason for refusing the donation of £75.00 from the Pony Club. Following further discussions on the impact the Pony Club's One Day Event had on Melway Lane, the Clerk was instructed to write to the organisers expressing that Council has concerns and reservations over its continued use as an exit and/or entrance to this event, and suggesting that a meeting of the interested parties is held before any arrangements are finalised for next year.	Clerk
	c The Clerk informed the meeting that the Village Hall has been booked for the Welcome Day to be held on Sunday the 15 th November 2009. The event is to be advertised in The Hill and the notice boards and the Clerk is to write enlisting the support of village organisations.	Clerk
	d A lengthy discussion ensued on whether the Village Enhancement Scheme should proceed on the full or reduced scale and the following points were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk is to obtain estimates for the previously approved list of trees, shrubs and flowers. 	Clerk, Cllrs. Lewis & Riley

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An advert is to be placed in The Hill asking for volunteers to join the working party to undertake the planting – replying to Cllr. Peter Riley. 	Clerk, Cllrs. Lewis & Riley
	e	A letter was tabled from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee stating that as the circumstances had not changed since the last approach, nothing could be gained by combining operations with the Community Centre. The Community Centre is to be informed accordingly with the suggestion that they it may be possible to persuade some of the regular users to appoint Representative Members, and be more proactive in managing the facilities that are so important to their organisations.	Clerk
	f	A letter was tabled from Kerry Pitt-Kerby, of NDDC, who had been called by residents to investigate the alleged noise nuisance from the Unicorn Camp. He was of the opinion that noise levels recorded at various parts of the village were insufficient as to constitute a noise nuisance (this was after the drumming sessions were held earlier in the day). In reviewing the impact of the camps on the village, it was agreed to write to the landlords requesting that more stringent letting terms are imposed should the camp be held in future years and identifying the main areas of concern.	Clerk
452	Planning		
	a	The following decisions were tabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2009/0204 - to erect two dwellings at Thompson's Cottages – refused. 2009/0281 - to carry out alter'ns at Little Meadow, Gold Hill – approved. 2009/0491 - to erect an extension at 3, Jacob's Ladder – approved. 2009/0516 – change of use at Gold Hill Farm – withdrawn. 	Clerk
	b	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0613/PLNG, to erect a single storey extension and first floor balcony at Elm House, Coach Road. It was agreed to raise no objections.	Clerk
	c	Consideration was given to applications 2/2009/0642&0644/PLNG, to erect one dwelling, modify the existing vehicular access and demolish existing outbuildings. It was agreed to recommend refusal on the basis of case history, inappropriate site for development and poor visibility for the access.	Clerk
	d	A request was tabled from Bourton Parish Council to use sections of our VDS. Whereas Council raises no objection in principle, as NDDC hold the copyright their approval should be sought.	Clerk
	e	A letter was read from English Heritage stating that agreement had been reached with the Post Office for all letter boxes that are currently in use to be retained. As our application related to a disused letter box in the front wall of the Post Office, the application is to be renewed.	Clerk
	f	It was agreed to ask the appropriate agencies to carry out remedial work identified by the Senior Tree Officer of NDDC, on the trees on the triangle on which the gas governor house is located and also at Chalwell.	
453	War Memorial		
	a	The Clerk reported the following on the Protection Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stone has been purchased and delivered to the contractor's works to have a flat sawn on one face of each of the six pieces. The Councillors are to be informed when the stone is to be delivered to site to agree the exact position of each piece. The Clerk to pursue the payment of the pledged grant aid. 	Clerk
454	Recreation Ground		
	a	The Clerk reported that because of personal circumstances, the Playbuilder Scheme's Facilitator is working reduced hours for a month or so and cancelled the site meeting to carry out a spatial check of the equipment. The Clerk has requested drawings so as this task can be carried out by ourselves. The Clerk to check how this will impact on the overall programme and in particular on the third and last round of consultations.	Clerk
455	Finance		
	a	The Clerk was instructed to carry out the following tasks in respect to the request from BLCAG to contribute to the financing of the Blandford Leisure Centre:	Clerk

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To check whether a Service Agreement will be prepared for the contributors. To calculate the sum that would be available for contributing without increasing the precept. 	Clerk																
	b	The Clerk report receipt of £11,000.00, representing the first half of the grant aid for the Playbuilder Scheme.	Clerk																
	c	The Clerk presented the externally audited accounts for the year ended the 31 st March 2009. The only issue arising was that the Fidelity Gurarantee is increased to a representative level, which, under the terms of the new policy effective from the 1 st April 2009 gives automatic cover of up to £100,000, therefore no action is required. It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that the accounts are accepted and adopted.	Noted																
	d	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Duke, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 001003 – S/Newton Bldg Supplies – £69.00 - Matls for store (retrosp'ly). 001004 – D Holdeman - £40.00 – Work on litter bins in Rec. 001005 – M Murphy – £187.50 Mainten'ce of Play Area (£137.50) + RoSPA recommended remedial work (£50.00) (2nd qtr). 001006 – J Gill – £911.76 - Salary (£750.00) + exps (£161.76) (2nd qtr). 001007 – J Gill - £55.17 - Reimbursement for toner cartridge. 001008 – Nildram - £46.95 – Broadband rental 16 08 09 to 15 11 09. 001009 – J Suttle - £517.50 – Purchase of stone for War Mem. 001010 – Marcus Undery - £80.00 – Pruning trees in Rec. 001011 – BDO Stoy Hayward LLP - £155.25 – External audit. 001012 – Blandford Concrete - £79.35 – Materials for store in Rec. 	Clerk																
	e	Cllr Duke gave a brief resumé of the 'Lengthmen' scheme, which seemed aimed at the larger Councils. It would seem more economic for the smaller Councils, including Child Okeford, to place work with local contractors.	Noted																
	f	The following are the details of both accounts:																	
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456	Correspondence																		
	a	A number of items were tabled. Cllr Duke agreed to review the five topic papers in connection to the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document and to report to Cllr Croney, who is organising a district wide approach.	Cllr Duke																
457	Other Business																		
	a	<p>Remedial action is to be sought on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The footpath leading from Netmead Lane to Bower is in urgent need of clearing. The Oak trees that overhang the road from Gold Hill to Fontmell Parva require surveying to identify and remove any weak branches, to prevent them from falling onto the highway as happened recently. To write to dog owners who exercise their animals in the Rec. 	Clerk																
	The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 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.