

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 5th October 2009 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

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458	<p><u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Carpenter, Cotton, Duke, Holdeman, Riley and Yard attended together with District Cllr. Croney (part time), Brian Evans-Johnson (part time), four parishioners (three part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Addley, Lewis, & Schwier, County Cllr. Campbell and PC Richard Barnes. Cllr. Holdeman presided.</p>	Noted
459	<p><u>Declarations of Interests</u> The following declarations of interest were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Yard declared a personal interest in item 461a. • Cllr. Holdeman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the appointment of D Holdeman under item 463c as temporary Groundsman of the Recreation Ground, following the resignation of Mr D Jones. 	Noted
460	<p><u>Play Builder Scheme</u></p>	
	<p>a Brian Evans-Johnson, Community Play & Recreation Facilitator, informed the meeting that the third and final round of consultations on the selection of equipment to replace the multi-play unit are scheduled to take place within the next few weeks, in time for the details to be finalised by Council at the November Meeting. He informed the meeting that there was insufficient space for a roundabout to be provided to replace the pig. He explained that the current situation is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the SMP design is accepted there would be insufficient grant funding to provide a roundabout. • If the Wicksteed or Playdale design is accepted there would be sufficient funds for a roundabout to be provided, to replace one of the other smaller pieces of equipment. 	Clerk
461	<p><u>Melway Lane</u></p>	
	<p>a In the absence of PC Barnes, the Clerk read an email from him suggesting that a meeting of all the interested parties is held a few months before next year's event. A copy of the email is to be sent to Mrs L Sunnucks.</p>	Clerk
462	<p><u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 9th September 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.</p>	Clerk
463	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p>	
	<p>a Letters were tabled from DCC advising that they will inspect the condition of the trees situated on the triangle at the junction of Melway Lane with Greenway and those along the road from Gold Hill to Fontmell Parva, with a view to remedial surgery being carried out if found necessary.</p>	Noted
	<p>b A letter was tabled from English Heritage advising that the Secretary of State will no longer add letter boxes to the statutory list unless exceptional circumstances apply. The Clerk to discuss the situation in respect to the disused letter box located in the front wall of the Post Office with NDDC's Conservation Officer.</p>	Clerk
	<p>c A letter was tabled from Mr D Jones relinquishing his duties as Groundsman of the Recreation Ground, with effect from the 30th September 2009. When it was suggested that Mr D Holdeman be asked to take over the role on a temporary basis, until the vacant post can be advertised, the Chairman immediately left the meeting and Cllr Yard took the Chair. The Clerk was instructed to advertise the post on the notice boards, in The Hill and also in the BMV Magazine. Concurrently quotes are to be sought from the DCC Works Dept. and other specialist contractors.</p>	Clerk
464	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p>	
	<p>a Alan Blundell, the Rights of Way Officer, reported that a number of paths had been cleared by John Williamson's team from the DCC.</p>	Noted

465	Reports		
	a	<p>District Councillor Deborah Croney reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDDC's financial review suggests that the council tax for 2010/11 is expected to be limited to a maximum increase of 3%, which would involve cutbacks ranging from £173k to £404k. • Representatives from Local Councils in the Hambledon ward have met to consider responses to two of the five topic papers. A further meeting is planned shortly to complete the review. • NDDC is carrying out a study on possible future sites for the gypsy camp associated with the Steam Fayre. 	Noted
466	Village Items		
	a	<p>Cllr. Holdeman reported the following results of the Best kept Village Competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First in the Previous Winners - Large Village category. • First in the Environment category of the Winners section. • Third in the Final Results. <p>This situation resulted in prize money totalling £400.00. Grateful thanks were extended to everyone who helped achieve this success.</p>	Noted
	b	<p>Cllr. Riley represented this Council at the AGM of the Child Okeford Youth Club and reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Management Committee has been formed. • The Constitution has been changed to extend the age range from 9 – 19 years (in line with County requirements). • A survey will be carried out to assess the future requirements of the area, with some rationalisation possible. 	Noted
	c	<p>It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk meet to finalise arrangements for the Welcome Day. It was agreed that light refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits would be provided.</p>	C/man. Vice-C/man & Clerk
	d	<p>Two letters were tabled and read in respect to the Village Enhancement Scheme – one from the WI and the other from a local resident; the latter prompted considerable discussion on the pros and cons of the scheme. A resident raised the issue of overgrown hedges, which he claimed marred the appearance of the village and which he undertook to identify, so as Council can investigate and put in place appropriate action. During the discussions Cllr. Riley offered his resignation as Project Leader. In view of the widely differing views expressed it was agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting, when a final decision will be made on whether the scheme should proceed in a modified form or be discontinued.</p>	Clerk
	e	<p>The Clerk was instructed to progress a reply on Council's recommendations for the future Unicorn Camps.</p>	Clerk
467	Planning		
	a	<p>The following decision was tabled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009/0613 - to erect an extension & balcony at Elm House – approved. 	Clerk
	b	<p>Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0781/PLNG - to remove condition 3 from the previous Planning Permission to allow alternative external roofing materials to be used on the garage at Hopefield in The Hollow. This condition required that the materials used on the garage should match in terms of colour, form and texture those of the existing dwelling. It was agreed to recommend refusal in order to protect the character and appearance of the area.</p>	Clerk
468	War Memorial Protection Scheme		
	a	<p>It was reported that the scheme had been completed although two additional smaller stones are to be placed on the western side, with a suitable space being left between them for the poppy laying ceremony.</p>	Noted
	b	<p>The Clerk reported receipt of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A donation of £5.00 from a local resident. • Grant aid of £500.00 from DCC. 	Clerk
	c	<p>The Clerk is to obtain an estimate for carrying out two small repairs to the basic fabric of the monument – one on the east and the other on the west.</p>	Clerk

	d	The decision on whether to add a small plaque was deferred to enable the Chairman to discuss the matter with the resident who suggested that one should be provided.	C/man																						
469	Recreation Ground																								
	a	The RoSPA Report on the play equipment, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was considered. As most of the remedial work was required on the multi-play unit, which is to be replaced shortly under the Play Builder Scheme, it was agreed to defer the other work until after the new play equipment has been installed.	Clerk																						
470	Finance																								
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Duke and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 001013 – S/Newton B/Supplies – £310.50 - Matls for store (retrosp'ly). • 001014 – Marnhull Stone Ltd - £1,023.50 – Inst. of stone at War Mem. • 001015 – NDDC – £54.45 - RoSPA Report on play equip. 	Clerk																						
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Duke, seconded by Cllr Holdeman and carried unanimously that the Estimated v Actual Expenditure for the 2 nd qtr of 2009/10, showing a closing balance of £24,687, is accepted.	Clerk																						
	c	It was agreed to defer the decision on whether to contribute to the funding of Blandford Leisure Centre until the next meeting. Meanwhile, the Clerk was instructed to identify sums in the budget that could be made available for this purpose, without the need to increase the precept for 2010/11.	Clerk																						
	d	The following are the details of both accounts:																							
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471	Correspondence																								
	a	A number of items were tabled and the following noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The invitation from the PCC to decorate a tree in the Church for Christmas was accepted. • Cllr Duke agreed to attend the Open Meeting of SturQuest on 04 11 09. • Cllr Duke agreed to investigate whether it would be appropriate to comment on the Policy Statement on Regional Strategies & Guidance on the Establishment of Leader Boards. 	Cllr Duke & Clerk																						
472	Other Business																								
	a	Several incidents of tractors speeding through the village were reported – one being in collision with a parked car.	Clerk																						
	b	Cllr Cotton presented a donation of £416.26 towards the cost of new play equipment from James Chetwode and Richard Brace, representing the proceeds of the Cricket Sixes they had organised on Bank Holiday Monday. It was accepted with very grateful thanks and appreciation.	Clerk																						
	The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 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.