

## CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

		<b>Action by</b>
473	<b><u>Attendance/apologies</u></b> Cllrs. Addley, Cotton, Lewis, Schwier and Yard attended together with County Cllr. Campbell (part time), three parishioners (one part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Carpenter, Duke, & Holdeman, District Cllr. Croney, PC Richard Barnes and Brian Evans-Johnson Community Play & Recreation Facilitator. Cllr. Schwier presided.	Noted
474	<b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b> The following declarations of interest were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs. Addley, Lewis &amp; Yard declared a personal interest in the letter previously circulated and to be presented under item 486a.</li> </ul>	Noted
475	<b><u>Play Builder Scheme</u></b>	
	a Brian Evans-Johnson, Community Play & Recreation Facilitator, sent his apologies for his absence as the third and final round of consultations with the children had been delayed until tomorrow (3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 09), due to the half term closure of the School last week. Council confirmed the provisional arrangements for a Parish Meeting to be held on Monday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> November to give members of the public the final opportunity to comment on the selection of equipment, as so few attended the last consultation due to heavy rain. An Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting is to follow, to enable the order for the equipment to be placed.	Clerk
	b The Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting with Chris Skinner, the DCC Sport's Officer, and Mark Brownbridge from NDDC has been arranged for Friday the 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 12 noon in the Community Centre.	Cllrs.
476	<b><u>Minutes</u></b> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed after the word 'Lane' had been added to item 463a.	Clerk
477	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
	a The Clerk informed the meeting that arising from consultation with a firm of stone mason's they had suggested that the two small cracks in the War Memorial are filled with mortar, coloured to match the stone.	Noted
478	<b><u>Public Participation</u></b>	
	a The Chairman answered a number of questions from a parishioner on the Play Builder Scheme.	Noted
	b The Clerk was instructed to progress the remedial work on the trees which the DCC agreed to investigate and carry out.	Clerk
479	<b><u>Reports</u></b>	
	a County Cllr Angus Campbell explained the items in his October Report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.	Noted
	b A Report from District Cllr Deborah Croney was tabled in her absence. In it she asked Councils to advise NDDC by the 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2009, whether or not they would support the removal of the service from the kiosks. Council wished to retain both kiosks in operation in Child Okeford, due to poor mobile phone reception. At present neither kiosk is scheduled to be disconnected.	Clerk
480	<b><u>Blandford Leisure Centre</u></b>	
	a This item was brought forward on the agenda to enable County Cllr Angus Campbell to be present during the discussions. A full and frank discussion took place on the need for funding with most, if not all, agreeing in principle that some financial support would be appropriate. Diverse views were held on the actual amount of support to be given and from what source in the budget it could be obtained, without the need for further rises in the parish precept.	Clerk

	b	It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Lewis that the sum of £3,500.00 is allocated to the running of the Blandford Leisure Centre for one year, payable after the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010, with a commitment to review the situation during 2010/11, in the light of prevailing conditions at that time. The motion was carried by 4 votes to 1. The Clerk was instructed to put in place the necessary procedure for the eventual release of this sum. Budget items commuted to fund the Blandford Leisure Centre were as follows:	Clerk
		Group purchase of SID	£800.00
		Provisioning for grant to a Leisure Centre	£1,000.00
		Purchase of devolved services	£1,700.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,500.00</b>
481	<b><u>Village Items</u></b>		
	a	The Clerk reported that 19 village based organisations had accepted the invitation to take part in the Welcome Day. Cllr. Addley agreed to purchase the refreshments.	Cllr Addley
	b	Cllr. Lewis agreed to take over as chair of the Child Okeford Sustainability Initiative (COSI) from Cllr. Cotton, who is finding it difficult to devote as much time to the organisation as previously. Under this new arrangement he remains on the committee. This is not a Council committee but a separate organisation that runs in parallel with and reports to the Council. Cllr Cotton was warmly thanked for all the work that he has done in establishing COSI in the village.	Noted
	c	An email was read from the landowners of the Unicorn Camp site stating that they will put in place more stringent letting terms, as suggested by this Council, in any future lettings to this organisation.	Noted
	d	In response to an invitation from Mike Bennett, Area Youth Club Organiser, Cllr Addley agreed to join the interview panel for the appointment of a new leader for the local youth Club.	Cllr Addley
482	<b><u>Planning</u></b>		
	a	Consideration was given to applications 2/2009/0796&0798/PLNG – to erect a two storey extension and demolish the existing timber extension at Beech Cottage. It was agreed to recommend refusal essentially on the grounds of case history and that the increased traffic generated from the larger building would pose a hazard to road users.	Clerk
	b	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0828/PLNG – to erect one dwelling with detached garage, form new access and form two parking spaces. It was agreed to raise no objection to these proposals.	Clerk
	c	The Chairman tabled details of pre-application discussions to provide Park Homes at Gold Hill Business Park. The Planning Committee had thoroughly investigated the situation by taking planning advice, visiting the manufacturer's factory at Okeford Fitzpaine and carefully studying the VDS. Taking all these factors into account it was agreed not to support the application and to suggest that any future development should be along the lines of small business units.	Clerk
	d	It was agreed to support the application to fell one Lawsonia at Cross Cottage.	Clerk
483	<b><u>War Memorial Protection Scheme</u></b>		
	a	It was agreed that the current plaque on the memorial is adequate and that an additional one is not required.	Noted
	b	The Clerk reported receipt of the completed Licence Agreement with the DCC.	Noted
484	<b><u>Recreation Ground</u></b>		
	a	Adverts for a Groundsman have been placed on the notice boards, in The Hill and BVM. Quotations have also been received from two contractors.	Noted
	b	The Clerk was instructed to place the order for trimming the hedges.	Clerk

	c	An application was received from the Community Centre Management Committee seeking approval for the Football Club to mount two floodlights from the building. This was agreed in principle provided they are no brighter than the previous ones and that they are not used when the building is hired by other organisations.	Clerk														
485	<b>Finance</b>																
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 001016 – Blanchards Bailey LLP – £14.00 – Disbursements (Rec).</li> <li>• 001017 – J Gill - £18.63 – Reimbursement for advert in BVM.</li> <li>• 001018 – C/Okeford PCC - £17.86 – Printing 50 copies of V/Directory.</li> <li>• 001019 – Poppy Appeal - £17.00 – Poppy wreath for War Memorial.</li> <li>• 001020 – D Jones – £500.00 – Maint'ce of Rec for 6 months plus exps.</li> </ul>	Clerk														
	b	A request for grant aid for fencing at the School was tabled. The Clerk was instructed to obtain more details.	Clerk														
	d	The following are the details of both accounts:															
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486	<b>Correspondence</b>																
	a	A letter was tabled from Mrs L Sunnucks, which had been circulated to all Councillors at the sender's request, detailing matters relating to the use of Melway Lane as the exit from last year's Pony Club One Day Event. In it she agreed to a site meeting of interested parties and stated that the Police and Highway's Officer were informed of the event in February 2009 and that the extent of the damage had been exaggerated. Council agreed to the meeting but as a precursor instructed Cllr. Cotton and the Clerk, who were not personally affected by the use of the lane, to carry out an investigation with the Police & Highway Authority to establish the full facts of the situation, prior to the meeting.	Cllr Cotton & Clerk														
	b	A number of other items we presented and left on the table.	Noted														
487	<b>Other Business</b>																
	a	The Clerk was instructed to pursue a reply to the complaint on speeding tractors through the village.	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.**