

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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493	<u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Cotton, Lewis, Schwier and Yard attended together with one parishioner (part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Addley, Duke, and Holdeman, District Cllr. Croney and County Councillor Campbell. Cllr. Schwier presided.	Noted
494	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> The following declarations of a personal interest were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Lewis & Yard – 500c • Cllr Lewis – 501b • Cllr Lewis – 502a (Church) • Cllr Cotton – 502a (School) 	Noted
495	<u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the previous Meetings held on the 2 nd and 23 rd November 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.	Clerk
496	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	a The Clerk was instructed to press for a response to our letters regarding speeding tractors through the village.	Noted
497	<u>Public Participation</u>	
	a In response to a question from the floor, the Chairman reported that permission had been given under delegated powers (as due to the urgency there was no time to convene a Council Meeting) for a marquee to be erected on the Recreation Ground in connection with Mike Oliver's funeral. This being conditional upon no vehicles entering the grassed area.	Noted
498	<u>Reports</u>	
	a A report from County Cllr Angus Campbell, having previously been circulated, was considered.	Noted
	b A Report was tabled from District Cllr Deborah Croney in which she referred to the recent processing of the topic papers on Housing, Transportation, Economy, Tourism, Environment and the Spatial Strategy. It was agreed that Council would revisit this subject at the January Meeting and decide whether to make a separate submission (if adequate time exists in which to do so) or be party to the collaborative representations.	Clerk
499	<u>Vacancies</u>	
	a Letters of resignation were tabled from Peter Riley and Marion Carpenter and their seats were formally declared vacant.	Clerk
	b It was agreed to withhold making appointments to the committees on which they had served until the new Councillors are appointed, except that Cllr Schwier is deputising for Cllr Holdeman, in her absence through illness, as Leader of the Play Builder Project.	Clerk
500	<u>Village Items</u>	
	a A review of the Welcome Day, held on the 15 th November 2009, ensued and the following points noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request had been received for an Event's Diary to be started. Council was of the opinion that this was effectively in place through the village website and to some extent in the The Hill. • Several parishioners requested that future events should stay open longer and this will be borne in mind when arranging future events. 	Clerk
	b It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Lewis and carried unanimously that the Wicksteed 'Ice Storm' unit is placed on order and if additional funding is available, which Brian Evans-Johnson is pursuing on our behalf, then the additional Wicksteed 'Gee Force' Roundabout is subsequently ordered.	Clerk

	b	(Continued from sheet 1) The Clerk explained that if the work is not completed by the end of the financial year, the administrators of the Play Builder Scheme will have to be approached for an extension. This was accepted by Council. It was agreed that the cherry tree in the playground is felled – Clerk to obtain quote from Marcus Undery.	Clerk
	c	Cllr Cotton reported on a meeting that he had attended with the Clerk, Dorset Police and a representative from DCC, to consider the effects that the One Day Event had on Melway Lane. It was felt that the organiser's agreement to meet with the local residents, before next year's event, would provide a useful platform for the residents to air their grievances direct to the organisers. It was agreed to ask DCC to cut back the bank which is encroaching over the highway.	Clerk
	d	No further progress has been reported on the appointment of a Youth Worker for Child Okeford.	Noted
501	Planning		
	a	The following decisions were tabled: 2/2009/0644 – Demolish timber outbuildings at Beech Cottage – Approved. 2/2009/0796 – Erect 2 storey extension at Beech Cottage – Approved. 2/2009/0698 – Demolish timber extension at Beech Cottage – Approved.	Clerk
	b	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0916/PLNG – for a change of use of a redundant agricultural building to a kitchen and café at Gold Hill Farm Ridgeway Lane. Whereas Council recognises the considerable amount of time and effort expended in the preparation of the application but, nevertheless, it was felt that a number of important omissions renders it impossible to fully assess the project. On this basis it was agreed to recommend refusal.	Clerk
	c	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0853/PLNG – to erect a two storey side extension at 17 Chalwell. It was agreed to raise no objections to the proposal.	Clerk
	d	Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0949/PLNG – to erect one dwelling with integral garage at Gold Hill Farm, Ridgeway Lane. It is believed that this site does not, in fact, form part of Gold Hill Farm and the previous application on the site (2/2007/0188) referred to the plot as the Old Caravan Site which is now a paddock. Thus the application is in effect for a change of use from a paddock to a substantial two storey dwelling. It was agreed to recommend refusal for the following basic reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals would significantly alter the character and appearance of the area, failing to preserve the important rural landscape and adversely affecting the character of an ancient lane and skyline as seen from the Lower Manston Road. • The existing junction of Ridgeway Lane and Gold Hill lacks visibility and the additional traffic generated from an additional dwelling would be dangerous to road users. • Its approval would constitute urbanised street development, destroying the existing 'looser knit' development with the presence of significant gaps between the dwellings. • Its approval would set a precedent for the development of similar sites within the village that are lane orientated. 	Clerk
	e	The Clerk was instructed to press the Conservation Officer for a reply to our letter of the 16 th October 2009, seeking advice on the listing of the old letter box at the Post Office.	Clerk
	f	A letter was read from the owner of the Gold Hill Business Park in reply to our decision not to support the development of this site by providing Park Homes. In view of the comments made the Clerk was instructed to write further explaining the reason for its decision.	Clerk
502	Finance		
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the following grant aid is approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C/Okeford PCC - £10.00 to Christmas tree appeal. 	Clerk

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB - £500.00. • C/Okeford CE VA School - £1,000.00 – to replace the fence between the Rec. Ground and the COCCL. • C/Okeford PCC - £350.00 for churchyard maintenance. 	
	a	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Cotton, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that the following cheques are signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 001021 – A&J Chick – £175.00 – Maintenance of the War Memorial • 001022 – M Murphy - £137.50 – Maintenance of playground (3rd qtr). • 001023 – J Gill - £936.92 – Salary & expenses (3rd qtr). • 001024 – C/Okeford V/Hall - £30.00 – Hire of hall for Welcome Day. • 001025 – Martin Richards – £287.37 – Repair of tractor. • 001026 – Nildram - £46.95 – Broadband rental. • 001027 – Mrs W Addley - £12.68 – Reimbursement for Wel. Day exps. • 001028 - D Holdeman - £441.51 - Labour & matls. for store in Rec. • 001029 – COPCC - £10.00 – Grant to Christmas tree appeal. • 001030 – CAB - £500.00 – Grant to funding. • 001031 – CO School - £1,000.00 – Grant for fencing. • 001032 - COPCC - £350.00 – Grant for churchyard maintenance. 	Clerk
503	Correspondence		
	a	A number of items of correspondence was presented and left on the table. It was agreed to decline the gift of a small tree from NDDC.	Noted & Clerk
504	Other Business		
	a	<p>The Clerk was instructed to carry out the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate to possible breaches of planning regulations. • To oppose the upgrading of bridleway 17 – Sandy Lane. • To ask the Rights of Way Officer to investigate the condition of the footpath through Yew Tree House. • To request the blocked drains by the bus shelter, at The Knapp and on the Hanford Road to be cleared. • To ask for the culverts in Duck Street and Melway Lane to be cleared. • To ask for the pot holes at Haywards Lane (adjacent to Jacobs Ladder) to be repaired. • To ask for the pot holes along the Shillingstone Road to be filled and the lay by made good. 	Clerk
505	Employment of Groundsman & Staff		
	a	As no members of the public and press were present there was no need to exclude them through resolution to discuss the following confidential matters.	Noted
	b	The Clerk was instructed to discuss with Mr D Holdeman the terms of his employment as a Groundsman along the lines recommended by Council.	Clerk
	c	To comply with our insurance policy all such personnel are to be employed as subcontractors/contractors.	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.