

## CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

An **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

		Action by
506	<b><u>Attendance/apologies</u></b> Cllrs. Addley, Cotton, Duke, Schwier and Yard attended together with five parishioners (some part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Lewis, and Holdeman, District Cllr. Croney, County Councillor Campbell and PC Richard Barnes. Cllr. Schwier presided.	Noted
507	<b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b> No declarations of interest were received.	Noted
508	<b><u>Minutes</u></b> The Minutes of the previous Meetings held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.	Clerk
509	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> a Letters of thanks were tabled from all the recipients of last month's tranche of grant aid distribution.	Noted
510	<b><u>Public Participation</u></b> a The architect who prepared the plans for the proposed new dwelling for Plot 2, Thompson's Cottages outlined the details of the design and offered to answer any questions during the subsequent Council's deliberations.	Noted
511	<b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> a It was agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda. b Consideration was given to application 2/2009/0989/PLNG to erect two single storey extensions and first floor terrace enclosed by wrought iron balustrade at Gulliver's Cottage, 1 Higher Common, Shaftesbury Road. It was agreed to recommend approval subject to a satisfactory traffic management scheme being put in place during the construction phase (to prevent dangers to road users) and the wrought iron balustrade being changed to wood. c Consideration was given to application 2/2009/1031/PLNG to erect one dwelling with garage on Plot 2, Thompson's Cottages, Hanford. It was agreed to recommend approval. d Details were received of a number of alleged breaches of planning regulations in respect to the construction of a free range chicken barn at Farrington (2/2004/1244), which could result in the submission of a retrospective planning application. It was agreed to write expressing our concern over this situation and requesting that we are again regarded as a consultee on the basis of being an affected adjoining parish.	Noted Clerk Clerk Clerk
512	<b><u>Reports</u></b> a Reports had been previously circulated from County Cllr Angus Campbell and District Cllr Deborah Croney.	Noted
513	<b><u>Council Items (Casual Vacancies and Calendar of Meetings)</u></b> a The Clerk reported that the official notice advertising the two Casual Vacancies dated the 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2009 has been displayed on the three village notice boards, posted on the village website and copied in the Hill. b It was agreed to defer making arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting until the February Council Meeting. c The Calendar of Council Meetings for 2010/11 tabled by the Clerk was approved. (Meetings to be held on the first Monday in each month except when that day falls on a bank holiday and then it is deferred until the second Monday in the month.)	Noted Clerk Clerk
514	<b><u>Village Items</u></b>	

	a	The Clerk reported that the order for the play equipment has been placed with Wicksteed Playscapes and that he has queried the terms of payment and their insurance cover. Their reply is pending.	Clerk
	b	The quote to fell the cherry tree in the playground and to remove the root is pending.	Noted
	c	As no further news has been received on the appointment of a new Youth Worker, it was agreed to progress the matter with the Area Organiser.	Clerk
	d	Cllr Duke agreed to carry out an independent assessment of the Topic Papers - Housing, Transportation, Economy, Tourism, Environment and Spatial Strategy.	
515	<b>Planning</b>		
	a	The following decisions were tabled: 2/2009/0828 – Erect one dwelling at Thompson’s Cottages – Approved. 2/2009/0853 – Erect 2 storey side extension at 17 Chalwell – Approved. 2/2009/0916 – Change of use from redundant agricultural building to café at Gold Hill Farm – Approved. 2/2009/0949 – Erect one dwelling in Ridgeway Lane – Withdrawn.	Clerk
	b	The Conservation Officer’s recommendations on whether to list the disused letter box in the front wall of the Post Office is still pending – the original letter having been lost at Nordon. Cllr Yard agreed to ask the Post Mistress if the cover over it can be removed.	Cllr Yard
	c	The Clerk to investigate various possible breaches of planning regulations.	Clerk
	d	A letter was tabled outlining preliminary details of a possible installation of energy producing schemes at Deer Farm, Farrington. It was agreed to seek the views of parishioners through the monthly report in the Hill. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further details from operating a similar scheme in the Bulbarrow area.	Press Officer & Clerk
516	<b>Finance</b>		
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Duke, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the Estimated v Actual Expenditure for the third quarter of 2009/10, showing a closing credit balance of £29,124 in No 1 account, is approved.	Clerk
	b	The Clerk tabled the Estimated Expenditure for 2010/11, which he had prepared from the draft proposals made by the Financial Group, and recommending that a precept for £18,000.00 is submitted. Cllr Duke queried the £3,500 included for Blandford Leisure Centre stating his total opposition to such a grant being made. He asked for the matter to be reviewed at the February Meeting but the Chairman explained that while this can be an agenda item it has to be borne in mind that the decision to do so was made against a formal resolution of the Council and that BLCAG has been informed of the decision. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain details of the contributions made by DCC and NDDC. It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried without dissent that Precepts for £18,000.00 for 2010/11 are submitted to NDDC.	Clerk
	c	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that the following cheque is signed: • 001033 - D Holdeman - £97.50 - Labour for maintaining Rec.	Clerk
	d	The Clerk tabled preliminary details of the Risk Assessment for 2009/10, which Councillors agreed to review prior to detailed discussions at the February Meeting.	All Cllrs & Clerk
	e	The Clerk reported that the drum on the Council’s printer has failed. The Clerk was instructed to report the matter to DCA, although it is believed that the machine is well out of warranty cover. The Clerk declined with thanks the offer of a new printer as he had already put his own laser jet model into service.	Clerk
517	<b>Correspondence</b>		

	a	A number of items of correspondence was presented and left on the table. It was agreed to circulate details of the new bridge over the River Iwerne at Iwerne Minster to interested village walkers.	Noted & Clerk
518	<b>Other Business</b>		
	a	The Clerk was instructed to report the pot hole and blocked drain in Hayward's Lane, adjacent to the junction with Chalwell, the latter currently causing icy road conditions.	Clerk
519	<b>Employment of Groundsman &amp; Staff</b>		
	a	At this point in the proceedings the remaining members of the public present left the meeting, to enable these confidential matters to be discussed 'in committee'.	Noted
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that Derek Holdeman is awarded the contract to mow the grass in the Recreation Ground at an annual charge of £780.00, paid in equal quarterly instalments in arrears in March, June, October and December. Approved extra work to be charged at an hourly rate of £7.50.	Clerk
	c	Details of contractor's insurance cover have been referred to DAPTC for advice. Meanwhile, the Clerk was instructed to discuss the matter with the NFU in Sturminster Newton.	Clerk
	d	The Clerk was instructed to obtain several quotations for a strimmer for use in the Rec.	
The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 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.**