

## CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

An **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

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| 554 | <p><b><u>Attendance/apologies</u></b><br/>           Cllrs. Addley, Booth, Cotton, Duke, Jespersen, Schwier and Yard attended together with District Councillor Deborah Croney (part time), Mark Hewett the agent for the owner of the Old Caravan Site in Ridgeway Lane (part time) one parishioner (part time) and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Lewis and Holdeman together with County Cllr. Angus Campbell. Cllr Schwier presided.</p>  | Noted            |
| 555 | <p><b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b><br/>           The following declarations of interest were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cotton – item 562d – Personal &amp; Prejudicial Interest.</li> <li>• Cllrs Addley &amp; Yard – item 564b – Personal Interest in the meeting of the residents of Melway Lane (although due to time constraints this item was not discussed.)</li> </ul>  | Noted            |
| 556 | <p><b><u>Minutes</u></b><br/>           The Minutes of the previous Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.</p>   | Clerk            |
| 557 | <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p>  |                  |
|     | <p>a An email was tabled from the Signpost Housing Association promising a reply to outstanding issues for this meeting which was not received.</p>   | Noted            |
|     | <p>b A letter was tabled from the Practise Manager of the Surgery advising that the boundary hedge will be cut back, a notice displayed regarding the new appointments system and that the Best kept Village plaque will be returned (the other having been mislaid).</p>   | Noted            |
|     | <p>c A reply was received from DCC advising the following in respect to the recently requested work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Legal Lane is not an adopted highway a 'no through road' sign cannot be provided at its junction with Hayward's Lane.</li> <li>• The order for the remedial work to the culvert and grips in Melway Lane has been approved and is due to start imminently.</li> <li>• The situation with regard to the traffic management through the village and verge erosion in The Hollow is being investigated.</li> <li>• White lining and general road surface deterioration is currently under review across the whole district.</li> </ul>  | Noted            |
|     | <p>d The situation with respect to cars being driven along the track behind Cooper Gardens is still being investigated.</p>   | Clerk            |
|     | <p>e Alan Blundell, the Parish Rights of Way Officer, has prepared two possible routes for a cycle route to link the village centre to the Trailway.</p>  | Noted            |
| 558 | <p><b><u>Public Participation</u></b></p>   |                  |
|     | <p>a Mark Hewett, the agent acting for the owner of the Old Caravan Site in Ridgeway Lane said that previous application 2/2009/0949/PLNG, to develop the site by the erection of one dwelling, had been withdrawn. He stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In his discussions with NDDC their preference was for two smaller dwellings to be provided in keeping with local design, although the residents of the lane preferred a single dwelling and there was a restrictive covenant in place limiting future development to the one unit.</li> <li>• Up until 2006 the site was used for accommodating five touring caravans and DCC would not object on highway grounds, as it represented a 'planning gain' on previous use.</li> </ul> <p>Before leaving the meeting he answered a number of questions from Councillors who queried several aspects including the need for the proliferation of larger executive homes at the expense of providing smaller 'affordable' housing.</p> | Noted            |

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| 559 | <b>Reports</b>                               |  |
|     | a  | Cllr Schwier reported on the DAPTC's Planning Seminar she had attended with Cllr Addley and undertook to circulate to Councillors details of accessing the Government's Planning Portal on the website   |
|     | b  | District Cllr Deborah Croney informed the meeting that the responses to NDDC's consultation documents on The Local Plan and The Housing Strategy 2010- 2013 will be considered by the District Council in three stages as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Policy Committee (probably in spring 2011)</li> <li>• Cabinet</li> <li>• Full Council</li> </ul> The site allocation document resulting from these two consultative documents is expected to be issued next spring. |
| 560 | <b>Matters of Interest &amp; Information</b> |  |
|     | a  | The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint before the meeting that tree roots are penetrating the surface of the footpath linking the Post Office to Homefield.   |
|     | b  | The following items were raised at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs Booth and Jespersen have arranged to attend the Northern Area Meeting of the DAPTC on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010.</li> <li>• Incidents of unsocial activity were reported in the Cooper Gardens area.</li> <li>• Thought of how the village should celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 is to be sought through the pages of The Hill.</li> </ul>  |
| 561 | <b>Children's Playground</b>                 |  |
|     | a  | The Clerk presented a report on the installation of the new piece of equipment in the Children's Playground. He said that unfortunately the contractor has not left the site in a condition that is suitable for the children to use, hence the presence of the fence precluding them. Negotiations are in hand and the contractors will be returning shortly to grade and turf the disturbed area. Council apologises for the inconvenience and disappointment this has caused.                         |
|     | b  | Council is bitterly disappointed how the contractors have handled the project and are in negotiations with them to agree adequate recompense. In addition to accepting the free items offered it was agreed to press them for two additional small pieces of equipment to be provided free of charge.  |
|     | c  | In view of the foregoing situation and the fact that next year's RoSPA inspection is due to be carried out shortly, it was agreed not to implement any of the items identified in last year's report which were all of a minor nature and categorised as low risk.   |
|     | d  | It was agreed to defer the preparation of a Child's Protection Policy and to consider it later with the review of the Standing Orders.   |
| 562 | <b>Planning</b>                              |  |
|     | a  | The following decisions were tabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/2010/0101/PLNG – To install a solar panel at The Olde House - withdrawn.</li> <li>• 2/2010/0103/PLNG – To carry out int. Alts. at The Olde House – approved</li> <li>• 2/2009/1031/PLNG – To erect one dwelling at Thompson's Cottages - approved</li> </ul>   |
|     | b  | Notification was tabled that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of application 2/2009/0589/PLNG to erect two bungalows with parking spaces and accesses on part of land at 10, 12 & 14 Jacob's Ladder. It was agreed that there is nothing to add to the objections previous submitted to NDDC.   |
|     | c  | Consideration was given to fell an Ash at Acorn Cottage, High Street. It was agreed to raise no objection but to recommend that as it is in a Conservation Area it is replaced.  |
|     | d  | Consideration was given to application 2/2010/0316PLNG – to erect a conservatory at 2 Portman Drive. It was agreed to raise no objection.  |
|     | e  | Cllr Duke presented details that he had extracted from the Local Plan that were particularly relevant and would impact on Child Okeford. Cllr Duke agreed to reply to the letter received from NDDC on the Draft Housing Strategy 2010-2013.   |

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|     | f              | It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Yard and carried unanimously that a Planning Working Group to discuss the NDDC's Local Plan is formed to comprise the existing Planning Group with powers to co-opt additional persons as appropriate.  | Noted |
| 563 | <b>Finance</b> |   |       |
|     | a              | Due to the lateness of the hour it was agreed to defer the purchase of the strimmer and signs for the Recreation Ground until the next meeting.   | Clerk |
|     | b              | The Clerk reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipt of £11,000.00 from DCC representing the second and final instalment of the Play Builder grant.</li> <li>• A claim for the repayment of £424.63 VAT paid in 2009/10 has been submitted to HMC&amp;R. (This sum is to be credited to the Revenue Reserve fund)</li> <li>• Details of the 2009/10 external audit have been received.</li> </ul> | Clerk |
|     | c              | It was proposed by Cllr Duke, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that the Estimated v Actual Expenditure for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2009/10 (£27,088) is approved and accepted.  | Clerk |
|     | d              | It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that the following cheques are approved and signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 001043 – DAPTC - £60.00 – Planning &amp; Finance Seminars.</li> <li>• 001046 – Glasdon UK Ltd - £163.98 – Litter bin.</li> <li>• 001047 – COCCL - £10.00 – Hire of room for meeting.</li> </ul>  | Clerk |
|     | e              | It was proposed by Cllr Yard, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried that the following cheques are approved and signed by the two authorised signatories present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 001044 – Mrs W Addley - £24.00 – Travelling expenses.</li> <li>• 001045 – Mrs A Schwier - £17.98 – Primrose plants for village centre.</li> <li>• 001048 – Mrs W Addley – £5.05 – Postage of BKVC entry.</li> </ul>    | Clerk |
|     |                | It was agreed that as the time had reached 9-40pm that the meeting is closed and any matters that cannot be held over until the next full meeting are considered at an Extraordinary Council Meeting to follow the APM.   | Clerk |

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.**