

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

An **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 7th June 2010 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

		Action by
585	<u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Addley, Booth, Cotton, Duke, Holdeman, Jespersen, Lewis, Schwier and Yard attended together with one parishioner and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. Angus Campbell and District Councillor Deborah Croney. Cllr Holdeman presided.	Noted
586	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> The following declarations of interest were declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cotton – item 592d – Personal Interest. • Cllr Holdeman – item 594b (Cheque to D Holdeman) – Personal & Prejudicial Interest. 	Noted
587	<u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 10 th May 2010, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings after item 583f had been amended.	Clerk
588	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	a Cllr Addley reported that despite a visit from Wessex Water's engineers the leak reported under item 579a, had not been repaired and results from a broken hydrant in the road above. The Clerk to make further enquiries.	Clerk
	b The bus stop signs at the entrance to Ridgeway Lane have been re-attached to the new pole.	Noted
	c A letter was read from DCC advising that the obliterated 30 mph sign adjacent to the Bootle Bank would be rectified.	Noted
	d The Clerk reported that he has arranged a meeting with Mike Westwood to discuss, amongst other things, the outstanding highway matters in the village.	Noted
589	<u>Reports</u>	
	a Cllr Booth had circulated through the Clerk reports on the Melway Lane Meeting on the 19 th April 2010 and the Northern Area DAPTC Meeting on the 11 th May 2010. Copies of both are attached.	Noted
590	<u>Public Participation</u>	
	a Allan Blundell reported that there were only about 40 copies of Up Hill and Down River in stock and requested that approval is given for 200 amended copies to be printed, prior to a complete revamp of the publication to follow probably sometime next year. The Chairman brought the appropriate agenda item forward. It was proposed by Cllr Holdeman, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the following action is taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk is to obtain an estimate from Pat Soward for producing additional copies of the current edition by photo-copying. • Cllr Lewis agreed to enquire if grant funding can be obtained through the DT11 Forum Partnership for producing the revamped edition. 	Clerk & Cllr Lewis
	b Alan Blundell reported that funds are expected to be available from DCC to replace the stiles on footpath 10 by 7 gates, 4 to be paid for by DCC and 3 by the Parish Council. All the installation work will be carried out free of charge by DCC. This scheme was welcomed by Council.	Noted
591	<u>Matters of Interest & Information</u>	
	a It was agreed to ask Derek Holdeman to strim the area by the Millbrook Close notice board.	Clerk
	b Advance notification was mooted of a scheme to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in which 2,000 Recreation Grounds in England are to be dedicated as open green spaces in perpetuity. This matter, together with other possible celebratory events, is to be included as an agenda item for the July Meeting.	Clerk

	c	The Clerk is to progress the scheme for a cycle way to be provided to link the village centre to the Trailway.	Clerk
592	<u>Children's Playground & Recreation Ground</u>		
	a	The Chairman and Clerk briefed the Council on their meeting with Chris Jennings, a solicitor specialising in litigation and practising with Blanchard Baileys LLP. Council agreed to pursue his recommendation of achieving a satisfactory settlement by negotiation. Chris Skinner of DCC, Simon Thompson of DCA and Brian Evans-Johnson, the Community Play & Recreation Facilitator, are already involved.	Noted
	b	County Cllr Angus Campbell is to be requested to speak with the Managing Director of Wicksteeds on our behalf.	Clerk
	c	Cllr Schwier was appointed the contact while the Clerk is on leave.	Cllr Schwier
	d	The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Marsh, the Headteacher, requesting her to again contact the parents and to consider erecting appropriately worded polite notices each end of the path, to ensure that it is used in accordance with clause 3.5 of the Licence Agreement. It was further suggested that the notices are issued in the joint names of the Governors and the Parish Council.	Clerk
593	<u>Planning</u>		
	a	The following decisions were tabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/2010/0344/PLNG – To erect 1 No. two storey extension at Fernhayes, Duck Street – Refused. 2/2010/0360/PLNG – To erect a detached annexe with garage at The Dower House, Fontmell Parva – approved 	Noted
	b	Notification was tabled that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of application 2/2009/0642/PLNG to erect 1 No. dwelling, garage & modify existing vehicular access on land adjoining Beech Cottage, The Hollow. It was agreed to support the Planning Authority's refusal by submitting a copy of our previous objections.	Clerk
	c	Consideration was application 2/2010/0408/PLNG to extend the classroom and form link to main school at St Nicholas CE Primary School, Station Road. It was agreed to raise no objection.	Clerk
	d	Consideration was given to application 2/2010/0411PLNG – to erect a first floor extension over the garage at 6 Oliver's Mead. It was agreed to raise no objection provided approval is only given if conditions are included to prevent this part of the building from being sold off or let as a separate entity.	Clerk
	e	Consideration was application 2/2010/0412/PLNG to erect 1 No. replacement dwelling including integral garage and retain 4 No. parking spaces at Little Meadow. It was agreed to raise no objection.	Clerk
	f	Consideration was application 2/2010/0461/PLNG application to erect 1 No. detached garage with pitched roof at Orchard Cottage Duck Street. It was agreed to raise no objection.	Clerk
	g	It was agreed to devolve authority to the Planning Group to process the following applications on behalf of the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/2010/0495/PLNG – Application to erect 1 No. dwelling with integral garage at The Old Caravan Site, Ridgeway Lane. 2/2010/0498/PLNG – Application to erect 1 No. dwelling with attached double garage at Radnor Cottage, Station Road. 	Planning Group
	h	Cllr Duke gave a resumé of the recent Open Meeting held in the village to discuss the proposed New Plan for North Dorset with officials of NDDC. It was agreed to write to DAPTC to ask if they would be prepared to contact the 18 larger parishes in North Dorset, together with Stalbridge, with a view to forming a joint committee to ensure a unified, collaborative approach to the Plan. Cllr Duke was warmly thanked for his outstanding industry and professionalism in heading Council's response to these proposals.	Clerk

594	Finance		
	a	<p>The Clerk reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £849.26 VAT Recovery had been received for 2009/10 instead of the claimed figure of £424.26 (ie we have been paid twice). To provide insurance cover of the two new buildings on the Rec. for £5k and to increase the cover on the play equipment to £40k the additional premium is £79.83. 	Clerk
	b	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Addley, seconded by Cllr Schwier and carried unanimously that the following cheques are approved and signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 001058 – Mrs S Holdeman - £145.00 – Chairman’s honorarium. 001059 – Mrs S Holdeman - £1.98 – Lam. pouches. 001060 – Broker Network Ltd - £79.83 – Additional insurance cover. 001061 – JM Gill - £989.49 – Clerk’s salary & expenses (1st qtr 2010/11). 001062 - C/Okeford Village Hall - £29.00 – Hire of hall for Open Meeting. 001063 – Nildram - £47.98 – Broadband service – 16 05 10 to 15 08 10. 001064 – HMRC - £424.63 – Reimbursement of overpayment of VAT Recy. 001065 – D Holdeman – £70.79 - Reimbursement of exps for Rec. Ground. 	Clerk
	c	<p>It was agreed to defer a decision on the contribution to Blandford Leisure Centre until the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
595	Village Items		
	a	<p>The Clerk gave a resumé of the current position on carrying out remedial work to the War Memorial as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The monument was initially inspected by Carol Ryan, Conservation Officer of NDDC, who advised on the specification of the basic works required. An Expression of Interest for grant funding has been lodged with the War Memorials Trust. A quotation has been received from DCRS Construction Ltd. Nimbus Conservation Ltd and Wells Cathedral Stonemasons Ltd have both inspected the monument and their quotations are promised for the July Meeting. 	Clerk
	b	<p>The Clerk tabled a letter from DCC enquiring whether any local farmers are prepared to take part in their scheme for Community Self-help during Extreme Winter Weather. The Clerk was instructed to approach several local farmers and agricultural contractors in this respect.</p>	Clerk
596	Correspondence		
	a	<p>All the main items of correspondence had been previously circulated to Councillors.</p>	Noted
	<p>The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9-42pm</p>		

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.