

CHILD OKEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

An **ORDINARY MEETING** of this Parish Council was held on Monday the 5th July 2010 in the Community Centre at 7-30pm.

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597	<u>Attendance/apologies</u> Cllrs. Addley, Booth, Cotton, Holdeman and Schvier attended together with District Councillor Deborah Croney (part time), two parishioners and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Duke, Lewis, Jespersen and Yard together with County Cllr. Angus Campbell. Cllr Holdeman presided.	Noted
598	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> The following declarations of interest were declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cotton - item 604c - Personal Interest. • Cllr Holdeman – item 606c (Cheque to D Holdeman) – Personal & Prejudicial Interest. 	Noted
599	<u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 7 th June 2010, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings after item 588c had been corrected.	Clerk
600	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
	a Information was received that a worker has been appointed to run the Child Okeford Youth Club from September 2010.	Noted
	b The revised insurance policy has been received.	Noted
	c Due to an inordinately large response (over 900) the cycle network appraisal will not be completed until early 2011.	Noted
	d The Clerk reported that DCC are considering a scheme to prevent verge erosion in The Hollow. As an initial step they are arranging for the hedges of the properties on the opposite side of the road to be cut back.	Noted
601	<u>Reports</u>	
	a A report was presented by District Councillor Deborah Croney – copy attached. She agreed to obtain details from the port folio holder on how the recent refurbishment of the Blandford Leisure Centre was funded.	Noted
	b A report from County Councillor Angus Campbell, having been previously circulated was tabled – copy attached.	Noted
602	<u>Public Participation</u>	
	a One parishioner spoke against planning application 2/2010/0524/PLNG to erect a dwelling in the garden of 1, Station Road.	Noted
	b One parishioner pointed out that the path numbers on the maps included in 'Up Hill & Down River' did not correlate to rights of way numbers. The Clerk to investigate and report back. (The path numbers in the book relate to walk numbers only and do not relate to footpath numbering)	Clerk
603	<u>Matters of Interest & Information</u>	
	a It was pointed out that the bench in the Recreation Ground, adjacent to the school gate, is in a poor state of repair. Chairman to investigate.	Chairman
	b It was reported that three rights of way are overgrown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netmead Lane to the Old Police House (footpath 8). • Path off Netmead Lane (footpath 10). • Ridgeway Lane to Dovecot Farm (track). 	Clerk
	c Three drains are blocked as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station Road opposite the Recreation Ground. • Station Road adjacent to Laurel Farm. • Duck Street adjacent to The Old Coach House. 	Clerk
604	<u>Children's Playground & Recreation Ground</u>	
	a The Clerk tabled details of an offer from Wicksteeds, negotiated by Chris Skinner, Sports Project Officer of DCC, to reduce the contract price of the play equipment supplied under the Play Builder Scheme by £450.00 for a replacement tree and a further £475.20 in lieu of returfing the disturbed area.	

	a	(continued) In addition they agreed to supply and install two small pieces of equipment on 'wetpour' bases (as per quote of 30 03 10) and to relocate the small wooden animal benches they would replace, free of charge. This amounts to a closing contract price owing of £23,767.67 (including VAT).	Noted
	b	It was proposed by Cllr Cotton, seconded by Cllr Addley and carried unanimously that the cheque for the above sum (item 604a) is signed but withheld pending written confirmation of the above offer from Wicksteeds, whereupon the Clerk was instructed to release the cheque.	Clerk
	c	Cllr Holdeman reported on a meeting she attended, accompanied by Cllr Schwier, in the Recreation Ground with Richard Brace, Chairman of the Governors, to witness the use of the path from the car park to the school gate. This revealed that some parents are still taking the direct route from gate to gate instead of going around the periphery of the cricket pitch, in accordance with the terms of the Licence. The following action was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Marsh will again emphasise this point in further letters to the parents. • The Clerk to draft a suitable notice for placing at both ends of the path. • The Chairman to ask the Cricket Club to mark the path by two parallel white lines around the outfield of the pitch. 	Chairman & Clerk
605	Planning		
	a	The following decisions were tabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/2010/0408PLNG – Extend classroom at the School – approved. • 2/2010/0411/PLNG – Erect first floor extn. at 6 Oliver's Mead – approved. • 2/1020/0412/PLNG – Erect replacement dwelling at Little Meadow – approved. • 2/2010/0461/PLNG – Erect garage at Orchard Cottage, Duck St – approved. 	Noted
	b	The Chairman of the Planning Group reported on the processing of the applications referred to them to determine, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/2010/0495/PLNG – Application to erect 1 no. dwelling with integral garage at the The Old Caravan Site, Ridgeway Lane – Recommended refusal. • 2/2010/0498/PLNG – Application to erect 1 no. dwelling with attached garage at Radnor Cottage, Station Road – Recommended refusal 	Clerk
	c	Consideration was application 2/2010/0555PLNG to replace the porch and 3 windows and carry out the associated internal and external works at Laurel Farm, Station Road. It was agreed to raise no objection.	Clerk
	d	Consideration was given to application 2/2010/00629PLNG – to erect a two storey extension at Fernhayes, Duck Street. It was agreed to raise no objection.	Clerk
	e	Consideration was given to amended application 2/2010/0498/PLNG to erect 1 no. dwelling at Radnor Cottage, Station Road. The amendment related to a slightly smaller house and the deletion of the garage. It was agreed to recommend refusal.	Clerk
	f	Consideration was application 2/2010/0524/PLNG application to erect 1 No. dwelling and modify the access in part of the garden of 1, Station Road. It was agreed to recommend refusal.	Clerk
	g	Cllr Booth reported that our request for DAPTC to arrange a joint meeting of the 18 larger villages in north Dorset together with Stalbridge to organise a collective approach to NDDC's Local Plan had been referred to the Northern Area Committee to pursue. It was suggested that it may be expedient to form a village committee to pursue Child Okeford's approach and this subject is to be included on the agenda for the August Meeting.	Clerk
	h	It was agreed to raise no objection to NDDC'S proposal to place a TPO (452-10) on two ash trees on land adjoining Gold Hill Farmhouse, Ridgeway Lane.	Clerk
606	Finance		
	a	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that Pat Soward's quote to print 100 additional copies of 'Up Hill Down River', each having a coloured cover printed on white card, be accepted.	Clerk

	b	It was agreed to hold over further discussions on contributing to Blandford Leisure Centre pending receipt of details requested under item 601a.	Clerk
	c	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that the following cheques are approved which the Chairman and Vice Chairman were instructed to sign. (Cllr Holdeman having declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the payment of her husband's remuneration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 001066 – Blanchard Bailey LLP - £382.46 – Legal fees. • 001067 – D Holdeman - £415.00 – Work in Rec & Play Area inc. expenses. • 001068 – Wicksteed Leisure Ltd - £23,767.67 – Play equipment. 	Clerk
	d	It was proposed by Cllr Schwier, seconded by Cllr Cotton and carried unanimously that the sums allowed for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground (£780.00) and the Play Area (£550.00) are combined in the budget to give an aggregated sum of £1,330.00. It is understood that Mr Holdeman runs the two jobs concurrently and this arrangement will obviate the need for him to keep separate records. The budget is to be amended accordingly.	Clerk
	e	It was proposed by Cllr Cotton, seconded by Cllr Holdeman and carried unanimously that the Estimated v Actual Expenditure for the 1 st quarter of 2009/10 is accepted at a closing figure of £43,999.	Clerk
	f	The Clerk pointed out that in preparing the Estimated v Actual Expenditure for the 1 st quarter of 2010/11 he had included a section to show the Reserve Fund. Resulting from this it was agreed to consider the following items at the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allocate account no 2 as the Reserve Fund. • To add Cllr. Cotton as an additional signatory for the two accounts. 	Clerk
607	<u>Village Items</u>		
	a	The Clerk presented a summary of the four tenders received for renovating the War Memorial. He was instructed to proceed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contact Ms Carol Ryan, Conservation Officer of NDDC, seeking her advice on the technical aspects of the scheme. • To approach the tenderers to ensure that their quotations are 'all inclusive', particularly with respect to site services. 	Clerk
	b	To date no responses have been received from the local farmers and contractors in respect to participating in the DCC's 'Self-help during Extreme Winter Weather' scheme.	Noted
	c	It was agreed to advertise in The Hill for volunteers to form a working group/committee to organise a village event(s) to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.	Cllr Lewis
608	<u>Appointment of Clerk</u>		
	a	Following the resignation of the present incumbent on the 30 th September 2010, it was agreed to advertise for a successor to take up office on the 1 st October 2010. The vacant part time post is to be advertised at an annual salary of £3,200.00, with adverts placed in The Hill, Child Okeford website, DAPTC website, Blackmore Vale Magazine and on the Council's notice boards. The closing date for applications is to be the 30 th August 2010.	Clerk
609	<u>Correspondence</u>		
	a	All the main items of correspondence had been previously circulated to Councillors except for details of the PMU's which is to be circulated with the next agenda.	Noted
The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9-32pm			

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.