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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, at 7.00 p.m. April in the Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), D. Andrews, A. Argles, A. Barker, D. Hart, D Mackenzie.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. MacGregor (Clerk) and District Cllr. Oliver.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received and accepted from Cllr. Tanner.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** none required.

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** was received by the Council and is available on the website.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** none received.

**7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:** No issues raised

### **8. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Relocation of dog waste bin at Chestnut Farm is still awaited.

**Cllr Argles**

### **9. PLANNING**

a) Outstanding Granted Applications - 2/2014/0115 PLNG Wessex Water Pumping Station. Although this planning application has been approved, we have received no notification that the council's conditions regarding noise and light pollution will be taken into account, and assurances will continue to be sought.

**Clerk/Chairman**

b) Planning application 2/2014/0229 Greenbanks, Salisbury Road Double Garage with Loft. It was confirmed that the council did not object, but had proposed a condition that any possible future conversion work into a dwelling should be subject to further planning approval.

c) Planning application 2/2014/0267 PLNG Asda Stores, minor amendments to footprint, layout and car park. No objection.

d) Application for tree works – none. Cllr Hart advised that, although the fallen tree in Paul Bakers Lane was the responsibility of the County Council, removal had been undertaken by local residents rather than the Council. Furthermore, a resident had been informed verbally that any expenses claims for fence damage should be addressed through his own insurance rather than via the County Council.

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## 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) The Chairman advised that the Council's application for the Neighbourhood area had been received and consulted on and a report prepared for consideration by North Dorset District Council on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Contact has also been made with the Community Planning Officer over the use of the funding for the Village Design Statement.

Full costs are still to be finalised but an application for a grant is to be made through My Community Rights.

**Chairman/Clerk**

The Chairman plans to use the Blandford Plus public event on 26<sup>th</sup> April to gather information on how other councils are approaching the issue and invited other councillors to attend.

**All Councillors**

## 11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The mains services for gas, electricity and telephones have been completed and work is proceeding to form the soakaway for the road widening and complete the mains drainage. The revised commencement date for the main construction work is 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 with a three week lead in period commencing on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Completion is now set for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Access to the multiplay area will be renewed once the main road works are completed.

## 12. FINANCES

a) The financial statement for March was presented, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget. Work is proceeding on the year end accounts and VAT claim. Details are to be to be passed to the internal auditor by 24th April, prior to submitting for external audit.

**Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie**

b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1133	Pimperne Village Hall - hire of hall	34.50
1134	Sandisons - Payroll Admin	168.00
		At
		agreed
1135	Clerk's Salary	rate
1136	D Mackenzie - Clerk's computer, software etc	776.96
1137	D Mackenzie - website hosting	10.80
		1327.34

The Council thanked Cllr Mackenzie and her husband for their efforts in sourcing the new computer and printer below budget.

c) Pimperne Sports Society- requests for funding.

It was agreed that the Council would agree in principle to contribute to the replacement of the artificial wicket to a maximum of £1500, on the understanding that the Sports Society is able to raise the other funds required to meet the anticipated total cost of £5,500. **Chairman**

d) It was agreed that a suitable gift should be presented to a "retiring" newsletter deliverer in recognition for her valuable service over a number of years. **Cllr Mackenzie**

## 13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Nothing to report, the main activities being preparation for the Health and Wellbeing week in September.

b) **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report

c) **Rights of Way:** A meeting with new Rights of Way Officer Graham Stanley indicated that there was little prospect of accessing extra funding, although a new stile at footpath 8 has been

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installed and new bridle way sign is required. Road chippings are to be added to improve the steps behind the church.

**Cllr Barker**

**d) Highways Officer:**

A full list of flood damage repairs and restoration work was submitted by the end of March. Some work on tree roots has been completed in Portman Road and elsewhere but further work needs to be undertaken.

**Cllr Argles**

**e) Pimperne Primary School:** no report

**f) Village Hall:** The new water boiler has been purchased.

**g) Flood Warden:** no report

**h) DAPTC:** nothing to report.

**i) Homewatch:** The SNT newsletter is to be circulated upon receipt. A Homewatch Coordinators meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> March and the Safer Neighbourhood team review is ongoing.

An announcement will be made on the Community Speedwatch project at the Annual Parish Meeting, at which James Vaughan, Deputy Chief Constable, will also be making a presentation on Strategic Issues in Dorset.

**Cllr Andrews**

#### **14. NORTH DORSET BOUNDARY REVIEW**

The Council shares Cllr Oliver's disappointment over the outcome of the review in that Pimperne will become part of the extended Hillforts Ward with 3 councillors, and the fact that the points raised in the consultation period were ignored.

#### **15. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE**

Dorset Police have delayed decision on any changes until 2015 in the face of considerable opposition across the county.

#### **16. REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER**

A meeting has been held with Mr Paul Walker to discuss the replacement of the existing shelter and Mr Walker has arranged to contact the Highways Engineering department to progress the matter. The possibility of re-siting the existing shelter in Portman Road will be investigated, although its present format is too long for the new site. If re-siting proves impossible the sale of the Portman Road shelter is to be explored.

**Chairman/Cllr Argles**

**17. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH:** The Chairman advised that he had been unable to arrange a meeting with James Bennett and the DCC Tree Officer and Dorset Highways. The matter is to be raised with County Cllr Croney in order to expedite progress.

**Chairman**

**18. BRING BANKS:** Further communication is to be undertaken with Cllr Roakes in respect to the planned removal of the banks from the village hall site to ensure that concerns over fly tipping are fully addressed.

**Chairman/Clerk**

**19. BLANDFORD FLY:** In view of the unsatisfactory response from the Clinical Commissioning Group, the matter will be discussed with Cllr Tanner before determining future action.

**Chairman**

#### **20. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN**

The Chairman is to attend the Chairman's seminar on 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Chairman**

Councillors are to consider attending the Councillors Update on 21<sup>st</sup> May **All Councillors**

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**21. PROPERTY CHECK.**

A property check submitted by Cllr Argles showed no changes. The gate to the junior play area is to be replaced after damage was noted. **Chairman**

**22. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Street Light Switch Off – changes to night-time street lighting will be introduced from the end of April.

b) A resident from Yarde Farm requested that the Council considers applying for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on the A354. **Chairman/Clerk**

**23. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

a) Pimperne Community Champion 2013 – unfortunately, no nominations were received by the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 deadline. The Council will review the situation.

**24. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Please advise the Clerk/Chairman at least 7 days before the date of the next meeting.

**24. NEXT MEETING**

The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.