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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th April 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B. MacGregor (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Cllr. D. Croney and District Cllr. M. Oliver.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2015 were approved.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Oliver's report was presented by the Chairman and included references to the format of new council, with a new senior leadership team set to be appointed by the end of April.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. Croney's report had been distributed to Councillors before the meeting and a copy is provided on the Parish Council web site. The main points covered an update on Blandford Fly treatment, Dorset Accessible Homes Service, the Care Act and transport matters including North/South improvements and the C13 closure.

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Mr. T. Harman raised concerns about the plans for using the overflow car park at the new school and particularly whether this is to be used on an occasional basis or more regularly. If the latter, he expressed concerns that this will require involve cars travelling over the designated footpath access for pupils and parents and would require the school to provide a member of staff at the gate. The Chairman advised that the travel arrangements would be closely monitored once the new school is open.

Mr. Harman also expressed his gratitude to all Councillors for their hard work and dedication over the term of the Council.

8. MATTERS ARISING: None

9. PLANNING

a) Granted applications – Applications 2/2014/1610/HOUSE - Shepherds Way and 2/2014/1478/HOUSE - The Little Thatch 50 Salisbury Road have been approved.

Responses are awaited from NDDC Planning Enforcement regarding the boundary fence and path at the Woodbury site and the lighting at the Taymix site. **Action Clerk**

b) Outstanding applications – 2/2014/1494/HOUSE – 11 Frampton Road – NDDC have advised that the application is to go to appeal with no facility for further comment.

2/2015/0053/DCC – Retention of 3 temporary classrooms - a response is still awaited from DCC. **Action Clerk**

c) New applications – none

d) Tree application– Cllr Mackenzie advised that an application has been submitted by Mr. Paculabo at Chestnut Farm, although full details are awaited from NDDC. It was agreed in principle that there would be no objections to the planned work on two ash trees and a sycamore.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

500 copies of the plan questionnaire have been printed and distributed with the village newsletter. The deadline for completion is 30th April. The next actions is to apply for a grant through My Locality with the assistance of DT11.

Action Chairman

Following the Chairman's attendance at a DAPTC seminar on neighbourhood planning, electronic copies of the 150 slides will be submitted to all councillors.

Action Clerk

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Internally the new school is complete but external works on the overflow car park and turning circle still require completion. The opening day remains Thursday 16th April.

12. FINANCES

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for March was presented, showing details of income and expenditure against budget.

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

		At agreed rate
1195	Clerks Salary	
1196	D. Mackenzie –web site hosting	10.00
1197	D. Mackenzie –web site domain renewal	16.12
1198	DAPTC – Neighbourhood plan seminar	10.00
1199	P. Slocombe expenses - seminar	26.55

c) **VAT Reclamation –**

Total “eligible” VAT expenditure for 2014/15 of £138.95 is to be reclaimed from HMRC.

Action Clerk

d) **End of Year Statements, Audits and Annual Returns**

These are to be completed by the end of April 2015.

Action Clerk

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** An open meeting of the Transport Action Group (TAG) is to be held on 21st April, while a health forum, Well N Connected, is to be held on 5th-6th June at the Corn Exchange.

b) **Tree Officer:** The overhanging branch of the eucalyptus tree at the Anvil Road, A354 junction has been removed. A letter is to be sent to the residents regarding the tree and the garden wall.

Action Clerk

The DCC tree officer is to be informed of the state of two trees to the left of and behind the bus shelter on the A354.

Action Clerk

c) **Rights of Way:** The permissive path through the rape field on Footpath 16 has not been clearly defined but the area has been sprayed with chemicals.

Action Cllr. Barker

d) **Highways Officer:** The uneven paving slabs at Letton have been reported and a request will be made to clear debris from the area.

Action Cllr. Argles

The new finger point signs are still to be ordered.

Action Chairman

Four new grit bins are to be ordered from Wybone Ltd.

Action Clerk

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** An Open Day will be held at the new school for villagers on 2nd May 2015. Plans for a formal opening are to be arranged via the offices of the Lord Lieutenant.

f) **Village Hall:** Repairs to the guttering are required.

Action Chairman

g) **Flood Warden:** Waters continue to recede. The new alert system is not yet available and the matter will be pursued.

Action Cllr. Tanner

h) **DAPTC:** Cllr. Mackenzie circulated a report of the 1st April meeting prior to the meeting and gave a quick overview of the following:

- the status of the C13/A350
- the requirement of Parish Councils to have at least 80% councillors elected in order to have the General Power of Competence
- the North Dorset Local Plan as below:
 - The Local Plan has been examined, but considerable work and effort is still required.
 - The length of the plan to 2026, 2031 is now being considered.
 - The level of supported housing may need to be reviewed.
 - The policy around rural settlements i.e. countryside policy, was questioned based on a demonstrable rural housing need. The inspector was concerned therefore settlement boundaries may be introduced to some of the villages.
 - NDDC has been asked to consider some changes based on Government legislation.

It was agreed that the issue of countryside policy and settlement boundaries should be closely monitored as this could have repercussions for Pimperne.

The next DAPTC meeting will be on 15 July.

i) **Homewatch/Community Speedwatch:** Two incidents were reported in Pimperne in March. A second Community Speedwatch exercise has been completed.

14. BUS SHELTER

The bus shelter was set to be installed on 9th April.

15. BLANDFORD FLY

Treatment is set to commence after regulatory approval was received with cost contributions coming from the NHS, and DCC Public Health, as well as Christchurch and East Dorset Councils and Poole Borough Council.

16. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

In addition to a number of financial actions at the end of the financial year the other main actions required in April are to request the Sport Society rent and ask the Sports Society to submit a report at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Action Clerk**

18. PROPERTY CHECKS

Nothing to report regarding main property check list. In respect to the play areas, damage has been reported and action will be taken to repair a damaged slat. Remedial works are to be delayed owing to the unavailability of Mr. King and an alternative contractor will be identified. **Action Chairman**

18. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

DCC's report of the condition of the temporary classrooms stated that they were in poor shape and extensive remedial work would be required to bring them up to a stage where re-use could be considered. Given this report, Cllr. Andrews considered that it would not be feasible for the Parish Council to allow the Pre-School to take over the premises and formally requested a motion to that effect.

Cllrs. Mackenzie, Barker and Argles were also not in favour of the Pre-School taking over the temporary classrooms, but Cllr. Mackenzie felt the Parish Council should assist them in finding alternative accommodation. Cllr Tanner acknowledged the difficulty that the Pre-School has in its present premises in the Sports Pavilion and was concerned with the long-term viability of both organisations.

It was agreed that two letters were to be written:

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- i) To Pimperne Pre-School, confirming that The Parish Council is unable to support use of the temporary classrooms following the condition report. However, the Parish Council would suggest that a meeting should be arranged between Dorset CC, Pimperne Pre-School, the Sports Society and the Parish Council to achieve an acceptable solution to all parties.
Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie
- ii) To Dorset County Council, requesting that DCC advise the Pimperne Pre-School directly that the temporary classrooms are unsuitable for use following the condition survey and requesting the removal of the buildings in due course.

Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie

Cllr. Tanner was not in favour and would have preferred that the Pre-School came to its own conclusion on the matter.

It was agreed that there may be a need to involve County Cllr. Croney at a later stage.

19. SECTION 106

Nothing to add at present.

20. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM

The stream has been cleared to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency.

21. VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

A fund raising quiz is to be held on 8th May. The Chairman hoped that the new Council would wish to proceed with the matter. Potential locations for the defibrillator were discussed without conclusion but it was agreed that accessibility was the key requirement.

22. WAR MEMORIAL

Former stone mason Mr. Adrian Newnham has examined the quotation received from Minster Stone and would endorse the business as a reputable firm. An order is to be prepared.

Action Clerk

23. CORRESPONDENCE

a) A letter has been received from Richard Bagnell regarding a forthcoming planning application for internal compacted chalk roads at the Great Dorset Steam Fair site.

23. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION: As this was the last meeting of the council before the elections, the Chairman offered his thanks to all Councillors for their efforts over the past 4 years, and the meeting expressed their thanks to Cllr Mackenzie for preparing the newsletter for publication.

24. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None

25. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.