

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13th April 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), A. Argles, H. Evans, T. Harman, D. Mackenzie, M. Richley, J. Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: B MacGregor (clerk)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2016 were approved with amendments to item 9 d) as requested by Cllr Mackenzie.

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT: A report covering District Council had been received. Disappointment was expressed by the Parish Council that, due to the lack of District Councillor surgeries, there is no opportunity for members of either the Council or the public to raise issues in person.

Cllr Tanner requested an update on the future of the Blandford Youth Centre. **Action Chairman**

It was noted that the timescale for NDDC to leave its Nordon Headquarters made it difficult to locate a suitable base in time for an NDDC presence in Blandford.

Nominations for a new District Councillor to replace Mr Schwier have not yet closed. The by-election takes place on 5th May.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: Cllr Harman wished to know if a record is kept of the number of days that clay pigeon shooting takes place just beyond the Taymix yard. NDDC licensing to be contacted to ascertain the regulations for this activity. **Action Clerk**

7. MATTERS ARISING: The defibrillator has been ordered. It is a mains powered unit for which the village shop have kindly agreed to provide a power source. The Chairman will contact those concerned. **Action Chairman**

A Village Tea Party will take place on 5th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. An A4 leaflet will be delivered to all households within the village. The Council agreed to fund the printing and councilors agreed to deliver. **Action Cllr Mackenzie/Chairman**

8. PLANNING

Changes are being made to NDDC's planning procedures regarding on-line applications and comments. Pimperne Parish Council is already well placed to deal with the changes.

a) Granted applications –

- Woodbury – no further news. The Methodist Chapel in Chapel Lane is deteriorating. The Chapel was identified in the Neighbourhood Plan Place Check walkabout as a significant part of Pimperne's heritage. The Chapel will be a priority for the Parish Council when the Council begins a new year in May.

- 10 St Peter's Close. An extension has been built as per the granted application. However a large double garage has also been erected. NDDC to be contacted to ascertain if permission has been granted. **Action Clerk**

b) Outstanding applications –

- 2/2016/DCC – Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission - 2/2011/0554 to allow use of temporary traveller caravan site for the Great Dorset Steam Fair. Nothing to report to date.

DRAFT

- 2/2016/0047/FUL – 33 Walters Drive, DT11 8UX – Erect replacement dwelling with integral garage and detached outbuilding to provide workshop and store. There were several objections from neighbours therefore the Council objected to the application.

- Wessex Water Pumping Station. No response regarding lighting has been received, however Cllr Argles reported that only low level lighting was visible in recent nights. **Action Clerk**

c) New applications – None

d) Tree applications –

- 2/2016/0394/TPTREE 13 Old Bakery Close - comments submitted.

- 2/2016/0501/TPTREE 14 Old Bakery Close. There is uncertainty as to the action to be taken regarding the tree, as the advice from the tree surgeon recommends felling, however the application is for a section fell. If the tree is felled a suitable replacement must be planted. The tree appears to be diseased. Cllr Mackenzie to contact NDDC for clarification.

Action Cllr Mackenzie

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The building of the evidence base is proceeding. Each sub group has produced a report which will be considered at the next Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting. The planning consultant will be in attendance to comment on the suitability of the reports. The available grant from Locality has risen from £8000 to £9000. An application will be made for the next instalment of the grant.

Action Chairman/Clerk

10. NEW/OLD PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, performed the official opening of the school on 21st March. The new playing field has now been handed over to the school and is in full use by the children. The end of Defects Period Inspection has taken place. There is a considerable defects liability list. The main contractor must remedy all outstanding issues before a certificate will be issued to confirm that all defects have been made good to the satisfaction of DCC.

The County Council have cut the grass on the old school field. Dog fouling has taken place as the sign on the gate is unreadable. The play trail is in a poor state of repair. DCC to be contacted regarding maintenance and provision of a new sign.

Action Chairman

11. FINANCE

a) **Financial Statement:** A statement for March was presented.

b) **Sports Society Contribution:**

The method of funding for the new cricket wicket has been agreed with Mr Truswell. The Council will also provide a grant of £750 towards the cost of the wicket. Cllr Tanner suggested that Nicci Brown, Forum Focus be contacted to take some photos when the new wicket is opened.

Action Chairman

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

1270	Clerk's Salary	344.52
1271	Clerk's office allowance	100.00
1272	Clerk's expenses - postage/telephone	11.56
1273	Debby Mackenzie – website hosting	10.80
1274	Clerk – McAfee virus protection Pimperne Village Hall Committee – Room	89.99
1275	Hire Sandisons Limited – Payroll	46.00
1276	Administration	174.00
	Total	776.87

- d) **Annual Return, Significant Variation Report and Bank Reconciliation.** Clerk to complete. **Action Clerk**
- e) **VAT reclamation.** Clerk to complete. **Action Clerk**
- f) **SAAA scheme.** Clerk to action for next meeting. **Action Clerk**

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** Cllr Richley and the Chairman attended the DT11 TAG meeting. 27 bus services listed to be cut all but 1 were withdrawn. The X12 from Blandford to Salisbury has been renamed Service 20. Requests were made for the new service to stop at both Salisbury Hospital and Railway Station. Connections already exist to the Hospital so it is unlikely, but the service may pass closer to the station than at present. Timings for the service are also to be considered to allow the bus to meet up with incoming London services at the end of the day, and possibly to arrive earlier in the morning for the 8:15 train to London. The use of concessionary passes to Blandford on the 9:20 service has been agreed by DCC.

b) **Tree Officer:** Action has yet to be taken at 1 Priory Gardens and the matter will be taken up with Dorset CC. **Action Clerk**

Leylandii have been planted on DCC land in Paul Baker Lane. The householder responsible needs to be identified and contacted to request relocation of the trees. **Action Clerk**

c) **Rights of Way:** Overhanging brambles on Footpath 10 to be cut back. **Action Cllr Argles**

d) **Highways:** The Police and Crime Commissioner's representative provided information on the protocol to request a 20mph speed limit within the village. Chairman to contact Iwerne Minster Parish Council regarding their request for a 20mph limit. **Action Chairman**

Road safety improvements on the Anvil bend have yet to be carried out. The Chairman will contact DCC. **Action Chairman**

Damage to the verge in Church Road next to the stream and The Willows has caused a ridge resulting in cars being parked further into the road to avoid damage. Cllr Argles to check and report to DCC. **Action Cllr Argles**

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** The school is still awaiting DCC to draw up a transport plan. The search is commencing for a new Head Teacher.

f) **Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

g) **Flood Warden:** The danger of flooding from the stream is passed, but flash floods can still occur on the A354.

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting will be attended by the Chairman on 10th May. **Action Chairman**

i) **Transport:** Communities need to take on the role of provision of bus services. DCC are issuing a toolkit to assist in setting up community run services. A representative from Nordcat will attend the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council may have to take an active role.

j) **Best Kept Village:** The entry has been submitted. The wooden banks of the stream in Paul Baker Lane are in a poor state. Chairman to ask Mr King to replace. **Action Chairman**

The Environment Agency to be contacted with regard to the above before work commences. **Action Clerk**

There is a lot of litter in the stream along Church Road (near the Church). It is difficult to clear. Wessex Water to be contacted to request assistance with regards to filling in the considerable indentation in the stream bed. **Action Clerk**

13. HOMEWATCH/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

One incident was reported in Pimperne in the March Homewatch report. Community Speedwatch has not taken place recently. Chairman to contact Mr Andrews. **Action Chairman**

14. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

DRAFT

Cllrs Richley attended part 1 of the Essential Councillor course. Cllr Harman booked on the same course for the West region.

Clerk to remind the Sports Society that the rent is due.

Action Clerk

15. PROPERTY CHECKS

a) 2 bins remain without grit.

b) Replacement bark chippings are required in both play areas. The Chairman to contact Mr King to arrange.

Action Chairman

Junior Play Area – damage to the grass has occurred to one of the slopes. Remedial work is required.

Quotations for new play equipment have been received from 2 companies. A further quote is awaited.

Action Clerk

Play area signage. Two further quotes have been requested; slightly smaller and utilising the gate in the Junior Play area, and the existing post in the Multi Play area.

Action Clerk

16. SECTION 106

Section 106 funds will be used on new play equipment.

17. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR: Cllr Richley to attend the next meeting.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Sale of the bus shelter: Two Parish Councils are showing interest. The ‘buyer’ will have to remove and make good any damage caused during removal. A donation would be appreciated from the recipient. Clerk to negotiate.

Action Clerk

Riverfly Workshop: Cllr Mackenzie attending.

Planning Briefing for Clerks 7th June. Clerk to attend.

Action Clerk

19. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Fly tipping in Rusty Barrow Lane. The landowner is unfortunately responsible for removal as it is an unadopted road. Clerk to contact landowner.

Action Clerk

Cllr Tanner requested that DCC provide Parish Councils with a programme of planned cuts to services to enable councils to plan ahead when considering their precepts.

Action Chairman

Cllr Richley suggested a ‘Welcome to the Parish of Pimperne’ sign be erected on the A354 at Letton. DCC permission required.

Action Chairman

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None.

21. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 7pm on 27th April. Refreshments provided.

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 11th May.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.