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## PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018, at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. A. Argles, T. Harman, M. Richley, J Tanner, P.Slocombe (Chairman).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Cllr D. Croney, District Cllr P. Brown, Ms J Fairman (Clerk).

**1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr P Peters.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**3. DISPENSATIONS:** None required

**4. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved.

**5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT –**

- Piers Brown added that although the New Dorset Council was not yet fully formed, the Boundaries Commission are to commence reviewing Unitary Electorate boundaries, each Ward to consist of 3757 electors.

**6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD:**

- Nothing Raised.

**7. MATTERS ARISING:**

- The tourist signs for Blandford proposed by Nic Nicol of the Blandford Town Team have been opposed by Blandford Forum Town Council and Blandford St Mary Parish Council. We did not oppose the proposed sign off the A350 at Nutford providing a large arrow was incorporated into the sign indicating the direction into Blandford. We objected to the tourist sign without an arrow since the sign implied that that the area was located within Blandford when of course Nutford is located within the Parish of Pimperne.

- Letton Post Box, has been requested, however Royal Mail have to survey where the Post box would be positioned for any underground utilities, plus Blandford Council have to be informed. We have been advised that our request is in the system, but that this process can take many months without any guarantee that a post box will be granted if decided it is not warranted **Clerk**

**8. URGENT MATTERS:** None.

**9: CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR** -This is still ongoing and will continue to be a focus for the council.

**10. PLANNING**

**a) Approved applications.**

- 2/2018/0122. The Lodge, Church Road, Pimperne, DT11 8UB - **Approved**

**b) Outstanding applications**

– 2/2016/1763/Various Sites –BT telephone box – no progress to date.

**c) To consider any new applications received before the meeting:**

-2/2018/0335/OUT – 5 Dwellings at rear of Long House – **Objection**

-2/2018/0371/FUL – Manor Farm, Bushes Road, Erect Agricultural Building - **Objection**

**d) Tree applications** – None received.

**e) Other planning issues**

-Former Methodist Chapel – Chapel Lane, Carol Rogerson, North Dorset District Council Enforcement Officer has declared that there is nothing that the District Council can do. PPC to consult English Heritage for advice. **Chairman/Clerk.**

**f) ‘Eco’ House – Arlecks Lane** – removal of boundary hedge. NDDC have advised that a technical breach of planning conditions has occurred, The District Council is content that the hedge laying and new native hedge planted will satisfy the required conditions. The council will ensure that the existing hedge to the higher section of Arlecks Lane will remain in situ.

**Action/All.**

**g) Conservation Area – Re-Appraisal** – The re- appraisal basis established by Shelley Saltman now requires attention, especially since the former Methodist Chapel lies within the re-appraised Conservation Area boundary. **Action/ Chairman**

**h) North Dorset Local Plan Review**

- Planning policy being analysed

**Ongoing.**

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

-Plan close to submission – NDDC

**Chairman/Clerk**

**12. FORMER SCHOOL FIELD**

-Dorset County Council condition of lease now received and to be circulated to Councillors for comment. **All.**

- New tree now ready to be planted on this site, DCC agreement secured. **Cllr Tanner**

**13. FINANCE**

**a) Financial Statement:** The statement for March was presented and approved.

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

Clerks Salary	As agreed rate
Web Hosting	£ 13.10
Stationery	£ 24.68
Travel Exp	£ 13.40 T Harman
Sevensioux	£ 20.00 Web Maintenance
Village Hall Hire	£ 62.50

**14. OFFICERS’ AND REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

**a) Tree Officer** – No applications received.

**b) Rights of Way:**

-Churchyard Footpath – Cllr Argles to consult G Stanley, Dorset Rangers re clarification of proposed works.

-Footpath School Lane/former school field – Awaiting update from Anne Brown – DCC.

-Yarde Lane –Footpath to Blandford Camp boundary - Status update Cllr Argles to discuss with G Stanley. **Cllr Argles**

**c) Highways:**

- Some potholes have been filled, however more to be done. **Cllr Argles**

- A350 Community Group – Speed limits likely to enforced on Higher Shaftesbury Road

- Zebra Crossing – Salisbury Road Roundabout, write to Blandford Town Council for update.

**Clerk**

- Church Road Footways Scheme – update required

**Chairman/Clerk**

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- Speeding on Down Road- Contact Highways Authority to explore possibility of:
- Having white lines painted each side of narrow end of Downs Road, encouraging drivers to slow down. **Cllr Argles.**
- White fencing to be erected each side near the entrance to the village, again to encourage drivers to curb their speed – Discuss with DCC Highways. **Cllr Argles.**

### **d) Village Hall:**

- Curtain quotes too expensive – exploring possibility of installing roller blinds. **Chairman.**

**e) Flood Warden:** Despite heavy rainfall no current concerns.

### **f) DAPTC:**

- Cllr Richley to attend meeting at Okeford Fitzpaine.
- Summer meeting to be held at Pimperne Village Hall, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, refreshments to be provided. **Cllr Richley/Chairman**

### **g) Transport:-**

- Damory new contract out for tender – new services set to start in July. Requested earlier return to Blandford before 2.15 pm and for service to commence just after 9.30 so that bus passes can be used. **Cllr Harman**
- Full return bus timetable now displayed at Bus stops.

### **h) Community Officer:**

- Entry for Best Village Competition, entry has been sent.
- Litter pick day – Plus Bus shelter clean, scheduled 19<sup>th</sup> May. **All**

## **15. HOMEWATCH/SPEEDWATCH**

- Spring newsletter on noticeboard.

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

- The Council thanked Cllr. Richley for preparing the General Data Protection Regulations Policy. The policy was issued to all Councillors to check the contents. **All**

## **17. PROPERTY CHECKS**

- a) General – Grit bins to be re-filled in the autumn.
- b) Play areas –
  - Multi play surface beneath swings inadequate, new filling to be sourced. Look into adding on to order for Junior Play Area. **Cllrs. Argles/Harman/Peters**
- c) –New equipment for Junior Play Area – Funds applied for and placing order. **Clerk.**

- d) Noticeboards – Awaiting second quotation. **Chairman**

## **18. POST OFFICE**

- New pole to be erected at the Village Hall on 17/04/18.
- Installation Team to complete connection into the Village Hall. **Chairman.**

## **19. COMMUNITY GATHERINGS.**

- Friday coffee mornings to commence in line with Post Office opening in Village Hall.
- Tuesday coffee mornings to be discussed with Church. **Chairman**
- Both of the above are subject to sufficient volunteers providing operational assistance.

**21. CORRESPONDENCE**

-Parish Council to be responsible for the cost of future contested elections. This will force an increase in the precept as from 2020/21.

-Bryanston Parish Clerk raised concerns re extra responsibility and pressure on Parish Councils will not only raise precept figures but make recruiting Councillors and Clerks more difficult in the future.

- Speedwatch - to monitor traffic in the Church Road especially during school run periods.

**22. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:**

**23. NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 25/04/18 and the subsequent routine meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Village Hall.