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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2020, at 7.00 p.m. conducted via email due to Government restrictions of social distancing to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr P Slocombe, Cllrs J Tanner, T Harman, B Adams, A. Argles, H Sutton, J. Beckford.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Fairman Clerk: (Public advised to submit any matters to be raised via email or telephone to the Clerk).

NON ATTENDEES:

1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: -None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None required

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2020 were approved by each councillor present via email, (attached).

5. HILLFORTS WARD REPORT:

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: See correspondence.

7. Matters Arising

-Hall and Woodhouse re be approached re: repair/replacement of seat at Farquharson Arms Bus stop. **Clerk**

-To promote CPR instruction offered by Dr Percival once social distancing rules have been relaxed. **Clerk**

-Dorset Council settlement Hierarchy Workshop 18/03/20 to be rescheduled. **Chairman/Clerk**

8. Urgent Matters-None

9. Planning

a) Applications:

-02/2020/0409/FUL: Manor Farm Grain Store & Yards:

Parish Council consider this to be overdevelopment of the site, already used by non-farming companies leading this site to become an Industrial Estate Complex. A loss of visual amenity through the intrusion of a large building viewable from the village of Pimperne, public roads, public footpaths and viewpoints north, west and east directions. Increased traffic generation to serve the site. Inadequate landscaping and tree planting proposals to reduce the impact of the site on the landscape, a longer living species that Wild Cherry should be chosen and the size of sapling specified on approval. There is a difference in the colour between the application form and the elevation drawing (olive green, juniper green). **Objects. Chairman/Clerk**

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b) Approved Applications-

-2/2019/1021/FUL-Demolish existing shop and erect 4 no. dwellings with 8 no. parking spaces. Create vehicular and pedestrian access- Permitted- (Please note that this application is not the most recent application relating to this site-see below).

c) Outstanding Applications

-2/2019/1494-Land North of Manor Farm Close-14 Dwelling- Pending consideration.

-2/2019/1828/FUL- Stable Court, Down Road, Pimperne- Demolish Garage/ Workshop and erect 2 no. dwellings with associated development- Pending consideration.

-02/2020/0183/FUL-The Pimperne Shop, Anvil Road, DT11 8UQ- Proposed demolition of existing shop/residential building, and The Lodge, Church Rd, and erection of 7. No. new houses, with surface parking, landscaping and altered access/egress driveway and associated landscaping- Pending consideration.

-2/2019/1827/OUT- Land East of Franwill Industrial Estate, Down Road, Pimperne- Develop land by the erection of 9. No. dwellings and form vehicular access- Refused

-2/2019/1472/FUL-1 Wellow Cottages-Salisbury Rd-Erect 2 no. dwellings create new vehicular and pedestrian access and 5 no. parking spaces-Refused.

-2/2019/1829/FUL- Franwill House, Down Road, Pimperne- Demolish dwelling, erect 6 no. dwellings and form new vehicular access arrangements and carry out associated development-Withdrawn.

d) Other Planning Issues

-Former Methodist Chapel- Officers from Dorset Council are currently dealing with the site owner and adjacent resident through Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen's intervention.

Chairman

Enforcement Officer investigating the former Chapel as an empty property has stated that as it has not ever been used as a dwelling they are unable to take action. **Clerk/Chairman**

-Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan

-Confirmation has been received from Mr Ed Gerry, Dorset Council that the correspondence from Pimperne Parish Council recording our 'Significant Concerns' with regard to the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan report will be taken into consideration by Dorset Council.

Similar 'Significant Concerns' confirmed by Cranborne Chase AONB have been acknowledged by Dorset Council.

-A statement issued by Cllr Walsh, Dorset Council portfolio holder for Planning, records the differences in the planning 'weight' of Neighbourhood Plans between councils that possess three and five year housing plans.

"Made" Neighbourhood Plans (eg. Pimperne) carry less weight in planning terms when the determining council has a three year housing supply (eg. Dorset) than a council that has a five year housing supply. **Chairman**

-e) Tree Applications-

-Woodland Trust saplings (30 no.) have arrived and are being tended to by Cllr Sutton. Planting will be arranged at a later date. **Cllr Sutton/Clerk/Chairman**

10. Former School Field

-The proposed meeting between the resident (32 Boyte Rd) Mr Mark Osborne (Dorset Council) and the Chairman has not yet been arranged by Mr Osborne.

The resident at no. 32 Portman Road has now reinstated the chain link fence to the boundary.

Mr Lukins has carried out the first grass cut to tidy up the field. **Chairman/Clerk**

11. Finance.

a) Financial Statement-Financial Statement for March approved via email.

b) Payment Approval: The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following payments: Approval confirmed by Cllrs via email.

Clerks Salary	At agreed rate
HMRC PAYE	£ 84.60
Sevensioux	£ 20.00
Freeola website host	£ 13.86
BC Payne Grass Cutting	£ 104.00
Sandisons Payroll services	£ 180.00
Martin Park Gardening Services	£ 1,036.80
Blandford Leisure Centre Grant 2019-2020	£ 500.00

c) The VAT reclaim return has been completed and sent.

12. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) Tree Officer –

-White Ash in Chapel Lane/ Berkeley Close covered by TPO- Cllr Sutton has contacted both sets of residents to resolve this issue. **Cllr Sutton**

-Dorset council- Highways has stated that the fir Tree outside Fiveways Cottages, not covered by TPO, is not a Highways matter, residents may have tree removed but at their own expense-

Clerk to raise again as the tree is on public land. **Clerk**

b) Rights of Way:

-Blandford Camp Footpath – No further progress due to social distancing. **Cllr Argles.**

-School Lane Footpath –Details of required advertisement awaited from Dorset Council.

Chairman/Clerk

-Post replacement- Newfield Rd- Post has not yet been replaced

Cllr Argles

c) Highways:

-Pimperne Village Signage- Under consideration

Chairman/ Clerk

-20 MPH speed limit- To be raised with Dorset Council

Chairman/Clerk

-Speeding through Letton- Response received from Chief Constable Vaughan through Stewart Gates confirmed that the A354 through Letton had been added to Dorset Police's 'Hot Spot' areas. In addition a request has been sent from Dorset Police to the Executive Director, Dorset Council for further services and additional signage. Response Awaited. **Chairman/Clerk**

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- Another accident on the bridge at A354- Parish Council to send a request to Dorset Council to execute realignment work to Pimperne Bridge and A354 in the vicinity to eliminate the narrowness and bend to the carriageway. **Chairman/Clerk**
- Damage to Newfield Rd caused by farm vehicles partially mended. **Cllr Argles**

d) Village Hall

- Work to the damaged car park paved area wall will proceed at an early future date, delay caused through material shortage. **Chairman**
- Work in connection with electrical certificate requirements currently underway. **Chairman**

e) Flood Warden:

- The main flooding season has ended. There is debris in the bed of the stream from the bridge etc. due to the accidents that will need to be removed before next winter. **Cllr Tanner**

f) DAPTC-

- Conference 30/03/2020- To be rescheduled **Cllr Adams**

g) Transport Officer

- Damory Bus 20 route-Responses to the rural bus enquiry delayed to 08/05/2020. The service 20 Blandford to Salisbury continues to run as per published timetable for the time being. It is noted that the X8 Blandford to Poole service is now running a reduced timetable from Monday to Saturday with the Sunday Service withdrawn as of Sunday 5th April. **Cllr Harman**

h) Community Officer: No update.

13. Homewatch/ Speedwatch. Speedwatch to be reinstated after the removal of social distancing regulations. **Chairman**

14. Calendar of Events and Training Plan-

- Clerk to prepare end of year financial summary **Clerk**
- Clerk to prepare and send end accounts for internal audit and complete AGAR **Clerk**
- Clerk to forward internal audit checklist to internal auditor **Clerk**
- Clerk to prepare Significant Variances Report and Bank reconciliation report **Clerk**
- Sport Society Rent Due **Clerk**

15. Property Checks

- a) Play Area- Mr King to carry out works required by Play Area Inspection Report after re-opening of Play Areas. **Chairman/Cllr Beckford**
- New signage for Play Areas-Awaiting delivery **Clerk**

16. Annual Parish Litter Pick -Set for 16/05/2020- To be rescheduled.

17. Dorset Best Kept Village 2020

- Magna Housing are currently reviewing the present situation with regard to the 2020 competition. **Clerk/Chairman**

18. Refurbished BT Box- Defibrillator quotes being obtained. **Clerk**

19. Spring Edition Parish News:

-Copies of the spring 2020 edition of the Pimperne Village News and Coronavirus Pandemic information leaflet were distributed to parishioners by 21st March 2020.

The Parish Council thanks Mr Martin Richley for his conscientious and hard-working effort put into producing the excellent Pimperne Village News.

Many of the events publicised in the Village News have been postponed or cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Parish Council expresses sincere best wishes to the organisers of postponed or cancelled events in recognition of the time and work expended in preparing activities for the benefit of our community.

20. Annual Parish Meeting

-Latest correspondence from NALC states that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there is no requirement to hold an Annual Parish Meeting.

Regulation 4. Provides that where an appointment is required to be made at an annual meeting, the appointment continues until the next annual meeting of the authority or until such time as that authority may determine. This would apply to the election of the Chairman, therefore the Chairman will remain in place until the annual parish meetings are held, (possibly next year) unless the council elect a replacement earlier. **Chairman/Clerk**

20. Correspondence.

-Permission requested from Carl Thomson to sell hot food and household essential from an agreed position in the village. **Chairman/Clerk**

-Complaint received concerning bonfires in the Franwell Industrial Estate vicinity- complainant directed to submit report to Dorset Council Environment Health Department. **Clerk**

-CPRE confirming support to renovation of fingerpost such as one at bus stop Salisbury Rd. **Chairman/Clerk**

-Mr Parker has questioned, “Why does it take virtually 2 weeks for the Parish Council Minutes to be uploaded on the Parish Website? -Clerk has explained- ‘the production of the minutes has to follow due process to ensure that the minutes once published are an accurate record of the discussions that took place and any decisions taken. This process can take a number of days and in some cases longer where there are complicated issues to be covered. Once the minutes are released for publication they are generally uploaded to the website within days, unless there are exceptional circumstances.’ **Clerk**

-Simon Parker has offered to meet with PC to discuss Community Led Affordable Homes. **Clerk/Chairman**

21. Items for the next Agenda

-Possible visit from Simon Parker, Community Led Housing Enabler, Dorset Council, to describe community led affordable homes opportunities. **Chairman/Clerk**

22. NEXT MEETING

-Wednesday 13th May **Clerk/Chairman**