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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 10th August, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe, M. Oliver, D. Andrews, D. Mackenzie, D. Hart, A. Barker

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Tanner and County Cllr Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 13 as a school governor and 23 as a school governor and chairman of the village hall. Cllr Oliver declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 13 and 23 as a school governor.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July, 2011 were approved and signed.

ACTION

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Oliver reported on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the introduction of digital planning, the Temporary Travellers' site for the Great Dorset Steam Fair and the various proposals for the old chapel. Cllr Oliver then tendered his resignation and asked that his letter to the Chairman be posted on the noticeboard and included with the minutes. Cllr Oliver left the meeting. The Chairman noted that he would write to District Cllr Oliver, expressing the Council's thanks for his service over 15 years.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: received by e-mail.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Ms Jackson complained about the use of motorised toys on School Field; the Chairman asked that she contact him if the problem recurred. Concerns were expressed about noise and nuisance caused by the creation of an overflow car park in the new school planning application; also about the safety of the approach to the proposed school and of using the village hall car park to drop off children.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- a) The Clerk reported that DCC had agreed to provide bark chippings for under the chestnut tree.
- b) The Chairman reported that Mr Lukins had undertaken to improve the surface of the footpath to the church in the chestnut tree area; the Clerk would ask Colin Close, funeral directors, if they had encountered any problems with the vehicular approach. No response had been received from Mr Paculabo about improving the area in front of Chestnut Farm. **Clerk**
- c) The beech hedge at Shepherd's Way had been cut back.

8. PLANNING

- a) The following application had been granted:

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2/2011/0554 Field at Tarrant Hinton on south- eastern side of A354, south west of Turnpike Cottage: to create a temporary gypsy caravan site for a period of 3 weeks around the dates of the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

Cllr Hart reported that Tarrant Hinton Parish Council believed this site would only be available for one year.

b) The Council agreed to consider item 23 at this point in the meeting, new application: 2/2011/0858/PLNG Land east of Newfield Road, Pimperne: erection of a primary school and associated landscape, highway and infrastructure works

The Chairman declared his personal and prejudicial interest as a school governor and chairman of the village hall committee and withdrew from the meeting. Cllr Andrews, with the agreement of Cllrs Barker, Hart and Mackenzie, took the chair. The Council objected on the grounds contained in the attached letter.

9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that the plans for The Fording Point in Blandford, the proposed arts centre, were going ahead.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart reported that the new trees at Willow Park had been pruned and the old willows were likely to be pollarded in the autumn.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker reported that it was unclear when the steps were to be constructed from the church field to the corner of the fence,

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** a written report was received on the conclusion of another successful academic year.

e) **Village Hall:** nothing to report.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner had reported that there were no matters of concern.

g) **DAPTC:** a written report had been circulated,

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that the previous month had had the lowest level of reported crimes in 5 years.

10. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Chairman read Cllr Tanner's report on the recent successful meeting and walk round the village; the VDS was now being written up, bearing in mind the new Localism Bill.

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Council believed the land at Fiveways to be DCC property; the Clerk would inform Highways of their objection to reducing the hedge to ground level. **Clerk**

b) The Council decided to leave arrangements for dealing with highways matters as they were.

c) Mr McCarthy had again raised the problem of parking created by Willow Park; Cllr Mackenzie would go and discuss the problem with him and take photographs for submission to County Highways. **Cllr Mackenzie**

d) The Clerk reported that she was investigating the proposed winter service arrangements. **Clerk**

12. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for July, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget; she would circulate by e-mail an amended version to include the bank reconciliation. **Clerk**

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

973 S Bamforth - Clerk's salary July + back pay at agreed

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	rate
974 S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses July	£20.56
975 Information Commissioner	£35.00

c) The Chairman reported that the working group had met and their recommendations on financial regulations would be circulated.

13. PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Council decided it did not wish to make any further comment on the proposals for Newfield Road until the new planning application had been determined. The Clerk would so inform DCC.
Clerk

14. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

The Chairman reported on the meeting he and Mr Toze had had with County Cllr Campbell and Sarah Meggs of DCC Legal Department; County Cllr Campbell had written a response and the appointment of an inspector had been delayed while other options were considered.

15. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Mackenzie agreed to take on the website.

16. DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cllr Barker had organized a village committee to arrange celebratory events; the Clerk would give her the telephone number of the County Tree Officer who would assist in the siting of a commemorative tree.
Clerk

17. DIGESTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS

Deferred to the next meeting.

18. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Deferred to the next meeting.

19. PROPERTY CHECK

- a) No matters of immediate concern on the Council's property around the village, but the Chairman reported that the balance beam was rotten and the Council agreed it should be repaired; Cllr Barker would pursue. **Cllr Barker**
- b) Cllr Mackenzie would carry out the next month's check; Cllr Andrews would forward the form.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dorset Police; advance notice of enquiry office review: noted.
- b) AONB Tree Council meeting; no councillor to attend.
- c) RHS; promotion of Britain in Bloom campaign: noted

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) To consider arrangements for filling parish council vacancy
- b) To consider Cllr Hart's paper on digests in support of motions
- c) To consider arrangements for village newsletter
- d) To review Steam Fair

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e) To approve Clerk's attendance at DAPTC Clerks' seminar

22. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14th September, 2011, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.