

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 8th August, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bamforth (Clerk), District Cllr M. Oliver, 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllrs Barker, Hart and Tanner and County Cllr Campbell

2. The Council received a presentation from Wessex Water representatives on the new transfer grid and pumping station. There would be a two stage planning application: outline, followed by detailed application for the pumping station which would be 20m square and 8m high, occupying a 70m square site, using the existing overhead energy supply. The proposed on site generator and lighting would only be used in the event of emergencies and Wessex Water undertook to alleviate the noise of the pump as much as possible

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11th July, 2012 were approved and signed.

ACTION

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was received by the Council. District Cllr Oliver emphasised the importance of residents ensuring they were registered on the electoral roll if they wished to vote in the November elections for a County Police Commissioner.

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

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

District Cllr Oliver asked about the trees overhanging the highway at the Old Rectory and the hazardous state of the old cottages at Woodbury; the Clerk would pursue with Highways and Planning Enforcement respectively.

Clerk

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) NDDC online training; the Clerk would pursue with Cllr Tanner which units would be useful to parish councillors.

Clerk, Cllr Tanner

b) The Chairman had agreed 17 items for attention by Mr Miles, but these had not yet been dealt with.

c) The Council discussed the recent Code of Conduct training.

9. PLANNING

a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received.

b) The Council considered the following new application:

2/2012/0948 Hammetts Farm, Pimperne: to erect extension to existing barn. No objections.

c) Cllr Andrews asked again about the development at the Long House; the Clerk would pursue with the Enforcement Officer. **Clerk**

d) Cllr Argles would attend the meeting with Blandford Forum Town Council about responses to the Draft Core Strategy as an observer.

10. NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Council agreed as many councillors as were able should attend the proposed meeting with County Council representatives to discuss matters in relation to the new school and School Field. The Clerk would consult councillors about dates and the Council agreed to meet beforehand to establish their aims. **Clerk**

11. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that, if an application to the Tudor Trust for funding for the Three Choughs was unsuccessful, the project for a community hub was unlikely to proceed on the present site.

b) **Tree Officer:** nothing to report.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker had forwarded to the Chairman the revised application to divert FPS 17 and 20; the Council had no objections.

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** no report.

e) **Village Hall:** the Chairman reported that he was seeking quotations for the refurbishment of the kitchen.

f) **Flood Warden:** No report.

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Mackenzie reported on the Northern Area meeting on 18th July; councillors had not responded to the e-mail about the Local Audit Bill as mentioned at the meeting.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews would investigate the burglary of a non-dwelling in the latest Homewatch report.

12. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The Clerk reported on the exchange with Mr Tordoff about placing items on the village green and the report from Dorset CC Highways Engineering on the speed tubes data for Church Road which demonstrated there was virtually no speeding during the week of data collection. The Clerk would refer DCC to the accident at the junction of Church Road and St Peter's Close on 23rd July. **Clerk**

13. WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman had passed the contact details for the stone mason to the PCC.

14. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for July, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

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

1035	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary July	£318.04
1036	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses July	£24.45
1037	RBL Poppy Appeal - wreath	£20.00

c) The Chairman and Cllr Mackenzie had met with Cllr Hart to discuss his reservations about the Annual Return and they would discuss these with the Clerk.

15. CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

The Clerk would circulate the calendar of dates for Council action before the next meeting.

Clerk

16. PROPERTY CHECK

a) There were no new items for action, but Cllr Argles noted that there were now two screws loose in the bench on the road to Letton. The Chairman suggested that the Council should consider demolishing the bus shelter on the Salisbury Road and replacing it with the shelter from Portman Road.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dorset CC; Draft Core Minerals Strategy: the Clerk would re-circulate.

Clerk

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To consider calendar of key dates for Council action

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th September, 2012, in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

There then followed a meeting of the Parish Council as sole managing trustee of the Reading Room Fund.

1. The Council noted that the terms of the charitable trust were as wide as they could be and that the Council must now consider ways of using the funds, possibly in relation to the lease of School Field and the play area at the Village Hall. The Council would re-consider this matter after the working group meeting on negotiations with Dorset CC in relation to the new school.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.