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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13th August 2014, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from County Cllr. Croney, and Cllr. Tanner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. DISPENSATIONS: none required.

4. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July, 2014 were approved and signed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Oliver presented his report, noting the introduction of revised car parking charges in Blandford and potential reorganisation at Nordon. He also informed the meeting that he had requested the re-installation of the bin at the village hall, but acknowledged that this was unlikely to be successful.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: County Cllr. Croney's monthly report had been received via e-mail by the Council. In view of the present lack of a schedule for road sweeping, it was agreed that the times of street cleaning should be recorded and a request for attention made after a 10 week period has elapsed.

Action Clerk

7. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD: No matters raised.

8. MATTERS ARISING: None

9. PLANNING

a) Outstanding applications – Three recent applications have been granted - 2/2014/0259 Rivers House; 2/2014/0289 Langbourne; and 2/2014/0591 Stud Farm. It was noted that the planned change of use into a gymnasium at Stud Farm is expected to be for public use.

b) Confirmation has been received that the Woodbury appeal has been rejected by the Planning Inspectorate. However, in view of continued activity and interest in the site, the situation will continue to be closely monitored.

c) There were no new planning applications.

d) There were no applications for works to trees. Cllr Hart presented updated guidance notes for tree owners, summarising the key changes as a result of revised regulations introduced in April 2012. It was agreed that an article should be prepared from this for inclusion in the forthcoming village newsletter.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan committee met with Trevor Warrick and Ian Smith from the Planning Policy Group at NDDC to clarify key requirements. The first move will be a public consultation meeting, timed appropriately to attract as wide range of ages as possible, to be followed by the establishment of a steering group, not controlled by the parish council, involving all relevant stakeholders.

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It was agreed that a public meeting should be held at the village hall at 10.30am on 11th October 2014, with an article prepared for inclusion the village newsletter used to promote the event and engender interest from parishioners.

Action Chairman/Cllr Mackenzie

A meeting will be arranged with Mr De Silva in the new term to explore opportunities for involving village school children in the planning process.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Tanner

The Chairman advised that DT11 to assist in progressing the application for a grant, for which the main part of the cost is likely to be cost of an external consultant to write the plan. It was noted that NDDC are looking to recruit a full-time Neighbourhood Planning Officer.

11. NEW PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Construction remains on programme, with the steel frame erected and the roof cladding is being installed.

12. FINANCES

a) A total of £580.71 has been raised through village fundraising activities to assist in improving the area in front of the Church.

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

c) The Council approved expenditure on “dragons teeth” for the area in front of the Church.

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

1155	DAPTC Chairmans Training	30.00
1156	Village Hall Hire	57.50
		At
1157	Clerks Salary	agreed rate
1158	W V Poole -holes for dragons teeth	180.00
1159	Robert G. King -dragons teeth	205.00

e) The financial records are to be taken to Mr Paul for the mid-year audit check.

Action Chairman/Clerk

f) It was agreed that the lettering on the War Memorial is in need of improvement. Cost estimates are to be obtained.

Action All

13. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The first meeting of the Steering Group will be held in September and will include Chairman Nic Nicol and Vice-Chairman Bobbie Church with the Mayor of Blandford and representatives from the 26 parish councils. The future of the Community Partnerships has been established and the community workers will remain in employment for 4 days /week.

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

c) **Rights of Way:** All paths are in order, but new signage is required for one of the paths.

Action Cllr Barker

Although the BOAT application T430 was refused, the existence of evidence of a byway at the time of the 1827 Enclosure Act ensured that the Roads and Rights of Way Committee had to agree that the route should be upgraded to byway status.

d) **Highways Officer:** Overhanging trees are to be cut back in Arlecks Lane, while pot holes and a broken fence pole are to be addressed in St Peter's Close. Cllr. Argles reported that the system of reporting defects and problems to Highways is working well at present.

Action Cllr. Argles

e) **Pimperne Primary School:** Nothing to report.

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

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g) **Flood Warden:** A flash flooding incident was recorded on 17th July affecting the Farquarson Arms and flooding the A354 to a depth of two feet. The Environment Agency attended and took statements, and measurements.

h) **DAPTC:** The next meeting in October will be attended by Cllr Mackenzie. A list of resolutions is awaited for the AGM in November.

i) **Homewatch:** No incidents were recorded in Pimperne in July. Two PCSOs attended the Homewatch Co-ordinators meeting on 4th August, but recent re-organisation has led to serious delays in responding to 101 calls. Training is to be arranged in two groups of five for the Community Speedwatch Project.

Action Cllr Andrews

14. BUS SHELTER

DCC have no experience of the work of preferred supplier Shelter Solutions and would prefer to use Queensbury or Trueform.

Action Chairman/Cllr. Argles

15. THE AREA IN FRONT OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

Following the installation of the "dragons teeth", the main requirement is to keep the weeds down. Further seeding is to be sown in September. The issue of the removal of the posts and chains is to be raised with the Church Warden Richard Ashwell.

Cllr Barker

16. BLANDFORD FLY

It has been confirmed that no treatment will be undertaken in 2015, pending licence approval. The situation will continue to be closely monitored.

Action District Cllr Oliver

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAINING PLAN

The Clerk will be attending the Clerk's Seminar on 18th September and will enrol on the Essential Finance course in November.

Action Clerk

18. PROPERTY CHECK: No significant changes were noted, although the seat in Down Road is very corroded.

19. PRE-SCHOOL FUTURE PREMISES

The reply from Mr Scothern at DCC confirmed the validity of the concerns made by Mr Toze over the possible use of the temporary classrooms once Pimperne School has relocated.

20. SECTION 106

Funds continue to be held on the council's behalf and the school contractors are preparing a drawing showing the revisions to the junior play area.

21. FENCE TO SPORTS FIELD

A quotation is awaited for the replacement fence (post and wire).

Action Chairman

22. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR

The temporary speed restriction on the A354 will be in place from 18th August to 1st September. The gates to the village hall will be closed overnight to deter travellers.

Action Chairman

23. WASTE COLLECTION

The litter problem at the village hall is currently being contained and a decision over ordering a collections service through DWP will be delayed. However, the issue will continue to be monitored.

Action Chairman

24. CLEANING THE PIMPERNE STREAM

A letter is to be sent to Mr. Dalton requesting the clearing of the stream in Church Road.

Action Clerk

A working party is to be set up to clear the stream in Paul Bakers Lane in September.

Action Cllr. Barker

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25. CORRESPONDENCE

A circulation file containing details of Dorset AONB Management Plan, DT 11 Health and Wellbeing Week, Healthwatch and a consultation on the Blandford Development Plan was instigated.

Action All Councillors

26. MATTERS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION-

The Best Village awards are to be held in Morden village hall on 18th September.

Action Cllr. Mackenzie

27. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA None

28. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.